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Essentials of statistical-mechanical molecular theory of solvation, or integral equation theory of liquids

Integro-differential equations for one-particle density

Fluctuating liquid (liquid interface) with particle density $\rho_{a}(r)$ in external potential field $u_{a}(r)$:

- mechanical and chemical balance (between the phases)

Born-Green-Yvon equation (part of BBGKY hierarchy) involves two-body correlations: distribution functions $g_{ab}(r_1,r_2)$

$$\nabla_1 \log \rho_a(\mathbf{r}_1) = -\nabla_1 \beta u_a^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_1) + \sum_b \int d\mathbf{r}_2 \rho_b(\mathbf{r}_2) g_{ab}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; [\rho]) \nabla_2 \beta u_{ab}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$$

Lovett-Mou-Buff-Wertheim equation involves two-body correlations: direct correlation functions $c_{ab}(r_1,r_2)$

$$\nabla_1 \log \rho_a(\mathbf{r}_1) = -\nabla_1 \beta u_a^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_1) + \sum_b \int d\mathbf{r}_2 c_{ab}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) \nabla_2 \rho_b(\mathbf{r}_2)$$

J.-P. Hansen and I. McDonald, Theory of Simple Liquids, 3rd ed. Elsevier, 2006.

Helmholtz Free Energy

$$A = -k_B T \log(Q_N(V,T))$$

= $A^{\text{id}} + A^{\text{ex}} = k_B T \left[N \{ \log(\rho) + 3 \log \Lambda - 1 \} - \log \frac{Z_N(V,T)}{V^N} \right]$

Partition Function

$$Q_N(V,T) = \frac{\Lambda^{-3N}}{N!} \int dr^N \exp(-\beta U(r_1,\cdots,r_N)) = \frac{\Lambda^{-3N}}{N!} Z_N(V,T)$$

Configurational Integral

$$Z_N = \int dr^N \exp(-\beta U(r_1, \cdots, r_N)), \quad \beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$$

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Pairwise-additive Interaction Potential: $U(r_1, \cdots, r_N) = \sum_{i \neq j} u_{ij}(r_{ij})$

$$Z_N = \int dr^N \prod_{i \neq j} \exp(-\beta u_{ij}(r_{ij})) = \int dr^N \prod_{i \neq j} \{\exp(-\beta u_{ij}(r_{ij})) - 1 + 1\}$$

Mayer *f*-function: $f_{ij}(r_{ij}) \equiv \exp(-\beta u_{ij}(r_{ij})) - 1$

$$Z_N = \int dr^N \prod_{i \neq j} \{f_{ij}(r_{ij}) + 1\}$$



Direct Correlation Function = { all simple diagrams that consist of two root circles(1 and 2), field ρ -circles, and *f*-bonds, and are free of connecting circles }





Total Correlation Function = { all simple diagrams that consist of two root circles(1 and 2), field ρ -circles, and *f*-bonds, and are free of articulation circles }





Resummation of the infinite series leads to the Ornstein-Zernike(OZ) equation

$$h_{12}({f r}_i,{f r}_j)=c_{12}({f r}_i,{f r}_j)+\int d{f r}_k c_{13}({f r}_i,{f r}_k)
ho_3({f r}_k)h_{32}({f r}_k,{f r}_j)$$

RISM equation (generalization of OZ equation to molecular liquids)

$$h_{\alpha s}(r) = \sum_{\gamma s'} \omega_{\alpha \gamma} * c_{\gamma s'} * \omega_{s's} + \sum_{\gamma s'} \omega_{\alpha \gamma} * c_{\gamma s'} * \rho_{s'} h_{s's}$$
$$\omega_{\alpha \gamma} = \frac{\delta(r - l_{\alpha \gamma})}{\delta(r - l_{\alpha \gamma})} - \text{intramolecular matrix}$$

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Closure relation

 $\omega_{\alpha\gamma}(T)$

$$g_{\alpha s}(r) = \exp(-\beta u_{\alpha s} + h_{\alpha s} - c_{\alpha s} + b_{\alpha s})$$

$$g_{\alpha s}(r) = h_{\alpha s}(r) + 1$$

RISM theory yields

solvation structure (radial distribution function)

 $4\pi l_{\alpha\gamma}^2$

 solvation thermodynamics (free energy, enthalpy, entropy, partial molar volume, compressibility, etc.)



ambient liquid water

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Exact closure relation

$$g_{12}(r) = \exp(-\beta u_{12}(r) + h_{12}(r) - c_{12}(r) + b_{12}(r))$$

Bridge function (bridge or elementary diagrams)



Statistical-mechanical, 3D-RISM-KH molecular theory of solvation

3D-RISM-KH molecular theory of solvation

3D site DFT formalism: Chandler; McCoy; Singer. JCP 1986. 3D-RISM-HNC from 3D site DFT: Beglov; Roux. JPCB 1997. 3D-RISM from Molecular OZ; KH closure; SCF KS-DFT: Kovalenko; Hirata. CPL 1998. JCP 1999. MDIIS accelerated solver: Kovalenko, Ten-no, Hirata. JCC, 1999. Kovalenko; Hirata. JCP 2000. Analytical asymptotics: Kovalenko; Hirata. JCP 2000. Gusarov; Pujari; Kovalenko. JCC 2012. Multiscale couplings: Kovalenko. in: Molecular Theory of Solvation, Kluwer, 2003; Pure Appl.Chem. 2013.

 Three-dimensional reference interaction site model (3D-RISM) integral equation: $h_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) = \sum \int d\mathbf{r}' c_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') \chi_{\alpha\gamma}(r')$

 $g_{_{\gamma}}(\mathbf{r}) = h_{_{\gamma}}(\mathbf{r}) + 1$ - distribution function / total correlation function

- $c_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) \propto -u_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r})/(k_{\mathrm{B}}T)$ direct correlation function outside repulsive core: interaction potential (force field) inside repulsive core: related to solvation free energy

 $\chi_{_{lpha_{\gamma}}}(r)=\omega_{_{lpha_{\gamma}}}(r)+
ho_{_{lpha}}h_{_{lpha_{\gamma}}}(r)$ - solvent susceptibility (reaction to biomolecule insertion) molecular solvent intermolecular geometry density correlations

 $\Delta G = \rho \int_{0}^{\sin u} g \, \delta u$ Kovalenko-Hirata (KH) closure relation $g_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{cases} \exp\left(-u_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r})/(k_{\mathrm{B}}T) + h_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) - c_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r})\right) \text{ for } g_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) < 1\\ 1 - u_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r})/(k_{\mathrm{B}}T) + h_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) - c_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) & \text{ for } g_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) \ge 1 \end{cases}$





Water and Na⁺ counterions in 1M NaCl aqueous electrolyte solution around a pair of cellulose nanocrystals (CNCs) modified with SO₃⁻ surface groups

Kast approximation: partial *n*-order series expansion (PSE-n)

$$g(r) = \exp(-\beta u + h - c) \quad g(r) < 1$$

= $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (-\beta u + h - c)^{i} / i!, \quad g(r) > 1$

Solvation structure and thermodynamics in closed analytical form

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathsf{KH} \text{ solvation Free Energy} \\ & \mathsf{functional:} \quad \Delta G = \sum_{\gamma} \int_{V} \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} \, \Phi_{\gamma}^{\mathrm{KH}}(\mathbf{r}) \quad \overset{\text{with KH}}{\mathsf{SFE density}} \quad \Phi_{\gamma}^{\mathrm{KH}}(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_{\gamma} k_{\mathrm{B}} T \left[\frac{1}{2} h_{\gamma}^{2}(\mathbf{r}) \Theta(-h_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r})) - c_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) - \frac{1}{2} h_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) c_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) \right] \\ & \mathsf{Partial Molar Volume (PMV):} \quad \overline{V} = k_{B} T \chi_{T} \left(1 - \sum_{\gamma} \rho_{\gamma} \int d\mathbf{r} \, c_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) \right) \quad \overset{\text{with solvent}}{\text{compressibility}} \quad \rho k_{B} T \chi_{T} = \left(1 - 4\pi \sum_{\alpha\gamma} \rho_{\alpha} \int_{0}^{\infty} r^{2} dr \, c_{\alpha\gamma}(r) \right)^{-1} \\ & \mathsf{PMV-correlated correction} \\ & \mathsf{to SFED functional:} \quad \Delta \overline{G} = \Delta G + \alpha(\rho \overline{V}) + \beta \end{aligned}$$
Enthalpy-Entropy Decomposition: \quad \Delta G^{\mathrm{u}} = \Delta \varepsilon^{\mathrm{uv}} + \Delta \varepsilon^{\mathrm{vv}} - T \Delta s_{V}^{\mathrm{u}}, \quad \Delta s_{V}^{\mathrm{u}} = -T^{-1} \left(\partial \Delta G^{\mathrm{u}} / \partial T \right)_{\rho^{\mathrm{v}}} \\ & \mathsf{Potentials of mean force:} \quad \text{solute-solute} \quad w(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{n}) = u(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{n}) + \Delta G(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{n}) - \sum_{i}^{n} \Delta G(\mathbf{i}) \quad \text{solute-solvent site} \quad w_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) = -k_{\mathrm{B}} T \ln \left(g_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) \right) \\ & \mathsf{Mean Solvation Forces,} \\ & \mathsf{Analytical Gradients:} \qquad \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{R}_{i}) \equiv -\frac{\partial \Delta G}{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}} = -\sum_{\alpha} \rho_{\gamma} \int d\mathbf{r} \, g_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) \frac{\partial u_{i\gamma}(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{R}_{i})}{\partial \mathbf{R}_{i}} \end{aligned}

Validation of 3D-RISM-KH theory: Solvation structure and potentials of mean force of ion pairs in aqueous electrolyte solution

Potential of mean force between simple ions in aqueous solution by 3D-RISM molecular theory of solvation



Water around NaCl iin the CIP and SSIP arrangements

Validation of 3D-RISM-KH theory: Solvation structure of hydrophobic and amphiphilic molecules in solvent mixtures

Structural transitions in *tert*-butanol (TBA) - water mixture by RISM-KH theory: TBA micromicelles formation and tetrahedral \rightarrow zigzag hydrogen bonding



Validation of 3D-RISM-KH theory: Structural solvent in the confinement of biomolecules

Role of confined water in chaperonin functions

J. L. England, D. Lucent, and V. S. Pande, JACS 130, 11838 (2008)

Capacity of accumulating water at the chaperonin nanocavity surface correlates with the rate of folding catalized by the chaperonin



Solvation structure of wild type GroEL+ES. Surface water molecules (red and white.

Computational challenge:



Gray bars: Experimental folding rates of DM-MBP encapsulated inside different GroEL mutants Blue bars: Best linear fit of the number of surface waters to the measured refolding rate

Large protein ~70,000 atoms (up to 1,000,000 atoms with solvent), Internal solvation is essential

Convergence of MD water density distributions

M. Stumpe, N. Blinov, D. Wishart, A. Kovalenko, and V. Pande, J. Chem. Phys. B 115, 205 (2011)



Water in internal cavity of GroRL chaperonin mutants: MD simulation vs 3D-RISM-KH

M. Stumpe, N. Blinov, D. Wishart, A. Kovalenko, and V. Pande, J. Chem. Phys. B 115, 205 (2011)



Binning water molecules in the internal cavity of GroEL/ES

Occupation numbers of water in the internal cavity of the GroEL wild type and mutants

The 3D-RISM-KH theory speeds up calculation of the occupation numbers in the GroEL/ES internal cavity by two orders of magnitude, compared to explicit solvent MD simulation

Structural water in the Lysozyme protein cavity predicted by 3D-RISM-KH theory

T. Imai, R. Hiraoka, A. Kovalenko, and F. Hirata, JACS Communication, **127**, 15334 (2005).



Water distribution around lysozyme

Isosurface of the 3D distribution $g_o(r)$ of water oxygen around lysozyme. $g_o(r) > 2$; 4; 8 (left, center, right panel) [Pot.Mean Force > 3.35; 6.7; 13.4 kcal/mol] Results of the 3D-RISM theory

Water molecules in the cavity surrounded by residues Y53 – I58 and A82 – S91 Residues A82 and L83 in the front side are not shown. Water oxygen (green) and hydrogen (pink) distributions g(r)>8 (PMF>13.4kcal/mol)

Water distribution in the cavity



Structural water model



Crystallographic water sites



- 3D-RISM-KH theory detects structural water molecules confined in a small cavity of a protein
- The theory can access configurations peculiar to molecules confined in a small space.

Validation of 3D-RISM-KH theory: Solvation thermodynamics

Salt concentration effects in aqueous solutions



Hydration free energy of small compounds from 3D-RISM-KH with PMV-correlated correction to the free energy functional



Solvation free energy: experiment vs 3D-RISM-KH / KH-CC



3D-RISM-KH with the Cavity Correction (CC) to the KH solvation free energy Truchon, J.-F.; Pettitt, B. M.; Labute, P. J. Chem. Theory Comput. **2014**, *10*, 934

Detection and placement of structural solvent by 3D-RISM-KH molecular theory of solvation

Solvent analysis with 3D-RISM-KH molecular theory of solvation In Molecular Operating Environment (MOE) integrated drug discovery software package

- Calculate water density and binding desolvation penalty maps using 3D-RISM-KH theory
- Detect non-obvious hydrophobic regions of binding sites created by correlation and cavitation effects to prioritize ligand modifications.
- Orders of magnitude faster than alternative methods based on Molecular Dynamics or Monte Carlo simulations

Virtual screening of large libraries of fragment-/drug-like compounds

- Selection of receptors models
- Preparing library of compounds
- In silico screening experiments

Fragment-based drug design, interpretation of the experimental data, drug optimization for improving efficacy

- Analysis of conformational population of receptors (MD and clustering analysis)
- Prediction of structural solvent for docking experiments
- Flexible docking
- Pharmacophore Discovery
- Optimization of compounds for efficient delivery



Structure-Based Design Pharmacophore Discovery Protein & Antibody Modeling Cheminformatics & (HTS) QSAR Medicinal Chemistry Applications Molecular Modeling & Simulations **3D-RISM-KH / KH-UC** approach to partitioning at liquid interfaces and biomembranes

Octanol–Water partition coefficient for compound translocation across biomembranes

Huang, W.-J.; Blinov, N.; Kovalenko, A. J. Phys. Chem. B 2015, 119, 5588.

Water–Octanol partitioning: 3D-RISM-KH / KH-UC theory vs experiment



$$\log P_{\rm O/W} = \left(\Delta G_{\rm W} - \Delta G_{\rm O}\right) / \left(k_{\rm B}T\right)$$

Water–Octanol partitioning: GBSA continuum solvation model vs experiment



	Trend	R	RMSE
Octanol	y=1.19x+0.62	0.71	2.76
Water	y=1.28x-2.23	0.85	3.79
$\log P_{o/w}$	y=0.09x-0.51	0.38	2.32

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3D-RISM-KH / KH-UC theory:

- Accurate: approaching accuracy of empirical multi-parameter models
- Transferable to a given solvent system and solute molecule as distinct from empirical models
- Twice as accurate compared to the GBSA implicit solvation model widely used in drug design

Solute classes	No. of compounds	3D-RISM-KH log P _{o/w} RMSE	GBSA log P _{o/w} RMSE
Alkanes, Alkenes, Alkynes	23	0.52	2.70
Aromatic hydrocarbones	8	1.31	3.54
Fluorides, Chlorides, Bromides, Iodinates	42	0.56	2.91
Alcohols, Ethers, Aldehydes, Ketones, Acids, Esters	60	1.84	1.87
Amines, Amides, Nitriles	25	2.14	1.47
Compounds with N in heterorings	5	1.16	1.86
Compounds with S	6	0.90	2.41
Compounds with P	3	3.47	0.88
Total	172	1.54	2.32

Spatial Decomposition Analysis (SDA) of solvation free energy, based on 3D-RISM-KH molecular theory of solvation

T. Yamazaki and A. Kovalenko, *J. Chem. Theory. Comput.*, **5**, 1723 (2009). T. Yamazaki and A. Kovalenko,, *J. Phys. Chem. B*, **115**, 310-318 (2011).

 $\Delta G = -10.4 \text{ kcal/mol}$

SDA of association thermodynamics of a cyclodextrin complex

1-adamantanecarboxylic acid





 β -cyclodextrin





 $\Delta G_A = 0.9 \text{ kcal/mol}$ $\Delta G_B = -4.3 \text{ kcal/mol}$ $\Delta G_C = -4.9 \text{ kcal/mol}$

adamantyl group contributes most to the association process.

SDA of a protein-ligand complex




Integral Equation Theory of Molecular Liquids: Liquid-Liquid Interface

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Lovett - Mou - Buff - Wertheim equation for atomic fluids

R. Lovett, C.Y.Mou, and F. P. Buff, J. Chem. Phys. **65**, 570 (1976) M. S. Wertheim, J. Chem. Phys. **65**, 2377 (1976)

External field:
$$\gamma(\mathbf{r}) = \beta [\mu - u(\mathbf{r})] - 3 \ln \Lambda$$
 where $\beta = 1/k_{\rm B}T$ and $\Lambda = h(2\pi n k_{\rm B}T)^{-1/2}$

Fluid density: $\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \rho(\mathbf{r}, [\gamma])$ and conversely $\gamma(\mathbf{r}) = \gamma(\mathbf{r}, [\rho])$

Functional derivatives: $\delta \rho(\mathbf{r})$

$$\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}_1) / \delta \gamma(\mathbf{r}_2) = \rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) - \rho(\mathbf{r}_1)\rho(\mathbf{r}_2) + \rho(\mathbf{r}_1)\delta(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1)$$

$$\delta \gamma(\mathbf{r}_1) / \delta \rho(\mathbf{r}_2) = \delta(\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1) / \rho(\mathbf{r}_1) - c(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$$

Functional expansion for a small variation of the external field:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}_1, [\gamma(\mathbf{r}+\delta)]) - \rho(\mathbf{r}_1, [\gamma(\mathbf{r})]) = \int d\mathbf{r}_2 \delta \rho(\mathbf{r}_1) / \delta \gamma(\mathbf{r}_2) [\gamma(\mathbf{r}_2+\delta) - \gamma(\mathbf{r}_2)] + O(\delta \gamma)^2$$

In the limit of $\delta \to 0$: $\nabla_1 \rho(\mathbf{r}_1) = \int d\mathbf{r}_2 \frac{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}_1)}{\delta \gamma(\mathbf{r}_2)} \nabla_2 \gamma(\mathbf{r}_2)$ and $\nabla_1 \gamma(\mathbf{r}_1) = \int d\mathbf{r}_2 \frac{\delta \gamma(\mathbf{r}_1)}{\delta \rho(\mathbf{r}_2)} \nabla_2 \rho(\mathbf{r}_2)$

Integral Equation Theory of Molecular Liquids: Liquid-Liquid Interface

Substitution of the functional derivatives $\delta \rho / \delta \gamma$ and $\delta \gamma / \delta \rho$:

$$\nabla_{1}\rho(\mathbf{r}_{1}) = -\beta\rho(\mathbf{r}_{1})\nabla_{1}u(\mathbf{r}_{1}) + \beta\int d\mathbf{r}_{2}[\rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2}) - \rho(\mathbf{r}_{1})\rho(\mathbf{r}_{2})]\nabla_{2}\gamma(\mathbf{r}_{2})$$

Similar to BGY: $\nabla_{1}\rho(\mathbf{r}_{1}) = -\beta\rho(\mathbf{r}_{1})\nabla_{1}u(\mathbf{r}_{1}) - \beta\int d\mathbf{r}_{2}\rho^{(2)}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2})\nabla_{1}\phi(r_{12})$

$$\nabla_{1} \ln \rho(\mathbf{r}_{1}) = -\beta \nabla_{1} u(\mathbf{r}_{1}) + \int d\mathbf{r}_{2} c(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{2}) \nabla_{2} \rho(\mathbf{r}_{2}) - \mathbf{LMBW} \text{ equation}$$

$$\nabla_{1} \ln \rho_{a}(\mathbf{r}_{1}) = -\beta \nabla_{1} u_{a}(\mathbf{r}_{1}) + \int d\mathbf{r}_{2} c_{ab}(\mathbf{r}_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{2}) \nabla_{2} \rho_{b}(\mathbf{r}_{2}) - \text{obvious generalization to}$$
a multicomponent system

Approximations for the *inhomogeneous two-body* direct correlation function:

If $c(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = c(|\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1|)$ then LMBW turns into OZ/HNC:

$$\nabla_1 \ln \rho(\mathbf{r}_1) = -\beta \nabla_1 u(\mathbf{r}_1) + \int d\mathbf{r}_2 c(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) \nabla_2 \rho(\mathbf{r}_2)$$

Construct: $c_{ab}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{1}{2} [c_{ab}(|\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1|; \{\rho_c(\mathbf{r}_1)\}) + c_{ab}(|\mathbf{r}_2 - \mathbf{r}_1|; \{\rho_c(\mathbf{r}_2)\})]$

S. Iatsevitch and F. Forstmann, J. Chem. Phys. 107, 6925 (1997)

Integral Equation Theory of Molecular Liquids: Liquid-Liquid Interface

Site-site generalization of LMBW equation to molecular fluids

A. Kovalenko and F. Hirata, Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. 7, 1785 (2005)

Variation $\delta \gamma_{\alpha} / \delta \rho_{\gamma}$ similarly to atomic liquids gives :

$$\nabla_1 \rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1) = -\rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1) \nabla_1 \beta u(\mathbf{r}_1) + \rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1) \sum_{\gamma} \int d\mathbf{r}_2 \widetilde{c}_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; [\rho]) \nabla_2 \rho_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_2)$$

where inhomogeneous site-site DCF is defined in terms of susceptibility/density-density CF

$$\chi_{\alpha\gamma}^{-1}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2) = \rho_{\alpha}^{-1}(\mathbf{r}_1)\delta_{\alpha\gamma}\delta(\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{r}_2) - \widetilde{c}_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2)$$

D. Chandler, J. D. McCoy, and S. J. Singer J. Chem. Phys. 85, 5971; 5977 (1986)

The susceptibility can be subdivided into the *intra-* and *inter*molecular terms

$$\chi_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \chi_{\alpha\gamma}^{(0)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) + \rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1)\rho_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_2)h_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$$

intramolecular

Approximation for the intramolecular part:

$$\chi_{\alpha\gamma}^{(0)}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2}) = \rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_{1})\omega_{\alpha\gamma}(|\mathbf{r}_{1}-\mathbf{r}_{2}|)$$

with the intramolecular matrix $\omega_{\alpha\gamma}(|\mathbf{r}_{1}-\mathbf{r}_{2}|) = \frac{1}{4\pi l_{\alpha\gamma}^{2}}\delta(|\mathbf{r}_{1}-\mathbf{r}_{2}|-l_{\alpha\gamma})$

SS-LMBW / RISM-KHM theory for interfaces of molecular fluids

Kovalenko and Hirata, PCCP, 7, 1785 (2005).

Minimization of the Helmholtz free energy with respect to variations $\delta \rho_{\alpha}$ gives

$$\mathbf{\nabla}_1
ho_lpha(\mathbf{r}_1) = -
ho_lpha(\mathbf{r}_1) \mathbf{\nabla}_1 eta u_lpha^{ ext{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_1) +
ho_lpha(\mathbf{r}_1) \sum_\gamma \int \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r}_2 \, ilde{c}_{lpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2; [
ho]) \mathbf{\nabla}_2 \,
ho_\gamma(\mathbf{r}_2),$$

with the inhomogeneous site-site DCF $\tilde{c}_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2)$ defined in terms of the susceptibility

$$\chi_{\alpha\gamma}^{-1}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2) = \rho_{\alpha}^{-1}(\mathbf{r}_1)\delta_{\alpha\gamma}\delta(\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{r}_2) - \tilde{c}_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2).$$

The *intramolecular* ideal gas part and the *intermolecular* term of the susceptibility,

$$\chi_{lpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2)=\chi^{(0)}_{lpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2)+
ho_lpha(\mathbf{r}_1)
ho_\gamma(\mathbf{r}_2)h_{lpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2).$$

In the limit of a uniform fluid, the intra part is expressed through the intramolecular matrix,

$$\chi^{(0)}_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2)\Big|_{\text{uniform}} = \rho_{\alpha}\omega_{\alpha\gamma}(|\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{r}_2|).$$

Defining the *intramolecular* site-site DCF as

$$c_{\alpha\gamma}^{(0)}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2) = \rho_{\alpha}^{-1}(\mathbf{r}_1)\delta_{\alpha\gamma}\delta(\mathbf{r}_1-\mathbf{r}_2) - \left[\chi_{\alpha\gamma}^{(0)}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2)\right]^{-1},$$

the whole direct correlation function can be subdivided as

$$ilde{c}_{lpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2)=c^{(0)}_{lpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2)+c_{lpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2),$$

where the latter term is identified as the *intermolecular* site-site direct correlation function. For a uniform fluid, $c_{\alpha\gamma}(|\mathbf{r}_1 - \mathbf{r}_2|)$ satisfies the SSOZ equation of Chandler and Andersen.

The full SS-DCF $\tilde{c}_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) = \delta_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) \rho_{\gamma}^{-1}(\mathbf{r}_1) - \omega_{\alpha\gamma}^{-1}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) \rho_{\gamma}^{-1}(\mathbf{r}_1) + c_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$ leads to $\nabla_1 \rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1) = \omega_{\alpha\gamma}(r_{12}) * \left(-\rho_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_2) \nabla_2 \beta u_{\gamma}^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_2) + \rho_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_2) c_{\gamma\mu}(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3) * \nabla_3 \rho_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}_3)\right).$ Artifact of uniform $\chi_{\alpha\gamma}^{(0)}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2)$: nonphysical regions of $\rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) < 0$ at the gas side.
Approximation to ensure consistency:

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla}_1 \ln \rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1) = \omega_{\alpha\gamma}(r_{12}) * \left(-\boldsymbol{\nabla}_2 \beta u_{\gamma}^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_2) + c_{\gamma\mu}(\mathbf{r}_2, \mathbf{r}_3) * \boldsymbol{\nabla}_3 \rho_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}_3) \right).$$

This is our *new SS-LMBW equation*.

For comparison, the inhomogeneous RISM approach by Chandler, Singer, and McCoy

$$\rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_{1}) = \prod_{\gamma} \omega_{\alpha\gamma}(r_{12}) * \exp\left(-\beta u_{\gamma}^{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}_{2}) + \sum_{\gamma} c_{\gamma\mu}^{\text{blk}}(r_{23}) * (\rho_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}_{3}) - \rho_{\mu}^{\text{blk}})\right)$$

Constructing the inhomogeneous site-site DCFs:

$$c_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1,\mathbf{r}_2) = \frac{1}{2} \Big[\tilde{c}_{\alpha\gamma}(r_{12}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\rho}}(\mathbf{r}_1)) + \tilde{c}_{\alpha\gamma}(r_{12}; \overline{\boldsymbol{\rho}}(\mathbf{r}_2)) \Big]$$

where the effective homogeneous DCFs $\tilde{c}_{\alpha\gamma}(r; \overline{\rho})$ are **nonlinearly** interpolated between the

bulk DCFs of liquid phases 1 and 2, and a gas phase 0 with all species at a vanishing density,

$$ilde{c}_{lpha\gamma}(r;oldsymbol{
ho}) = \sum_{i=0}^2 ilde{w}_i(oldsymbol{
ho}) \, c^{ ext{blk}}_{lpha\gamma}(r;oldsymbol{
ho}^{(i)}),$$

with the interpolation weights obtained by projection and distortion

$$w_{i}(\boldsymbol{\rho}) = \frac{(\boldsymbol{\rho} - \boldsymbol{\rho}^{(0)}) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\rho}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\rho}^{(0)})}{(\boldsymbol{\rho}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\rho}^{(0)}) \cdot (\boldsymbol{\rho}^{(i)} - \boldsymbol{\rho}^{(0)})} \quad \text{for} \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$\tilde{w}_{i} = w_{i} (f_{i} w_{i} (w_{i} - 1)^{2} + 1) \quad \text{for} \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$\tilde{w}_{0} = 1 - \tilde{w}_{1} - \tilde{w}_{2}.$$

The distortion $\tilde{w}_i - w_i$ quadratically vanishes with $w_i \to 1$ or $w_i \to 0$ in the bulk phases.

The "distorting" factors f_i for i = 1, 2 are determined from the boundary conditions

$$oldsymbol{
ho}_{\mathrm{I}}(\mathbf{r})
ightarrow oldsymbol{
ho}_{\mathrm{I}}^{\mathrm{rich}} \ \mathrm{as} \ \mathbf{r}
ightarrow -\infty,$$

 $oldsymbol{
ho}_{\mathrm{II}}(\mathbf{r})
ightarrow oldsymbol{
ho}_{\mathrm{II}}^{\mathrm{rich}} \ \mathrm{as} \ \mathbf{r}
ightarrow +\infty.$

Eigenvalues of the SS-LMBW problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{\mathrm{I}}(+\infty) &: \quad \boldsymbol{\rho}_{\mathrm{I}}(\mathbf{r}) \to \boldsymbol{\rho}_{\mathrm{I}}^{\mathrm{poor}} \ \mathrm{as} \ \mathbf{r} \to +\infty \,, \\ \\ \boldsymbol{\rho}_{\mathrm{II}}(-\infty) &: \quad \boldsymbol{\rho}_{\mathrm{II}}(\mathbf{r}) \to \boldsymbol{\rho}_{\mathrm{II}}^{\mathrm{poor}} \ \mathrm{as} \ \mathbf{r} \to -\infty \,. \end{array}$$

Density normalization constant:

$$\rho_{\alpha}^{\rm av} = V^{-1} \int_{V} \mathrm{d}\mathbf{r} \, \rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r})$$

The coarse-grained local density

$$\overline{\rho}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{3}{4\pi (r_{\alpha}^{w})^{3}} \Theta \left(r_{\alpha}^{w} - |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'| \right) * \rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}') \,.$$

The SS-LMBW equation for a planar interface:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\mathrm{d}\ln\rho_{\alpha}(z_{1})}{\mathrm{d}z_{1}} &= \sum_{\gamma} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}z_{2} \,\omega_{\alpha\gamma}(r_{12}) \left(-\beta \frac{\mathrm{d}u_{\gamma}^{\mathrm{ext}}(z_{2})}{\mathrm{d}z_{2}} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{2} \right. \\ &\times \left[\tilde{w}_{i}(\overline{\boldsymbol{\rho}}(z_{2})) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}z_{3} \, c_{\alpha\gamma}^{\mathrm{blk}}(p=0, |z_{2}-z_{3}|; \boldsymbol{\rho}^{(i)}) \frac{\mathrm{d}\rho(z_{3})}{\mathrm{d}z_{3}} \right. \\ &+ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}z_{3} \, c_{\alpha\gamma}^{\mathrm{blk}}(p=0, |z_{2}-z_{3}|; \boldsymbol{\rho}^{(i)}) \, \tilde{w}_{i}(\overline{\boldsymbol{\rho}}(z_{3})) \frac{\mathrm{d}\rho(z_{3})}{\mathrm{d}z_{3}} \right] \Big) \end{split}$$

with the zeroth planar harmonics of the DCFs

$$c_{lpha\gamma}^{ ext{blk}}(p=0,z_1,z_2;oldsymbol{
ho}^{(i)}) = 2\pi \int_0^\infty s \mathrm{d}s \, c_{lpha\gamma}^{ ext{blk}}(s,z_1,z_2;oldsymbol{
ho}^{(i)}).$$

SS-LMBW / RISM-KHM theory for interfaces of molecular fluids

Kovalenko and Hirata, PCCP, 7, 1785 (2005).

 RISM integral equation with the KH closure for the correlation functions in the coexisting bulk phases

 Site-site generalization of the Lovett-Mou-Buff-Wertheim equation for the site density distributions at the interface



Liquid-vapor coexistence for water, methanol, hydrogen fluoride, and DMSO by the RISM-KH

Kovalenko and Hirata, JTCC, 1, 381 (2001)



Liquid interfaces: SS-LMBW/RISM-KHM theory

Kovalenko and Hirata, PCCP, 7, 1785 (2005).

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Liquid-liquid interface in the ambient solution of n-hexane and methanol (partially miscible)

Liquid interfaces and soft matter structures



Approximating the inhomogeneous two-body direct correlation functions Deriving the inhomogeneous two-body direct correlation functions

Inhomogeneous integral equation theory of liquid interfaces

- Self-consistent approach
 - Inhomogeneous OZ-KH equation for the three-particle correlations

Inhomogeneous OZ-KH
for
$$C_{\alpha\gamma}(s, z_1, z_2; \{\rho_{\alpha}^{(1)}\}, \{\rho_{\alpha}^{(2)}\})$$

LMBW for $\rho_{\gamma}(r)$

$$h_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2}) = c_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2}) + \int d\mathbf{r}_{3} c_{\alpha\mu}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{3}) \rho_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}_{3}) h_{\mu\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_{3},\mathbf{r}_{2})$$

$$g_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2}) = \exp\left(-\beta u_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2}) + h_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2}) - c_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2})\right) \quad \text{for} \quad g_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2}) < 1$$

$$= 1 - \beta u_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2}) + h_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2}) - c_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2}) \quad \text{for} \quad g_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_{1},\mathbf{r}_{2}) \geq 1$$

& LMBW for the single-particle density distributions

$$\boldsymbol{\nabla}_1 \, \rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1) = -\beta \boldsymbol{\nabla}_1 \, u_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1) \, + \, \rho_{\alpha}(\mathbf{r}_1) \, c_{\alpha\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2) * \boldsymbol{\nabla}_2 \, \rho_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}_2)$$

Liquid-Vapor interface of simple fluid by the Inhomogeneous OZ-KH/LMBW theory

Omelyan, Kovalenko, and Hirata, CPL 397, 368 (2004).



- Inhomogeneous Ornstein-Zernike integral equation for the two-particle correlations at an interface
- Kovalenko-Hirata closure (modified)
- Lovett-Mou-Buff-Wertheim equation for the density distributions at the interface

IOZ-KH/LMBW theory analytically predicts long-range lateral correlations at a liquid interface, similar to critical-regime fluctuations

Liquid-vapor interface of LJ fluid by IOZ-DH / LMBW

Omelyan, Kovalenko, and Hirata, PCCP



Intrinsic density profile

Binodal curve

Liquid-vapor interface of LJ fluid by IOZ-DH / LMBW





Critical behavior (dashed lines) derived from the IOZ-DH / LMBW theory (dots). Simulation data (crosses).

Liquid-vapor interface of LJ fluid by IOZ-DH / LMBW

Omelyan, Kovalenko, and Hirata, PCCP 2007



Critical behavior of the intrinsic surface tension (lines) derived from the IOZ-DH / LMBW theory (dots). Simulation data (crosses).

MM / 3D-RISM-KH post-processing replaces MM / GB(PB)SA

Structural characteristics of small Aβ oligomers

Dimeric intermediates in oligomerization pathways



Inception of β -strand conformation

(A) Hydrophobic and electrostatic (persistent) contacts. Dry interface between hydrophobic residues. Polar residues are partially solvated. **(B)** Electrostatic (non-persistent) contacts. Hydrophobic and polar residues are partially solvated.

(C) Non-polar hydrophobic (non-persistent) contacts. Fast desolvation of hydrophobic residues, polar residues are solvated.

Initial contacts between A β peptides are hydrophobic, whereas persistent contacts include both hydrophobic and electrostatic interactions

3D-RISM-KH based descriptors for propensity for aggregation

New protocol for prediction of propensity for aggregation of amyloidogenic peptides uses a probe particle number density and solvation free energy density as descriptors



Neutral probe particles density profiles



Charged probe particles density profiles



Evolution of inter-peptide contacts in oligomerization



Solvation free energy density profiles

Initial contacts between A β 16-22 peptides are hydrophobic, while persistent contacts include both hydrophobic and electrostatic interactions

3D-RISM-KH based descriptors of propensity for aggregation: 3D density maps of solvation free energy and solvation entropy



3D maps of the solvation free energy density and the solvation entropy density around the Aβ peptides. Both are related to the (local) energy penalty/gain due to formation of the dry interface between peptides.

MM / 3D-RISM-KH: Effect of mutations on propensity of oligomerization of Alzheimer's Aβ peptides

Dutch (E22Q) mutants: High oligomerization propensity and fibril elongation rate. Molecular mechanisms of enhanced propensity for oligomerization are unknown



Experimental structure of a fragment of Aβ fibril (PDB ID Code 2BEG) T. Lührs *et. al, PNAS* **102,** 17342 (2005)



Blinov, N.; Dorosh, L.; Wishart, D.; Kovalenko, A. *Biophys. J.* **2010**, *98*, 282.

MM / 3D-RISM-KH: Components of the association free energy of β-sheet Aβ oligomers



Solvent entropic (hydrophobic) and gas-phase non-polar contributions to association free energy of Aβ-oligomers Combined electrostatic (solvation and gas-phase) contribution to association free energy of Aβoligomers

Blinov, N.; Dorosh, L.; Wishart, D.; Kovalenko, A. *Biophys. J.* **2010**, *98*, 282.

MM / 3D-RISM-KH: Local electrostatic contributions to the free energy of β-sheet oligomers



MM / 3D-RISM-KH: Effect of mutation on microscopic solvation structure of β-sheet oligomers



3D solvation map: isosurface representation of water oxygen (red colour) and hydrogen (blue colour) densities ($\rho=3\rho_{bulk}$) Differential solvation densities: reconstruction of solvation structure upon point mutation Effect of mutation on local entropic contribution to solvation free energy

Blinov, N.; Dorosh, L.; Wishart, D.; Kovalenko, A. *Biophys. J.* **2010**, *98*, 282.

MM / 3D-RISM-KH: Thermodynamic stability and solvation structure of Aβ amyloid fibril



distance between monomers, d

Blinov, N.; Dorosh, L.; Wishart, D.; Kovalenko, A. Molec. Simul. 2011, 37, 718.

MM / 3D-RISM-KH: Decomposition of the association free energy of Aβ amyloid fibril into physical components



- Desolvation barrier is defined by enthalpic effects
- Solvation energy is mostly defined by electrostatic effects
- Solvation entropy is defined mostly by solute-solvent non-polar interactions

MM / 3D-RISM-KH: Water and ion channels in Aβ amyloid fibril



- Water and solvent ions can be locked inside the fibril core
- Water bridges might form at Aβ surface at pH7
- Water and ion channel in the fibril core? [Zheng et al., Biophys. J. 93, 3046 (2007)]



Blinov, N.; Dorosh, L.; Wishart, D.; Kovalenko, A. Molec. Simul. 2011, 37, 718.

Docking Protocol with Water Detection and Placement using 3D-RISM-KH Molecular Theory of Solvation: Role of Water in Ligand Binding to Maltose-Binding Protein

Huang, W.-J.; Blinov, N.; Wishart, D. S.; Kovalenko, A. *J. Chem. Inf. Model.* **2015**, *55*,317.



High density peaks of 3D water maps around the apo-open state of MBP predicted with the 3D-RISM-KH theory. Water oxygen density isosurface of 5 times the bulk water density (blue color). X-ray waters from the apo-open state of MBP (re shown with red vdW spheres of water oxygens. Solvent exposed surface of the protein is in gray. Region (a) corresponds to the experimental binding site of MBP. Area (b) with three X-ray water molecules overlapping with the high density peaks in water distribution.



Holo-open structure of MBP with bound maltotetraitol (PDB accession code 1EZ9)



Water oxygen and hydrogen density distributions around the apo-open state of MBP predicted with the 3D-RISM-KH theory. Density isosurfaces of 4 for oxygen (red) and 3 for hydrogen (blue) times the bulk water density. Polarization of water is clearly seen around the polar residues.

(A) Zoomed view around Asp65 where a hydrogen bond forming water molecule was identified in X-ray experiments.

(B) Water density polarization indicative of strong water-protein bonding is seen in the Nterminal domain above the maltotriose putative binding site (marked with the blue ellipse).

Huang, W.-J.; Blinov, N.; Wishart, D. S.; Kovalenko, A. J. Chem. Inf. Model. 2015, 55,317.



Water oxygen density distributions (shown in blue) around the apo-open state of MBP obtained with the 3D-RISM-KH theory. Structural water molecules predicted by the 3D-RISM-KH theory are shown with red van der Waals spheres. Solvent exposed surface of the protein is in gray. The density maps are shown for isolevel of 4 (panel A) and 5 (panel B) in excess of the water bulk density. The ligand binding site is shown by the green surface. Binding modes of maltotriose at the open state of MBP from docking experiments with explicit water molecules predicted by the 3D-RISM-KH molecular theory of solvation.

(A) Top-ranked maltotriose conformation from docking experiments
 (orange) compared to the conformation of maltotriose from the superimposed holo-closed X-ray structure (green).
 The next four low-ranked binding modes are shown in gray.

(B) Predicted water-mediated hydrogen bonds (dashed lines)between the top-ranked binding mode and the MBP polar residues.The polar and aromatic residues are shown in purple and blue.Water oxygens are represented by red van der Waals spheres.

Huang, W.-J.; Blinov, N.; Wishart, D. S.; Kovalenko, A. J. Chem. Inf. Model. 2015, 55,317.



(A) Binding modes of maltotetraitol at the open state of MBP from docking experiments with explicit water molecules predicted by the 3D-RISM-KH molecular theory of solvation. The top-ranked ligand conformation from docking experiments (orange) is compared to the experimental structure (PDB accession code 1EZ9) (green). The next four low-ranked binding modes are shown in gray.

(B) Binding modes of maltotriose at the open state of MBP (receptor structure for docking was modeled after the X-ray holo-open structure of MBP, PDB accession code 1EZ9). The notations are the same as in panel A.

(A) Water oxygen density distributions around the maltotriose binding site in holo-closed (blue) and the apo-closed (red) states of MBP, as predicted with the 3D-RISM-KH theory. Density isosurfaces at isovalue 4.

(Some –OH groups of maltotriose in the binding site overlap (in blue ellipse areas) with the high peaks of the water oxygen density distribution in the MBP unliganded state.)

(B) X-ray structure of the holo-closed state of MBP. Water molecules blocking the binding site as predicted with the water placement protocol for the apo-closed structure are shown as red van der Waals spheres. Polar and aromatic residues are shown in purple and blue, respectively.

Huang, W.-J.; Blinov, N.; Wishart, D. S.; Kovalenko, A. J. Chem. Inf. Model. 2015, 55,317.



Snapshot of MD simulation started from the top-ranked maltotriose conformation from docking experiments with explicit water (orange) compared to the conformation of maltotriose in the holo-closed X-ray structure (green). Aromatic residues in the binding site are shown in blue, and polar residues are shown in purple.

MTS-MD of biomolecule steered with 3D-RISM-KH mean solvation forces: OIN / GSFE / 3D-RISM-KH integrator
MTS-MD / 3D-RISM-KH in Amber package



Generalized solvation force extrapolation

• At long outer time steps:

Mean solvation forces are obtained by converging 3D-RISM-KH

Mean solvation forces change smoothly in space and time !

• At successive short inner time steps:

Extrapolate with the basis of previously saved force-coordinate pairs

- Basis of previous saved pairs of solvation force biomolecule atomic coordinates
 - Save many previous pairs
 - Choose the (best) closest in coordinated
- Make non-Eckart like transformation of coordinates to make solvation forces in transformed coordinates (with weights) changing even smoother
- Linear squares minimization for coefficients of expansion in the basis of previous solvation force biomolecule atomic coordinates
 - Balancing the normal equations

Omelyan, I. P.; Kovalenko, A.. Chem. Theory. Comput. 2015, 11, 1875.

Multi time step MD simulation of a biomolecule steered with 3D-RISM-KH effective solvation forces

First MD/3D-RISM coupling: T. Miyata and F. Hirata, J. Comput. Chem., (2008).

Multi time step LN / GSF / 3D-RISM-KH implemented in AMBER – outer time steps up to 20 fs Luchko, T.; Gusarov, S.; Roe, D.; Simmering, C.; Case, D.; Tuszynski, J.; Kovalenko, A. *J. Chem. Theory Comput.*, **2010**, *6*, 607.

Generalized isokinetic ensemble MD, optimized isokinetic Nosé-Hoover chain (OIN) algorithm Multi time step MD: OIN / GSFE / 3D-RISM-KH integrator (implementation in AMBER)

- Outer time steps up to 1-4 ps up to 20 faster (direct comparison) than explicit solvent MD
- Protein folding up to 1000 times faster than with explicit solvent MD
 Omelyan, I. P.; Kovalenko, A. J. Chem. Theory. Comput. 2012, 8, 6; Mol. Simul. 2012, 39, 25;
 J. Chem. Phys. 2013, 139, 244106; J. Chem. Theory. Comput. 2015, 11, 1875.
- Solvation structure and thermodynamics of large biomolecules on a very long-time scale: the method properly captures statistics of slow and rare solvation events (exchange of solvent molecules, counter ions, ligands, etc with inner spaces and pockets of solute)
- Solvent and host species in inner spaces (e.g. pockets and nanochannels)
- Simulation of large biomolecules (e.g. microtubules) in solution with co-solvent, buffer, drug molecules
- Accelerated calculation of protein-drug and protein-protein effective interactions in solution
- MM / 3D-RISM-KH post-processing replaces MM / GB(PB)SA



MTS-MD steered with 3D-RISM-KH mean solvation forces extrapolated with GSFE and stabilized with OIN thermostat



Tertiary structures of miniprotein 1L2Y NMR experiment vs OIN / GESF / 3D-RISM-KH length 25ns, outer step 1ps



Tertiary structures of protein G NMR experiment vs OIN / GSFE / 3D-RISM-KH



Folding miniprotein 1L2Y

- In 60 nanoseconds by OIN/GSFE/3D-RISM-KH
- in 4-9 microseconds of physical time in experiment

100-fold acceleration

3D-RISM-Dock approach for protein-ligand mapping and fragment-based drug design

Ligands (ligand fragments) as distinct solvent species: 3D maps of ligand binding affinity

Binding of GN8 antiprion compound at PrP^C

2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-N-[4-[4-(2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-acetylamino)-benzyl]-phenyl]-acetamide



3D-RISM-Dock: New methodology for docking

Conventional docking: 3D affinity maps (AutoDock)







Ligand site affinity map

Electrostatic map

Desolvation map

Advantages of 3D-RISM-DOCK algorithm

- No phenomenological input required
- Rigorous treatment of solvation effects
- Concentration/temperature effects on docking
- Composition effects: Competition of (multiple) ligands, water, co-solvent, and ions for binding sites

Implemented in AutoDock

Affinity maps from 3D-RISM-KH [T. Imai et al., JACS 131, 12430 (2009)] Densities of ligand's sites O2N7 H2

GN8 antiprion compound bound to prion protein, Kuwata *et al.*, PNAS **104**, 11921 (2007)

Nikolić, D.; Blinov, N.; Wishart, D. S.; Kovalenko, A. J. Chem. Theory Comput. 2012, 8, 3356.

Mapping GN8 antiprion compound at PrP^C



3D-RISM-Dock: a new fragment-based drug design protocol



Electrostatic potential around prion protein

Na+ ion distribution around prion protein

Nikolić, D.; Blinov, N.; Wishart, D. S.; Kovalenko, A. J. Chem. Theory Comput. 2012, 8, 3356.

3D-RISM-Dock case study: Thiamine binding to prion protein

Nikolić, D.; Blinov, N.; Wishart, D. S.; Kovalenko, A. J. Chem. Theory Comput. 2012, 8, 3356.



Electrostatic stabilization

Hydrophobic stabilization

Binding modes are in agreement with the experimental NMR data [R. Perez-Pineiro *et al., FEBS* journal **2011**]

3D-RISM-Dock case study: Thiamine binding to prion protein Effects of ligand fragmentation on binding modes

[experiment: R. Perez-Pineiro *et al., FEBS* journal **2011**]



3 fragments of thiamine OH molecule used in docking experiments with prion protein





AutoDock 3D-RISM-DOCK

Superoxide Dismutase (SOD1): Inhibitors

High throughput virtual screening targeting the TRP-32 binding site of SOD1

Screening was performed with ZINC (UCSF) Fragment-Like library of compounds (in total, more than one million of compounds have been screened)

ZINC37084326 Cluster Rank = 1 Number of conformations in this cluster = 14 RMSD from reference structure = 25.134 A Estimated Free Energy of Binding = -6.43 kcal/mol [=(1)+(2)+(3)-(4)]

(1) Final Intermolecular Energy = -7.33 kcal/mol
vdW + Hbond + desolv Energy = -4.15 kcal/mol
Electrostatic Energy = -3.17 kcal/mol
(2) Final Total Internal Energy = +0.67 kcal/mol
(3) Torsional Free Energy = +0.89 kcal/mol
(4) Unbound System's Energy [=(2)] = +0.67 kcal/mol





Optimization of the experimentally confirmed inhibitors targeting TRP32 binding site of SOD1 and rational design of new drug compounds

- Gareth S.A. Wright et al., Nature Comm. 4:1758 (2013): isoproterenol and 5-fluorouridine binds to TRP32 at SOD1
- Cashman's lab: 5-fluorouridine and other compounds (such as uridine) block pathological misfolding of SOD1

X-ray structure (PDB ID 4A7S) of SOD1 with bound 5-Fluorouridine



Identification of structural solvent blocking unfavourable binding sites of SOD1 with 3D-RISM-KH molecular theory of solvation



Sodium ions distribution Density isolevel $\rho=3$ (times bulk density) Water oxygen and Na+ ions distributions Densities isolevel ρ =3

Experimental binding site is characterized by reduced solvent density: structural solvent need to be included into docking protocol

Top-ranked binding modes of 5-Fluorouridine and Uridine at SOD1 in the experimental cleft



5-FUrd, mode #1

Uridine, mode #2

Adsorption from solution to solid surfaces by 3D-RISM-KH theory

Bitumen Fragment Adsorption on Chabazite: 3D-RISM-KH vs COSMO

$$PMF(d) = \left(E_{PW91}(d) + \mu_{solv}(d)\right) - \left(E_{PW91}(d_{\infty}) + \mu_{solv}(d_{\infty})\right)$$

3D-RISM-KH molecular theory of solvation:

- Accounts for solvation with accuracy comparable to explicit solvation model
- Predicts desolvation barriers that have to be overcome by bitumen molecules approaching solvated surface
- Predicts monolayer adsorption

COSMO:

- Continuum solvation method
- Accounts for solvent properties such as dielectric screening



Stoyanov, S.R.; Gusarov, S.; Kovalenko, A. Multiscale Modeling of the Adsorption Interaction Between Model Bitumen Compounds and Zeolite Nanoparticles in Gas and Liquid Phase, in: *Industrial Applications of Molecular Simulations*, Meunier, M. (ed.); Taylor and Francis Books, Boca Raton, FL, USA, 2011, pp. 203-230.

Adsorption of indole on kaolinite surface from solution in toluene and in n-heptane



Aluminum hydroxide face

- Indole HN is oriented b/w two or one OH groups
- Orientation of toluene molecules is parallel

Silicon oxide face

- Indole molecules are almost parallel to the surface
- Toluene molecules are perpendicular to the surface, pointing with CH₃ site or ring H atoms towards SiO hexagon center



Fafard, J.; Lyubimova, O.; Stoyanov, S. R.; Kenne, G.; Gusarov, S.; Cuervo, J.; Kovalenko, A; Detellier, C. *J. Phys. Chem. C*, 2013, *117*, 18556



Multilayer adsorption of indole on kaolinite in toluene / n-heptane solution



Results

•
$$g_{\gamma}^{\text{aver}}(z) = \int_{\text{surface}} dx dy g_{\gamma}(x, y, z)$$

predicts adsorption and depletion layers

- Organic mass loading shows multilayer formation in organoclays
- Aromatic and hydrogen-bonding solvents leave only a monolayer of indole

Prospectives:

- Rational design of additives for selective desorption of bitumen from kaolinite
- Selection of green solvents for non-aqueous extraction of bitumen

Fafard, J.; Lyubimova, O.; Stoyanov, S. R.; Kenne, G.; Gusarov, S.; Cuervo, J.; Kovalenko, A; Detellier, C. *J. Phys. Chem. C*, 2013, *117*, 18556 Effective interactions of clay nanocolloids in aqueous electrolyte solution with polymeric additives by 3D-RISM-KH theory

Background - Experiment

Experiment (S. Giasson, J. Zhu)



Copolymers of acrylamide, acrylic acid and hydrophobic comonomers. The R group on the 3rd monomer can be an alkyl or aromatic group, where X = H (styrene) or a polar group (such as hydroxystyrene).

Possible ionic interactions between the functional groups of the polymers and the charged particles in aqueous media. Hydrogen bonds may also be formed. Upon association, the complexes become more hydrophobic than the ionic species and dehydration may take place to cause dewatering and sedimentation of the aggregates.





General structure of amphiphilic copolymer (either a random or a block copolymer) containing two vinilic comonomers with comparable reactivity but with different functional groups. X and Y are functional groups with different hydrophilicities.



Zeta potential will be determined experimentally from electrophoretic mobility measurements to provide estimates of the clay colloidal nanoparticle charges.

Light scattering will be used to estimate the structure and properties of clay nanoparticles so as to develop a coarse-grained clay force-field.



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Monomers and clay nanoparticle models



Kaolinite is the most abundant

Atomistic model of clay nanocolloid for 3D-RISM-KH theory



3D-RISM-KH molecular theory of solvation provides the solvation structure and thermodynamics, including PMFs that reflect molecular forces

Development of coarse-grained models of clay nanoparticles will based on the PMFs from 3D-RISM-KH theory is planned as a final results of the project.

Potential of Mean Force

 $U_{PMP}(D) = \mu_{solv}(D) - \mu_{solv}(\infty)$ $\mu_{solv} = \sum \int dr \Phi(r)$ $\Phi(r) = \rho_{\gamma} kT \left[\frac{1}{2} h_{\gamma}^{2}(r) \Theta(-h_{\gamma}(r)) - c_{\gamma}(r) - \frac{1}{2} h_{\gamma}(r) c_{\gamma}(r) \right]$

Results

- Preferential adsorption and binding of additives on specific faces and sites of clay nanoparticles
- Effect of salt and several additives on the PMFs as a descriptor for flocculation/aggregation phenomena.



Arrangements of nanoparticles, monomers, water, and Na+ and CI-



Results for aqueous NaCl solution without additives





Na+ adsorbs strongly on the hydrophobic silica oxide surface =>

the PMF in the contact area

Effect of monomer concentration on the PMFs



Acrylate and hydronium ions strongly adsorb => PMF increases

Acrylic acid prefers the

hydrophobic silica oxide surface over the hydrophillic surface

Multiscale coupling of DRISM-KH molecular theory of solvation with Dissipative Particle Dynamics (DPD) simulation

- DRISM-KH is solved for all-atom species
- Coarse-grained effective pair potential (GC-EPP) is derived from all-atom RDFs by DRISM-KH invertion
- GC-EPP replaces Flory-Huggins heuristic conservative force in DPD

Dissipative Particle Dynamics (DPD) simulation with a coarse-grained effective pair potential from DRISM-KH molecular theory of solvation

solution of polymers

polymer chain

in solution

short MD

sampling

intramolecular

solution of monomers

DRISM-KH

mapping $g_{mm}(r)$

CG fluid g^{CG}(r)

DRISM inversion

CG fluid DCF *c*^{CG}(r)

Kobryn, A. E.; Nikolić, D.; Lyubimova, O.; Gusarov, S.; Kovalenko, A. J. Phys. Chem. B, 2014, 118, 12034

Coarse-Grained Effective Pair Potential from DRISM-KH theory:

- **Replaces the heuristically defined conservative force in DPD (Flory-Huggins)**
- No restrictions on range, shape, equal volume of solute and solvent blobs
- Accounts for all chemical specificities from first principles of stat.mech.
- Flexible in specifying coarse-grained mapping of macromolecular species
- Enormously increases computational efficiency by eliminating solvent
- Applicable to polymer in melts, different solvent, and electrolyte solutions



Multiscale modeling of electronic and solvation structure: Self-consistent field, KS-DFT / 3D-RISM-KH theory

Multiscale modeling of electronic and solvation structure: Self-consistent field, KS-DFT / 3D-RISM-KH theory

A. Kovalenko and F. Hirata, JCP 110, 10095 (1999).A. Kovalenko, in: *Molecular Theory of Solvation*, F. Hirata (ed.), Kluwer, 2003, pp. 169-213.

Free energy functional



KS-DFT / 3D-RISM-KH: Analytical Gradients

S. Gusarov, T. Ziegler, and A. Kovalenko, J. Phys. Chem. A 110, 6083 (2006)

Derivatives of the free energy with respect to nuclei coordinates:



Electronic & solvation structure of carbon monoxide in water: CASSCF / 3D-RISM-KH theory

Sato, Kovalenko, and Hirata, JCP 112, 9463 (2000)

Fock operator with the solvation termSolvation potential on solute electronsVClassical potential on solvent site γ kElectron electrostatic potential-kElectron density on the reciprocal grid
in terms of Gaussian orbitalsk



$$F_{i}^{(\text{solv})} = F_{i}^{(0)} - f_{i} \langle V^{(\text{solv})} | P \rangle$$

$$V^{(\text{solv})}(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_{\gamma} h_{\gamma}^{(\text{solv})}(\mathbf{r}) * v_{\gamma}^{(\text{ps})}(r)$$

$$u_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) = u_{\gamma}^{(\text{sr})}(\mathbf{r}) + q_{\gamma} \left(\phi_{\gamma}^{(n)}(\mathbf{r}) - \phi_{\gamma}^{(e)}(\mathbf{r}) \right)$$

$$k^{2} \phi^{(e)}(\mathbf{k}) = 4\pi \rho^{(e)}(\mathbf{k})$$

$$\rho^{(e)}(\mathbf{k}) = \int d\mathbf{r} \rho^{(e)}(\mathbf{r}) \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})$$

$$= \int d\mathbf{r} \sum_{\mu\nu} D_{\mu\nu} \chi_{\mu}(\mathbf{r}) \chi_{\nu}^{*}(\mathbf{r}) \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r})$$

$$= \sum_{\mu\nu} D_{\mu\nu} I_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{k})$$

CASSCF with 2 core, 8 active orbitals, 10 electrons in DZP basis set (9*s*5*p*1*d*/4*s*2*p*1*d*)

Multiscale modeling of nanochemistry in solution: (OFE)KS-DFT / 3D-RISM-KH, including analytical gradients

S. Gusarov, T. Ziegler, A. Kovalenko, J.Phys.Chem.A, **110**, 6083 (2006) D. Casanova, S. Gusarov, A. Kovalenko, T. Ziegler, J.Chem.Theory Comput. **3**, 458 (2007)

IMPLEMENTATION

- Amsterdam Density Functional (ADF) quantum chemistry package
- SCF ab initio KS-DFT / 3D-RISM-KH theory of molecular solvation at the Car-Parrinello level
- 3D resolution of molecular solvation shells at molecular simulations level, but with NO noice
- Prediction of solvation physics and chemistry, including inner nanospaces
- Analytical gradients including solvation: geometry optimization, transition states, reactions and (nano)catalysis in solution



Implemented in ADF Computational Chemistry package:

- Optimal structure
- Properties (NMR,CD,IR,...)
- Reactions / Nanocatalysis
- Spectroscopic / Photochemical

Solvation Structure and Thermodynamics



Analytical gradients: Gas phase + Solvation



Potential Energy States (PES) analysis:





Hydration free energy: KS-DFT/3D-RISM-KH vs Experiment

S. Gusarov, T. Ziegler, A. Kovalenko,

J. Phys. Chem. A, **110**, 6083 (2006)

TABLE 2: Solvation Free Energy (kcal/mol) Predicted by the KS-DFT-LDA/3D-RISM-KH Theory vs Experiment

086	J. Phys.	Chem. A.	Vol.	110,	No.	18,	2000

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TABLE 1:	Free Energies	(kcal/mol)	Predicted k	y the	KS-DFT/3D	-RISM-KH	Theory	for a	Set o	f Small	Molecules	in /	queous
Solution	_												

	ΔG			ΔG			ΔG		
	LDA	GGA		LDA	GGA	1	LDA	GGA	
N ₂ HCI HF OH ⁻ CN ⁻	2.29 -0.63 -3.98 -116.65 -78.22	2.46 -0.49 -3.91 -117.32 -76.15	CL ₁ O ₂ (25) FCL SH NO ⁺	Diatomic 1.17 1.07 1.83 -79.11 -53.67	1 22 1 14 1.91 -77.86 -51.02	CO F) CS CS	2.34 1.94 1.01 0.77 -83.90	2.40 2.02 1.23 0.84 	
ICN INO 5, CN 1002 1000 4,2	-2.14 -0.98 3.32 -0.01 -74.99 -78.76 -72.44	-2.03 -0.89 3.41 0.14 -74.15 -78.52 -71.12	CS ₁ CO ₂ CINO CICN CICN COS PH ₂ - NH ₄ -	Triatomic 2.98 1.51 0.65 -1.55 2.95 -82.58 -112.31	3.11 1.68 0.77 -1.46 3.07 -82.03 -110.45	H ₂ O N ₂ O SO ₂ CINS H ₂ S NO ₂ * HOO	-6.14 2.04 0.68 -1.15 -1.10 -51.88 -98.75	-6.08 2.15 0.77 -1.02 -1.12 -51.23 -97.06	
ICCH ICOF ICI3 IF5 ICCCI ICCN ICCN ICCN ICCN ICCN ICCN IC	-0.56 2.41 2.19 1.38 0.39 -11.84 2.28 -210.61 -69.65	-0.40 2.56 2.45 1.53 0.49 -11.09 2.41 -211.04 -68.42	CH ₁ - HCNO HOOH [#] HCHO NF ₁ COCl ₃ HNCO HCCOO- H ₁ S ⁺	Tetratomic - 89.38 - 1.20 - 7.72 - 2.12 3.16 2.08 - 1.80 - 79.53 - 59.53	88.12 1.10 7.34 2.02 3.24 2.31 1.56 78.25 59.44	NCI₃ NH₃ HCCF FOOF SOF₁ Pfij HOOH' CH₃ ⁺ H₃O ⁺	3.54 -3.99 2.36 1.24 0.82 -0.14 -8.48 -56.10 -85.25	3.67 -3.84 2.45 1.41 0.97 0.12 -8.21 -56.03 -85.01	
H ₄ (CNH H ₂ N ₂ (OF) HF ₂ Cl SCl ₃ O ₁ F ₁ HCl ₃ O ₁ Cl ₃ H ₃ O ⁻ (CO ₁ ⁻¹) H ₃ O ⁻ (CO ₁ ⁻¹) H ₃ S ⁻	$\begin{array}{c} 1.14 \\ -3.83 \\ 0.96 \\ 3.28 \\ -2.19 \\ 2.06 \\ 3.04 \\ 2.65 \\ 2.84 \\ -86.44 \\ -9.95 \\ -79.76 \\ -81.42 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.28 \\ -3.64 \\ 1.02 \\ 3.39 \\ -1.67 \\ 2.34 \\ 3.31 \\ 2.81 \\ 3.05 \\ -85.14 \\ -9.03 \\ -77.95 \\ -82.12 \end{array}$	POF, CHF, HCCOOH CH,CO CH,CI CH,Br CH,Br CH,Br CH,Br CH,CI, HPO,73 CH,CN- HCO,7e CIO,7	Pentatomic 1.75 1.03 -3.84 1.16 1.96 8.49 8.35 -2.72 1.87 -9.86 -76.91 -77.0 -63.97	$\begin{array}{c} 1.91 \\ 1.25 \\ -3.69 \\ 1.27 \\ 2.17 \\ 8.55 \\ 8.66 \\ -2.34 \\ 2.02 \\ -9.54 \\ -75.74 \\ -75.12 \\ -63.11 \end{array}$	CH ₄ FCI PSF ₃ CF ₄ HCOOH ⁴ CH ₃ F ₂ CF ₃ Cl CCL CCL CCL CCL FCCC POCL NH ₄ * PH ₄ * H ₄ COH ⁴	$\begin{array}{r} -5.56\\ 3.57\\ 3.19\\ -9.71\\ 2.06\\ 3.49\\ 2.83\\ -0.07\\ 3.52\\ -0.95\\ -68.32\\ -57.96\\ -58.47\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} -5.21\\ 3.63\\ 3.25\\ -9.45\\ 2.48\\ 3.88\\ 2.99\\ 0.64\\ 3.77\\ -0.62\\ -68.04\\ -57.11\\ -57.10\end{array}$	

obj.	$\Delta G^{ ext{expt}}$	ΔG
	Diatomic	
N_2	2.3"	2.29
CO	2.2"	2.34
HF	-5.6^{b}	-3.98
HCI	-1.2^{b}	-0.63
OH-	-110 ^c	-116.65
CN ⁻	-75°	-78.22
SH ⁻	-76^{c}	-79.11
	Triatomic	
H_2O	$-6.3^{d}-4.4^{b}$	-6.14
HCN	-3.2°	-2.14
HCC-	-73¢	-78.76
HO_2^-	-101 ^c	-98.75
NH_2^-	-95 ^c	-112.31
NO_2^-	-73 ^c	-74.99
N_3^-	-74^{c}	-72.44
PH_2^-	-67^{c}	-82.58
	Tetratomic	
NH_3	$-4,^{b}-4.3^{e}$	-3.99
HOOHs	-8.7^{a}	-7.72
HCCH	0.0"	-0.56
HCHO	-1.7^{a}	-2.12
H_3O^+	$-104, f-102, b-105^{c}$	-85.25
NO_3^-	-66 ^c	-69.65
	Pentatomic	
CH_4	2.09	1.14
NH_4^+	-80.5 , $f - 77$, $b - 81^{c}$	-68.32
$CH_{3}O^{-}$	-98 ^c	-86.44
CH_2CN^-	-75°	-76.91
CH ₃ S ⁻	-76^{c}	-81.42
PH_4^+	-73^{c}	-57.96

Solvent effect on conformational equilibria of 1,2-dichloroethane: KS-DFT / 3D-RISM-KH

D. Casanova, S. Gusarov, A. Kovalenko, T. Ziegler, J. Chem. Theory Comput., 3, 458 (2007)

Gauche (G)				Г	rans (T)	
Solvent: A	cetone Tetrac	hloroethylene	Dietil ether	Dioxane	Ethyl acetate	Hexane
9009		Je 8			~~~	g d d d
COSMO	0.40	1.18	0.84	1.28	0.70	1.34
3D-RISM-KH	0.16	1.20	0.54	0.04	0.63	1.57
РСМ	0.13	0.79	0.61	0.82	0.48	0.95
Experiment	0.18	0.95	0.77	0.54	0.50	1.15

KS-DFT / 3D-RISM-KH for solvent effect on tautomerism: Guanine



D. Casanova, S. Gusarov, A. Kovalenko, T. Ziegler, J. Chem. Theory Comput., **3**, 458 (2007)



Relative free energies between guanine tautomers in aqueous solution (kcal/mol)

	COSMO	3D-RISM	Colomians ^a	
G19	0.0	0.0	0.0	
G17	0.40	1.10	1.00	
G96c	10.11	7.33	7.20	
G96t	10.57	7.18	8.00	
G97c	10.94	9.32	8.80	

^a J. Am. Chem. Soc. **1996**, 118, 6811
Water density profiles inside (6,6) carbon nanotube. KS-DFT/3D-RISM-KH (dashed lines & 3D) vs MD (solid lines)



Ab initio DFT and 3D molecular theory of solvation: D. Casanova, S. Gusarov, A. Kovalenko, T. Ziegler, J. Chem. Theory Comput., **3**, 458 (2007)



MD (dashed lines): Chem. Phys. Lett. **329**, 341 (2000); SPC water and (6,6) CNT with soft potential of Lennard-Jones type

Density profiles of water oxygen and hydrogen inside the carbon nanotube



Timings of KS-DFT-LDA with different solvation schemes: 3D-RISM-KH molecular theory vs COSMO continuum model

S. Gusarov, T. Ziegler, and A. Kovalenko, J. Phys. Chem. A **110**, 6083 (2006)



N carbon atoms in (6,6) carbon nanotube

Free energy profile for the identity S_N2 reaction in gas phase and in solution by KS-DFT/3D-RISM-KH vs continuum solvation and experiment



D. Casanova, S. Gusarov, A. Kovalenko, T. Ziegler, J. Chem. Theory Comput., **3**, 458 (2007)

Table 18. Difference $\Delta\Delta G^B_{gas \rightarrow sol}$ (kcal/mol) between the Free Energy of the Transition State of the Identity S_N2 Reactions in Aqueous Solution and in the Gas Phase, eq 19^a

X = Y	COSMOD	COSMO®	3D-RISM-KH	experiment⁰
F	21.13	26.46	18.74	22.11
Cl	12.80	18.69	10.67	13.74
Br	13.14	16.61	16.18	14.97

^a Theoretical predictions (calculated with the GGA functional) versus experimental results. The experimental values in the gas phase of the intrinsic barrier correspond to enthalpies. These are corrected with the calculated entropies to obtain free energies.^{87–91} ^b With the translational, rotational, and vibrational thermodynamic corrections given by eq 12. ^c Without the translational, rotational, and vibrational thermodynamic corrections.

Table 19. Difference $\Delta \Delta G^{\sf B}_{gas \to sol}$ (kcal/mol) Between the Free Energy of the Transition State of the Nonidentity $S_N 2$ Reactions in Aqueous Solution and in the Gas Phase^a

Χ, Υ	COSMO⊅	COSMO®	3D-RISM-KH	experiment
F, Cl	31.24	36.54	35.27	31.71
F, Br	38.29	43.77	32.60	32.36
Cl, Br	26.86	32.66	7,6 (10.2)	15.95/23.80

^a Theoretical predictions (calculated with the LDA functional) versus experimental results. The experimental values of the intrinsic barrier in the gas phase are derived from the measured enthalpy corrected by the calculated entropy to obtain the free energy.^{87–91} ^b With the translational, rotational, and vibrational thermodynamic corrections given by eq 12. ^c Without the translational, rotational, and vibrational thermodynamic corrections.

Ionic liquids: Multiscale KS-DFT / 3D-RISM-KH theory

M. Malvaldi, S. Bruzzone, C. Chiappe, S. Gusarov, and A. Kovalenko, J. Phys. Chem. B, 113, 3536 (2009).

- Electronic structure of IL in solution at Car-Parrinello level (e.g. dipole moment enhancement)
- Solvation structure (e.g. stacking of neighboring cations)
- Thermochemistry
- Reactivity





Solvation structure of methyl-methyl imidazolium ion in bulk liquid of [mmim][CI] at T=400 K, obtained by self-consistent field KS-DFT / 3D-RISM-KH theory of electronic structure in solution. Isosurfaces of the nitrogen of [mmim]⁺ cations at $g_N(r)>2$ (blue) and of Cl⁻ anions at $g_{Cl}(r)>5$ (red).

Cellulose Nano Crystals (CNC) in aqueous electrolyte solutions, organic solvents, and ionic liquids: Prediction of solubility and dispersion by 3D-RISM-KH theory

Cellulose Nano Crystals



Wadood, H. Can. J. Chem. Eng. 2006, 84, 513

Cellulose Nano Crystals (CNC):

- Reinforcing additive in high-value products
- Allows the deepest level of structure control
- Has reduced defect occurrence
- Easy to functionalize
- Need tuning of hydrophilicity/hydrophobicity



CNC modifications:

- Tune surface properties
- Retain hydrogen bonding network
- Preserve mechanical properties
- Control colloidal properties (dispersion)
- Control polymer melt / solution flow

Multiscale theory, modeling, and simulations (DFT, MD, and sD-RISM-KH) to develop quantitative structure-property relationships (QSPR) between surface chemical modifications and properties for rational design of CNC-based materials

CNC particles: Models and Methods

- Quantum Chemistry (DFT)
 - Geometrical and electronic structure
 - Missing force field parameters
- □ Molecular Dynamics (Amber11 software)
 - GLYCAM06 (carbohydrate force field)
 - SPC/E water model
- 3D-RISM-KH solvation structure and thermodynamics of nanoparticles in solution





 I_{α} cellulose crystal structure has been used to build the initial fibril: 34 chains (every chain consists of 16 glucose units)



Sulfate concentration: Boluk, Y. *Elemental analysis*

S. R. Stoyanov, S. Gusarov, and A. Kovalenko, in: *Production and Application of Cellulose Nanoparticles*, M. T. Postek, R. J. Moon, A. Rudie, M. Bilodeau (Eds.), (TAPPI Press, 2013), pp. 147-150.
S. R. Stoyanov, O. Lyubimova, S. Gusarov, and A. Kovalenko, *Nordic Pulp & Paper Res. J.*, 29, 144 (2014).

Relaxation and twisting of CNC particle

top view

side view



S. R. Stoyanov, O. Lyubimova, S. Gusarov, and A. Kovalenko, Nordic Pulp & Paper Res. J., 29. 144 (2014)

CNC particles twisting: Analysis

Θ, deg.



TM-AFM images of microfibrils of Micrasteria: denticulata. In both (a) and (b) the microfibrils can be seen to undergo right-handed twist.

S.J. Hanley, J-F. Revol, L. Godbout, D. G. Gray. **Cellulos**(1997), 4, 209-220

+7+6 +5 +4+3 +170 Long particle 60 **Short particle** (shown above) 50 40 30 20 CNC^{I=16} CNC^{l=16} q=16 10 CNC^{I=32} CNC¹⁼¹⁶ 0 -15 -10 -20 -5 5 10 20 0 15 **Residue** position

S. R. Stoyanov, S. Gusarov, and A. Kovalenko, in: *Production and Application of Cellulose Nanoparticles*, M. T. Postek, R. J. Moon, A. Rudie, M. Bilodeau (Eds.), (TAPPI Press, 2013), pp. 147-150.
S. R. Stoyanov, O. Lyubimova, S. Gusarov, and A. Kovalenko, *Nordic Pulp & Paper Res. J.*, 29. 144 (2014).

Experimental data: hydrogen bonding in Ia cellulose



• A-D-H angle cutoff of 20°

Reorganization of CNC intramolecular hydrogen bonds

220



Hydrogen bonds stabilize twisted CNC structure.

S. R. Stoyanov, O. Lyubimova, S. Gusarov, and A. Kovalenko, Nordic Pulp & Paper Res. J., 29. 144 (2014)

Charge redistribution upon relaxation of neutral CNC



0.030 mol/kg NaCl

Before relaxation:

 Thick interfacial layer of Na⁺ counterions

After relaxation:

- Thin interfacial layer of Na⁺ counterions
- Even distribution of Na⁺ and Cl⁻ ions

S. R. Stoyanov, O. Lyubimova, S. Gusarov, and A. Kovalenko, Nordic Pulp & Paper Res. J., 29. 144 (2014)

Effective Interaction of CNC rods bridged by Na⁺ counterions

Isovalue for Na⁺ ~ 8

 3D distribution functions at isoelectric point show formation of Na⁺ bridges stabilizing NCC aggregates









Towards understanding and control of:

- ✓ cholesteric ordering
- ✓ NCC dispersion in various solvents
 - S. R. Stoyanov, S. Gusarov, and A. Kovalenko, in: *Production and Application of Cellulose Nanoparticles*, M. T. Postek, R. J. Moon, A. Rudie, M. Bilodeau (Eds.), (TAPPI Press, 2013), pp. 147-150.
 - S. R. Stoyanov, O. Lyubimova, S. Gusarov, and A. Kovalenko, Nordic Pulp & Paper Res. J., 29. 144 (2014).

Dispersion of modified CNC in water, benzene, and ionic liquid



Engineering modified cellulose nanocrystals (CNCs) as a compound carrier with programmable release

Cellulose nanocrystals (CNC) – biocompatible and biodegradable natural nanoparticles – are attractive for advanced applications in composites, foams and gels as well as in drug delivery as compound carriers.

Essential oils (EO) are natural products with antiradical, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory and antimicrobial properties, and are effective for inhibiting different human diseases. A recent structure-activity relationship study shows the following:

- The antimicrobial and antioxidant activities of terpene EOs are highly affected by their chemical nature and interactions;
- The biological activity of terpene EO components is related to synergistic and additive effects on the common prominent pathogenic and spoilage food-related bacteria;
- Characterization of the mechanisms of changes in antibacterial activities in systems of mixtures of terpenes is needed to design blends for the best medical and food safety applications.

We intend to explore the mechanism of adsorption and desorption of EOs on CNC in solution so as help engineer CNC surface modifications for effective binding and programmable release of EOs and other compounds.

Here, we employ the 3D-RISM-KH molecular theory of solvation to predict the thermodynamics of adsorption of essential oils on CNC in water and saline solution.

Zengin, H.; Baysal, A. H. *Molecules* **2014**, *19*, 17773-17798. Lyubimova, O.; Stoyanov, S.R.; Gusarov, S.; Kovalenko, A. *Langmuir* **2015**, *31*, 7106-7116.

Stoyanov, S. R.; Lyubimova, O.; Gusarov, S.; Kovalenko, A. *Nordic Pulp Paper Res. J* **2014**, *29*, 144–155.



Stoyanov, S. R.; Gusarov, S.; Kovalenko, A. Multiscale Modeling of Solvation and Effective Interactions of Functionalized Cellulose Nanocrystals. In *Production and Applications of Cellulose Nanomaterials.* Postek, M. T.; Moon, R. J.; Rudie, A.; Bilodeau, M., Eds.; TAPPI Press, Atlanta, GA, USA, **2013**, pp. 147–150.

Preferred Binding Configurations of CNCs in *saline*



In saline, Na⁺ and Cl⁻ form a spatiallyextended electric double layer that stabilizes the negatively-charged CNC grafted with surface sulfate ester groups.

The models of pristine and sulfate-ester grafted CNC particles are developed and studied in aqueous NaCl solutions [Lyubimova *et al.*]. The EOs are modeled using UAM [Kobryn *et al.*]

Kovalenko, A. Three-dimensional RISM theory for molecular liquids and solid-liquid interfaces, In *Understanding Chemical Reactivity: Molecular Theory of Solvation*, F. Hirata, ed., Kluwer Academic Publishers, 24 (2003), pp.169-275.

Kobryn, A. E.; Kovalenko, A. J. Chem. Phys. 2008, 129, 134701.

In saline, the binding of EOs is spontaneous on both neutral and negatively-charged CNC at room temperature. The binding preferences show the following:

- Functional groups containing heteroatoms bind preferentially to hydrogen-bonding sites and tend to be closer to the CNC surface, as evinced by localized isosurfaces (red);
- Methyl groups interact mainly by van der Walls forces that are less specific, as evidenced by the more diffuse isosurfaces (yellow);
- CH₂ group interactions are even less specific, as shown by the diffuse isosurfaces (orange);
- The preferred binding configurations are with the heteroatom moiety towards the CNC hydrophilic CNC surface and the hydrocarbon groups away from the surface.

Such "dressed" CNC would be more hydrophobic and could become lipid-soluble, suggesting enhanced intake. Release studies in lipid media could be the next steps in this investigation.



Lyubimova, O.; Stoyanov, S.R.; Gusarov, S.; Kovalenko, A. *Langmuir* **2015**, *31*, 7106-7116.

Overcoming plant biomass recalcitrance

The Plant Cell Wall



Adapted from: *Annu. Rev. Chem. Biomol. Eng.* (2011) **2**, 121-45

- Cellulose is embedded in a matrix of hemicellulose and lignin
- The non-cellulosic compounds are responsible for providing the cohesive forces that stabilize the cell wall structure

A molecular model of hemicellulose

Hemicellulose is a highly branched heteropolysaccharide For example, Xylan occurs in sugar cane, corn and other crops



All of the chemical changes in the xylan structure regard the branches, mainly arabinose and glucuronic acid.

Our cell wall model

Two 4-chain cellulose fibrils immersed in a hydrogel of hemicellulose branches, e.g., arabinose and glucuronic acid monomers, which are considered as the solvent for the 3D-RISM-KH calculations



Effective interactions (PMF): hydrophobic faces

Separation of the hydrophobic faces of two cellulose fibrils



Different compositions and concentrations of the hemicellulose branches



Effective interactions (PMF): hydrophilic faces



Changes in hemicellulose composition affect cell wall stability

Aggregation Free Energy

Hydrophobic faces

Hydrophilic faces



The hemicellulose composition strongly modulates the cell wall recalcitrance Glucuronic acid & glucuronate are mainly responsible for the recalcitrance Hydrophilic and basic interactions have comparable contributions to recalcitrance

Site-specific cellulose-hemicellulose interactions



Arabinose and glucuronic acid bind the H-bond acceptors on the cellulose surface (secondary alcohols)

Glucuronate and acetate bind the H-bond donors on the cellulose surface (primary alcohols)

Cellulose-hemicellulose interactions: 3D solvation free energy density

$$\Delta \mu = \int \mathbf{d}\mathbf{r} \sum_{\gamma} \boldsymbol{\varPhi}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r})$$
$$\boldsymbol{\varPhi}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_{\gamma} k_{B} T \left[\frac{1}{2} h_{\gamma}^{2}(\mathbf{r}) - \frac{1}{2} h_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) c_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) - c_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) \right]$$



Intensity of solute-solvent effective adhesion over 3D spatial regions of the solvation shells

 $\Phi_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) < 0$ - adhesion $\Phi_{\gamma}(\mathbf{r}) > 0$ - expulsion

3D-SFED isosurfaces:

- are highly localized around polar sites on the cellulose microfiber surface
- indicate hemicellulose-cellulose H-bonding
- show diffuse second layer of hemicellulose monomers stacking over cellulose surface
- show weaker stacking interactions in the second layer, less specific than H-bonding
- show stacking due to hydrophobic and enhanced intermolecular C—H^{……}O interactions

Hemicellulose oligomers in lignin hydrogel



Hemicellulose model (solute): xylohexaose – a simplified model of xylan - in different conformations obtained from MD simulations

Lignin model (solvent): three different lignin monomers in a aqueous solution



Lignin monomers. The -OH in the middle of the aliphatic chain removed to mimic beta-O-4 lignin-lignin bond.

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Hemicellulose in lignin hydrogel: Solvation Free Energy



□ addition of –OCH₃ groups enhances hydrophobic interactions

by expulsion of water from the hydrophobic surfaces of hemicellulose

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For water, only specific H-bonding

For lignin hydrogel, mainly hydrophobic stacking with some H-bonding

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Summary on biomass conversion

Hemicellulose-cellulose interactions favor the aggregation of cellulose microfibrils in the plant cell wall:



- Basic groups of the glucuronate branches significantly contribute to cell wall stability
- The cellulose-hemicellulose interactions are highly site-specific and complementary

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Lignin – stacking Water – H-bonding

- Methoxy groups yield no H-bonding
- water hydrophobic HC surface interactions are replaced by lignin – hydrophobic HC surface interactions

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CONCLUSIONS

Molecular theory of solvation – an essential part of multiscale modeling

- Statistical-mechanical, 3D-RISM-KH molecular theory of solvation Solvation structure and thermodynamics of liquid and solution systems of a given composition, thermodynamic conditions, and local environment:
 - nonpolar and polar solvents, cosolvents, ionic liquids, electrolyte solutions
 - solid-liquid interfaces, macromolecules, biomolecules, nanoparticles, and nanoporous materials
 - polymeric solutions and melts, and soft matter systems
- Application to chemical nanosystems and nanobiomaterials, including:
 - Detection and placement of structural solvent in biomolecular systems
 - Protein-ligand mapping and fragment-based drug design
 - Cellulosic biomass and CNC based bionanomaterials
 - Adsorption on clays and other surfaces
 - Supramolecular systems in solution, including synthetic organic supramolecular nanoarchitectures (rosette nanotubes)

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