Implicit Solvation methods

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- **1.Definition of the Solvation Process**
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 - Dispersion Contribution: surface tension
 - Cavity Formation Contribution: Scaled Particle Theory
- 4. Commonly Used Solvation Models:

(PBF,PCM,COSMO,DelPhi,GB,SGB,etc)

- 5. Examples of Solvation Models
 - Fast Solvation Model (FSM)
 - Analytical Volume Generalized Born-Solvent Assessable Surface (AVGB-SAS)
 - Conductor-like Screening Model (COSMO)

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FREE-ENERGY OF SOLVATION, INTERACTION, AND BINDING OF ARBITRARY CHARGE-DISTRIBUTIONS IMBEDDED IN A DIELECTRIC CONTINUUM

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Definition of Solvation

Definition of solvation process

Ben-Naim:

The process of transferring one molecule from a fixed position in an ideal gas phase to a fixed position in the fluid phase at constant temperature and pressure. $\Delta G_{i/j}^{*sol}$ $\Delta G_{i/j}^{*cav}$ $\Delta G_{i/j}^{*cav}$

A. Ben-Naim, Solvation Thermodynamics, Pelunum Press, New York (1987)

Hydration: when water is the solvent

 $\Delta G_{i/j}^{*sol} : \text{solvation free energy}$ $\Delta G_{i/j}^{*cav} : \text{cavity formation free energy}$ $\Delta G_{i/j}^{*chg} : \text{charging free energy}$ i/j : solute i in solvent jc : total molar concentration

Solvation Methods in Molecular Simulations

Explicit Solvent vs. Implicit Solvent
 Explicit: considering the molecular details of each solvent molecules
 Implicit: treating the solvent as a continuous medium (Reaction Field Method)
 note: what are the physical origins of the response of solvent to the existence of solute?

Rigid Solute vs. Polarizable Solute Rigid (nonpolarizable): fixed atomic charges (or electron distribution), polarizable solvent [e.g., GB, SGB, AVGB]
Polarizable: considering the mutual polarization between the solute and solvent [e.g. PCM, PBF, COSMO, etc]



Elements in Solvation Free Energy

 $\Delta G^{sol} = \Delta G^{chg} + \Delta G^{cav} = \Delta G_{polar} + \Delta G_{disp}$

Long-Range Effects

Long range electrostatic interactions

(~1/r dependence)

- Also called polarization contributions
- Solute polarization (QM)
- Solvent polarization (ε)
- Poisson equation

 Dispersive interactions (~1/r⁶ dependence)

Mid-Range Effects

- Also called van der Waals contributions
- Usually assumed to be proportional to contact surface area
- Concept of tension parameters $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$

Short-Range Effects

- Repulsive interactions (~1/r¹² dependence)
- Usually assumed to be proportional to the volume of the cavity
- Scaled Particle Theory
- Also has the entropic penalty associated with the reorganization of the solvent molecules around the solute

Why Implicit Solvent?

Method	Explicit Solvent (all-atom description)	Implicit Solvent (Continuum description)
Pros	 Full details on the molecular structures Realistic physical picture of the system 	 No explicit solvent atoms Treatment of solute at highest level possible (QM)
Cons	 Many atoms> expensive Long runs required to equilibrate solvent to solute Often solvent and solute are not polarizable. Large fluctuations due to use of small system size 	 Need to define an artificial boundary between the solute and solvent No "good" model for treating short range effects (dispersion and cavity)

- Approximate distant interactions by assuming uniform distribution beyond cutoff: g(r) = 1 r > r_{cut}
- Corrections to thermodynamic properties
 - Internal energy

Expression for Lennard-Jones model

$$U_{lrc} = \frac{N}{2} \rho \int_{r_{cut}}^{\infty} u(r) 4\pi r^2 dr$$

Virial

$$U_{lrc}^{LJ} = \frac{8}{9}\pi N\rho\sigma^{3}\varepsilon \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r_{c}}\right)^{9} - 3\left(\frac{\sigma}{r_{c}}\right)^{3} \right]$$

$$P_{lrc} = \frac{1}{6}\rho^2 \int_{r_{cut}}^{\infty} r \frac{du}{dr} 4\pi r^2 dr$$

$$P_{lrc}^{LJ} = \frac{32}{9}\pi\rho^2\sigma^3\varepsilon \left[\left(\frac{\sigma}{r_c}\right)^9 - \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{\sigma}{r_c}\right)^3\right]$$

- Chemical potential $\mu_{lrc} = \rho \int_{r_{out}}^{\infty} u(r) 4\pi r^2 dr = 2 \frac{U_{lrc}}{N}$

For $r_c/\sigma = 2.5$, these are about 5-10% of the total values

Coulombic Long-Range Correction

- Coulombic interactions must be treated specially
 - very long range
 - 1/r form does not die off as quickly as volume grows

$$u^{tail} = \frac{N\rho}{2} \int_{r_c}^{\infty} dr u(r) 4\pi r^2$$

- Tail correction diverges unless u(r) decays faster than r⁻³
- So we can not use truncation plus long range correction for Coulombic and dipolar interactions
- Methods
 - Full lattice sum (Ewald summation)
 - Treat surroundings as dielectric continuum



Ewald Sum (Frenkel + Smit, Ch 12)

Consider a system of N positively and negatively charged particles in a volume V $(V=L^3).$ $\sum_{i} q_{i} = 0$

Assume charge neutrality

Coulomb energy of this N-particle system is given by

$$u_{Coul} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} q_i \phi(r_i)$$

 $\phi(r_i)$ is the electrostatic potential at the position of ion i

$$\phi(r_i) = \sum_{j,n} \frac{q_j}{r_i + nL}$$

The prime on the summation indicates that the sum is over all periodic images n and over all particles j, except j =i if n=0. The sum is conditionally convergent. : it contains a mixture of positive and negative terms Separately both the positive and negative terms form a divergent series. The sum of a conditionally convergent series depents on the order in which its terms are considered.



Cost of Ewald summation

Real space part of the energy involves evaluating (consider $\alpha^{1/2}$ = α

$$\Delta U = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \sum_{i \neq j} q_i \Delta \phi_j(r_{ij})$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} \operatorname{erfc}\left(\sqrt{\alpha} r_{ij}\right)$$

To ensure convergence of the real space part we need to choose α such that erfc is small at the real-space cutoff R. Suppose we specify small to be exp(-p). So p controls the accuracy. For large values of argument erfc behaves as exp(- $\alpha^2 r^2$). SO we demand

$$\alpha^2 r^2 = p$$

or $\alpha = p^{1/2}/R$ (1)

Fincham, Mol. Simulation, 13,1-9 (1994)

For reciprocal space we need to compute the following

$$U_{q} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i} q_{i} \phi(\mathbf{r}_{i})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\neq 0} \frac{4\pi V}{k^{2}} e^{-k^{2}/4\alpha} \sum_{i,j} \frac{q_{i}q_{j}}{V^{2}} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot(\mathbf{r}_{i}-\mathbf{r}_{j})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}\neq 0} \frac{4\pi V}{k^{2}} e^{-k^{2}/4\alpha} \left|\rho(\mathbf{k})\right|^{2}$$

The rate of convergence is controlled by the factor $\exp(-k^2/4 \alpha^2)$. Like before if we require the terms to have the value $\exp(-p)$ at the reciprocal cutoff K, then we have $p=K^2/4 \alpha^2$ or $K = 2\alpha p^{1/2}=2p/R$ (2)

Equ. 1 and 2 specify the choice of parameters α and reciprocal cutoff K once the accuracy parameter p and real space cutoff R have been chosen

Time estimate for Ewald summation

The number of ions within the cutoff sphere is $4\pi/3R^3n$, n is the number density Each of the N ions interacts with the other ions in the surrounding cutoff sphere, but each pair interactions needs to be considered only once. Thus

 $T_R = 1/2 N 4\pi/3R^3 nt_R$

The value of reciprocal space within a cutoff K is

 $\frac{4\pi}{3}K^3 = \frac{4\pi}{3}\frac{8p^3}{R^3}$

The reciprocal-space points are given by $k=2\pi/L(I,m,n)$, where I, m, n are integers. The volume of each reciprocal point is $(2\pi/L)^3$. The number of reciprocal points with the cutoff K is given by

$$\frac{4\pi}{3} \frac{8p^3}{R^3} \frac{L^3}{8\pi^3} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \left(\frac{p}{\pi}\right)^3 \frac{N}{nR^3} \quad \text{Where n = N/L^3}$$

This grows as N as the density of points in k-space increases with system

For each k-points a sum over over N ions needs to be performed and the execution time is

$$T_F = \frac{1}{2} \frac{4\pi}{3} \left(\frac{p}{\pi}\right)^3 \frac{N}{nR^3} t_F$$

So the total execution time for real space and k-space summation is given by

$$T = \frac{1}{2} \frac{4\pi}{3} \left[NnR^3 t_R + \left(\frac{p}{\pi}\right)^3 \frac{N}{nR^3} t_F \right]$$

For fixed p and R, T_R varies as N and T_F varies as N^2

To find the optimal value of *R* which minimizes the total execution time *T* we have dT/dR=0, which gives

$$R_{OPT} = \left(\frac{p}{\pi}\right)^{1/2} \left[\frac{t_F}{t_R}\right]^{1/6} \frac{N^{1/6}}{N^{1/3}}$$

This choice of optimal real-space cutoff gives the following optimal time

$$T_{OPT} = 2T_R = 2T_F = \frac{4\pi}{3} N^{3/2} \left(\frac{p}{\pi}\right)^{3/2} \left(t_R t_F\right)^{1/2}$$

When optimized it is equally divided between real and reciprocal space parts calculation and it grows as $N^{3/2}$

Different Ways of Defining the Solvation Cavity

Three Commonly Used Surfaces in Implicit Solvation

van der Waals surfaceSolvent AccessibleSurfaceSolvent ExcludedSurface(vdWS)(SAS)(SES)



Molecular surface Sometimes used in electrostatic and/or dispersion contribution calculations



Commonly used in electrostatic and/or dispersion contribution calculations Also used in dispersion and cavity contribution calculations

SASA



The Solvent Accessible Surface (transparent) of 3 carbon atoms with radius 1.7 Å (gray), as is traced by a probe of radius 1.4 Å (yellow.)

Electrostatic Interactions

The charge distributions of the solute and solvent play a fundamental role in the solvation process. The polar contribution to the solvation energy, ${}^{\Delta G}{}_{polar}$ includes the work necessary to create the solute's gas-phase charge distribution in solution and the work required to polarize the solute charge distribution.



Reorganization of the solvent around a solute charge and dielectric screening of intra-molecular interactions.

Electrostatic Interactions: Poisson Equation

•Poisson Eq.: Interaction between Solute and Continuum Solvent

 $-\nabla \cdot \left[\varepsilon(\vec{r}) \nabla \phi(\vec{r}) \right] = 4\pi \rho(\vec{r})$

 $\varepsilon(\vec{r})$: dielectric constant at position \vec{r}

if $\varepsilon = 1 \implies \phi(r) = \int dr' \frac{\rho(r')}{|r-r'|}$ Coulomb's law

- $\phi(\vec{r})$: electrostatic potential at \vec{r}
- $\rho(\vec{r})$: charge density at \vec{r}

•Apparent Surface Charges

$$\sigma = \frac{\varepsilon - 1}{4\pi\varepsilon} \nabla \phi_{in} \cdot \vec{n}$$

$$\Delta E_{polar} = \int_{V} d^{3}\vec{r}\varphi_{solvent}(\vec{r})\rho_{solute}(\vec{r}) = \int_{S} d^{2}\vec{r}\varphi_{solute}(\vec{r})\sigma_{scre}(\vec{r})$$

•Electrostatic Solvation Free Energy

$$\Delta G_{i/S}^{*ele} = \int_{\lambda=0}^{\lambda=1} d\lambda \Delta E_{i/S}^{*ele}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \Delta E_{i/S}^{*ele}(\lambda=1) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{V} d^{3}\vec{r} \phi(\vec{r}) \rho(\vec{r})$$

Electrolyte Solutions: Poisson-Boltzmann Equation

Poisson Equation

$$-\nabla \cdot \left[\varepsilon(\vec{r}) \nabla \phi(\vec{r}) \right] = 4\pi \rho(\vec{r}) \qquad \qquad \rho(\vec{r}) = \rho_{solute}(\vec{r}) + \rho_{ions}(\vec{r})$$

we assume that the ratio of the concentration of ion type *i* around the solute to its concentration far away from the solute is given by the Boltzmann distribution

$$\exp(-W_i(\vec{r})/k_B T)$$

 $W_i(\vec{r})$ is the work required to move the ion of type *i* from from infinity (where $\Phi(\infty) = 0$) to point r.

Assume we have only two types of ions, negative and positive (such that the total system is electrically neutral). So for each ionic species we have

 $W_1(\vec{r}) = +e_c \Phi(\vec{r}) \qquad \qquad W_2(\vec{r}) = -e_c \Phi(\vec{r})$

Electrolyte Solutions: Poisson-Boltzmann Equation

The concentration of each species is given by

$$M_{+} = M \exp(-e_{c} \Phi(\vec{r}) / k_{B}T)$$
 $M_{-} = M \exp(+e_{c} \Phi(\vec{r}) / k_{B}T)$

The charge density of ions around the solute should be

$$\rho_{ion}(\vec{r}) = e_c(M_+ - M_-) = -2Me_c \sinh\left(\frac{e_c\Phi(\vec{r})}{k_BT}\right)$$

Define ionic strength *I* in terms of slat concentration M

$$I = 0.5 \sum_{i=1}^{N} c_i z_i^2 = 1000M / N_A$$

Electrolyte Solutions: Poisson-Boltzmann Equation

The Poisson equation is written as

$$-\nabla \cdot \left(\varepsilon(\vec{r})\nabla \Phi(\vec{r})\right) + \kappa(\vec{r})^2 \sinh\left(\frac{e_c \Phi(\vec{r})}{k_B T}\right) = 4\pi\rho(\vec{r})$$

K is the Debye-Huckel parameter and is given by

$$\kappa(\vec{r}) = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi N_A e_c^2 I}{1000 \,\varepsilon(\vec{r}) k_B T}}$$

Expanding the hyperbolic sine function as Taylor series and keeping only the first term we have linearised Poisson-Boltamann equation

$$-\nabla \cdot \left(\varepsilon(\vec{r})\nabla \Phi(\vec{r})\right) + \kappa(\vec{r})^2 \Phi(\vec{r}) = 4\pi\rho(\vec{r})$$

The most common assumption for solving the PB equation is that the dielectric permittivity takes two values,

$$\mathcal{E}_{in}$$
 in the solute cavity \mathcal{E}_{out} for outside

electrostatic free energy of solvation can be obtained by solving this equation twice, once with the solute inside the solvent dielectric and once with the solute in vacuum and can be written as

$$\Delta G_{polar} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{N} q_i \left(\Phi^{solv}(\vec{r}_i) - \Phi^{vac}(\vec{r}_i) \right)$$

Exact analytical solutions of the PB or in the absence of salt, the Poisson equation, are not possible except for very few simple cases with simple solute shape like proteins treated as spherical cavities or DNA is modeled as a charged cylinder..

Theory of Protein Titration Curves. I. General Equations for Impenetrable Spheres

By Charles Tanford¹ and John G. Kirkwood

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For many years the theory of titration curves of impenetrable proteins has been based on a model which represents the protein molecule as a sphere with a continuous and uniform distribution of charge on its surface. In this paper this model is replaced by a more realistic one in which the charges are taken to be discrete unit charges located at fixed positions. General equations are obtained which express the titration curve as a function of the locations of ionizable sites and of their intrinsic properties. It is concluded that the intrinsic properties may themselves be quite sensitive to the location of the dissociable site with respect to the surface of the protein molecule.

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Free Energy of Solvation, Interaction, and Binding of Arbitrary Charge Distributions Imbedded in a Dielectric Continuum

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A theoretical treatment of solvation and interaction of two arbitrary charge distributions imbedded in a dielectric continuum solvent is presented. The electrostatic component of the total free energy of such a charge assembly contains contributions from the solvation energies of each charge distribution, and modified Coulomb interaction energies between the two charge distributions. The theory developed is illustrated for special cases along with an application to the interaction between two ions in a continuum solvent.

Not very useful! simplifications needed in the shape of the solute limit severely the applicability of the model to realistic systems. Numerical solution is developed.

Solution to the Poisson Equation for Real Molecules



Solvent Polarization: Poisson Equation

$$-\nabla \cdot \left[\varepsilon(\vec{r}) \nabla \phi(\vec{r}) \right] = 4\pi \rho(\vec{r})$$

Solute Polarization: Shrödinger Equation

 $H(\rho,\sigma) = H^{(0)}(\rho) + V_{\text{int}}(\rho,\sigma)$



- •Numerical solution, CPU intensive, scales as $O(N^3)$
- •Lack of gradients (atomic forces)
- •Accuracy depends on grid resolution.
- •Not parallelizable, QM implementations available
- •Applications show successful predictions.

Approximate Solutions for the Continuum Dielectric Model

Multipole Expansions:

Electrostatic potential is determined by assuming very simple shapes for the solute cavity and using limited multipole expansions to represent the solute charge distribution. The electrostatic potential can be written as a series of spherical harmonic terms.

Distance Dependent Dielectric (DDD) methods

the solvent molecules surrounding the solute are polarized due to the solute charge distribution. This generates a reaction field, which in turn polarizes the solute. The intramolecular coulombic interactions are screened because of the surrounding solvent molecules. Dielectric permittivity taken to be distance dependent and given by a sigmoid profiles

$$\mathcal{E}(r_{ij}) = A + \frac{B}{1 + k \exp(-\lambda B r_{ij})}$$

Distance Dependent Dielectric (DDD) methods



Srinivasan J., Trevathan M. W., Beroza P., Case D. A., *Theor. Chem. Acc.*, **101**, 426 (1999)

Analytical Solutions to the Poisson Equation

•Born Model: point charge in a spherical cavity

The electrostatic energy G_{pol} of a charged dielectric sphere of radius R and charge q, embedded in a dielectric of permittivity ϵ can be calculated by

$$\int \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = 4\pi q$$

$$G_{pol} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int E^2 dv = \frac{q^2}{2\varepsilon R}$$

q R E

Assume that the sphere has interior dielectric of 1, and it is reversibly transferred from the vacuum to a medium of dielectric permittivity ϵ , the change in the electrostatic free energy is given by

$$\Delta G_{pol} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right) \frac{q^2}{R}$$

More general expression

$$\Delta G_{pol} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{in}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{out}} \right) \frac{q^2}{R}$$

Analytical Solutions to the Poisson Equation

•Born Model: point charge in a spherical cavity

$$\Delta G_{i/S}^{*ele} = -\frac{\varepsilon - 1}{2\varepsilon} \frac{q^2}{R}$$

(energies in electrostatic unit)

•Bell Model: rigid dipole in a spherical cavity

$$\Delta G_{i/S}^{*ele} = -\frac{\varepsilon - 1}{2\varepsilon + 1} \frac{\mu^2}{R^3}$$

•Onsager: polarizable dipole in a spherical cavity

$$\Delta G_{i/S}^{*ele} = -\frac{\varepsilon - 1}{2\varepsilon + 1} \frac{\mu^2}{R^3} \left[1 - \frac{\varepsilon - 1}{2\varepsilon + 1} \frac{\alpha}{R^3} \right]^{-1}$$







Simplifications: 1. Generalized Born Approximation

• Polar Solvation Energy of a charged centered at spherical cavity of radius R in dielectric medium ε (Born):

$$\Delta G_{pol} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{in}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{out}} \right) \frac{q^2}{R}$$

•System of N spheres of radii α_i , far away from each other:

$$\Delta G_{pol} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{in}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{out}} \right) \left[\sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{q_i^2}{\alpha_i} + \sum_{i \neq j=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}} \right]$$

•Generalized Born (Still et al., 1990):

$$\Delta G_{pol} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{in}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{out}} \right) \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{q_i q_j}{f_{ij}} \quad f_{ij} = \left(r_{ij}^2 + \alpha_{ij}^2 e^{-\frac{r_{ij}^2}{4\alpha_{ij}^2}} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = \sqrt{\alpha_i \alpha_j} \quad \alpha_i : \text{Born radius for atom i}$$





The Generalized Born Model

•Interpolation formula:

$$f_{ij} = \sqrt{r_{ij}^2 + \alpha_i \alpha_j \exp\left(-r_{ij}^2 / 4\alpha_i \alpha_j\right)}$$

•Limit
$$r_{ij} = 0 \Longrightarrow f_{ii} = \alpha_i$$

$$\Delta G_{pol} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{in}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{out}} \right) \frac{q_i^2}{\alpha_i}$$
 (Born Formula)

•Limit $r_{ij} \to \infty \Longrightarrow f_{ij} \to r_{ij}$

$$\Delta G^{ij}{}_{pol} \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{in}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{out}} \right) \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$$
 (Coulomb Limit)

•If we set all charges to zero except q_k , we get:

$$\Delta G_{pol} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{in}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{out}} \right) \frac{q_k^2}{\alpha_k}$$

•Parameters α_k are the Born Radii.

•Physical Meaning: the effective radius of an ion of charge q_k , whose solvation energy is equal to the self-energy of polarization of atom in the molecule.

•Difficult to calculate.

Accuracy of Interpolation Formula



How to compute Born Radii

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Ghosh A., Rapp C. S., Friesner R. A., *J. Phys. Chem. B*, **102**, 10983 (1998)

Zhang L. Y., Gallichio E., Friesner R. A., Levy R. M., *J. Comp. Chem.*, **22**, 591 (2001)

Simplifications: 1. Generalized Born: Born Radii

• The Born radius of an atom corresponds to the radius that would return the electrostatic energy of the system according to the Born equation if all of the other molecules in the system were uncharged.



$$\Delta G_{pol} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\varepsilon - 1}{\varepsilon} \right) \frac{q_i^2}{\alpha_i}$$

•It can be proven that (Still et al., 1990):

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_{k}} = \frac{1}{R_{k}} - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{V} \frac{1}{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k}\right|^{4}} d^{3}r$$

Require volume integral

•S-GB (Surface area based GB, Ghosh et al., 1998):

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_{k}} = \frac{1}{R_{k}} - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{S} \frac{(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k}) \cdot \vec{n}}{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k}\right|^{4}} d^{2}r$$

Require surface integral

The electrostatic self-energy of solvation of an atom is due to the interaction of the solute charge distribution $\rho(r)$ with the induced dipoles of the solvent. This is called the reaction field $\Phi(r)$ and is responsible for polarizing the solute atoms. The polarization is described by the induced surface charge $\sigma_{pol}(r)$ on the surface of the solute atoms

$$\Phi_{reac}(\vec{r}) = \prod_{S} \frac{\sigma_{pol}(\vec{R})}{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{R}\right|} d^{2}R$$

S is the solvent accessible surface of the solute. So the solvation free energy is given by

$$\Delta G_{pol} = \frac{1}{2} \int \rho(\vec{r}) \Phi_{reac}(\vec{r}) d^3 r$$

Assuming that the solute charge distribution is a set of N point charges q_k located at points r_k

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} q_k \delta(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k) \Delta G_{pol} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{N} q_k \prod_{S} \frac{\sigma_{pol}(\vec{r})}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k|} d^2 r$$

Now apply Gauss law on the boundary surface that separates the two dielectrics ϵ_{in} and ϵ_{out}

$$\prod_{s} \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{s} = 4\pi q$$

or,

$$\left(\vec{E}_{out} - \vec{E}_{in}\right) \cdot \hat{n} = 4\pi\sigma_{pol}\Delta S$$

 \hat{n} is the normal to the boundary surface \vec{E} is the electric field due to the local polarization charge density

$$\sigma_{pol}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{in}}{\varepsilon_{out}} - 1 \right) \vec{E}_{in}(\vec{r}) \cdot \hat{n}$$

If we set all charges to zero except q_k , we get:

$$\Delta G_{pol,k} = \frac{1}{8\pi} q_k \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{in}}{\varepsilon_{out}} - 1 \right) \iint_{S} \frac{\vec{E}_{in}(\vec{r}) \cdot \hat{n}}{\left| \vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k} \right|} d^2 r$$

Note that for point charge q_k , located at r_k in a spherical cavity we have $\vec{E}_{in}(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{in}} q_k \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k|^3}$

So we have expression for the self-energy in terms of the geometry of the system

$$\Delta G_{pol,k} = -\frac{1}{8\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{in}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{out}} \right) q_k^2 \iint_{S} \frac{\left(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k\right) \cdot \hat{n}}{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k\right|^4} d^2 r$$

The use of Coulomb's law for the electric field is exact only in the case of a single charge q_k in the center of a spherically symmetric cavity. We can expect that this approximation for the local electrostatic field will be valid for cases that the molecule's surface is locally convex. This approximation is known as the "Coulombic approximation"

Coulombic approximation works very well for a diverse set of molecules.

Now use Green's theorem to convert the surface integral to a volume integral

$$\prod_{\partial V=S} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_{V} \nabla \cdot \vec{A} \, d^3 r$$

$$\vec{A} = \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k}{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_k\right|^4}$$

break the integration over the solute volume into two regions: the volume of a sphere of radius R_k and and the volume of the solute excluding the sphere of radius R_k

$$\iint_{\partial V=S} \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k}}{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k}\right|^{4}} \cdot d\vec{s} = \int_{V} \nabla \cdot \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k}}{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k}\right|^{4}} d^{3}r$$
$$= \int_{\Omega_{k}} \nabla \cdot \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k}}{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k}\right|^{4}} d^{3}r + \int_{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k}\right| \leq R_{k}} \nabla \cdot \frac{\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k}}{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k}\right|^{4}} d^{3}r$$

$$\int_{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{k}|\leq R_{k}} \nabla \cdot \frac{\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{k}}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{k}|^{4}} d^{3}r = \iint_{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{k}|=R_{k}} \frac{\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{k}}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{k}|^{4}} \cdot d\vec{s}$$

$$= \frac{R_{k}}{R_{k}^{4}} 4\pi R_{k}^{2}$$

$$= \frac{4\pi}{R_{k}}$$
Identity
$$\nabla \cdot \left(\frac{\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{k}}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{k}|^{4}}\right) = -\frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{k}|^{4}} \qquad \nabla \cdot \left(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{k}\right) = 3$$
Finally we get
$$\int_{\partial V=S} \frac{\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{k}}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{k}|^{4}} \cdot d\vec{s} = \frac{4\pi}{R} - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\Omega_{k}} \frac{1}{|\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{k}|^{4}} d^{3}r$$

Finally we have

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_{k}} = \frac{1}{R} - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\Omega_{k}} \frac{1}{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{k}\right|^{4}} d^{3}r$$

Volume integral is very difficult to be calculated analytically for cases of arbitrary molecular geometry.

Numerical integration

The asymptotic model: ad-hoc analytical model for Born radii

The pairwise descreening approximation (PDA)

□The surface generalized Born model (SGB)

The overlapping spheres approximation and the analytical volume model

Dispersion Free Energy





AVGB Solvation Energy

Zamanakos, Phd thesis (Caltech), 2002

•Long-Range Effects:

$$\Delta G_{pol} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_{in}} - \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{out}} \right) \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{q_i q_j}{\sqrt{r_{ij}^2 + \alpha_i \alpha_j} \exp\left(-\frac{r_{ij}^2}{4\alpha_i \alpha_j}\right)}$$
$$\frac{1}{\alpha_k} = \frac{1}{R_k} - \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{k' \neq k} \int_{V_{k'}} \frac{1}{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{r_k}\right|^4} d^3 r$$

•Short-Range Effects:

$$\Delta G_{vdW} + \Delta G_{cav} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sigma_i A_i$$

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The Fused-Sphere Model

•Analytical calculation of volumes and areas, with gradients

Complicated topologies

Robust algorithms



An example of the fused-sphere model: The central atom (white) is surrounded by a number of neighbors that define its exposed surface area and volume

Area Calculation

Zamanakos, Phd thesis (Caltech), 2002





Determine GB-paths



•Identify GB-points (intersection of two neighbors on surface of atom)

•Group GB-points that belong to the same GB-path

•Order GB-points in a CCW fashion to identify GB-paths

Key property: edges of IHS pierce atom at the GB-points

Decomposition into Building Blocks



Volume Calculation



$$V_{i} = \sum_{j=1}^{M} \frac{1}{3} g_{ij} A_{ij} + \frac{1}{3} r_{i} S_{i}^{\exp}$$

Volume Calculation



$$A_{ij} = \sum_{\mu=1}^{M_{ij}^{seg}} \frac{1}{2} h_{\mu} t_{\mu} + \sum_{\lambda=1}^{M_{ij}^{arcs}} \frac{1}{2} a_{ij} S_{\lambda}$$

COSMO solvation

COnductor-like Screening MOdel (COSMO)

- Consider the solvent being a conductor
- Net potential at solute-solvent boundary is zero
- Screening charge $\sigma(r_{\rm b})$ can be obtained in a single step

 $\phi(\vec{r}_b) = \phi_{solute}(\vec{r}_b) + \phi_{solvent}(\vec{r}_b) = 0$ for all \vec{r}_b at boundary

$$\phi_{solute}(\vec{r}_{b}) = \int d^{2}\vec{r} \frac{\rho(r)}{\left|\vec{r} - \vec{r}_{b}\right|}$$

$$\phi_{solvent}(\vec{r}_{b}) = \int d^{2}\vec{r}_{v} \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}_{v})}{\left|\vec{r}_{v} - \vec{r}_{b}\right|} = \sum_{v \neq b} \frac{\sigma(\vec{r}_{v})}{\left|\vec{r}_{v} - \vec{r}_{b}\right|} + a\sigma(\vec{r}_{b})$$

•Solvation free energy from the screening charges

$$\Delta G_{i/S}^{*ele} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta E_{i/S}^{*ele} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{b} \sigma(\vec{r}_{b}) \phi(\vec{r}_{b})$$

Cavity Formation Free Energy: Scaled Particle Theory

•Cavity Formation Free Energy:

Work to create a cavity of size V in solution Related to the probability of finding a void of size V in solution

 $\Delta G_{i/S}^{*cav}(v) = -kT \ln p_0(v)$

•The Scaled Particle Theory: (Reiss et al. 1959)

Hard sphere solute (σ_i) in hard sphere solvent (σ_i)

$$\Delta G^{SPT}(r) = K_0 + K_1 r + K_2 r^2 + K_3 r^3 \qquad r = \frac{\sigma_i + \sigma_j}{2}$$

•Modified Scaled Particle Theory:

Molecular shape solute (σ_{i}) in hard sphere solvent (σ_{i})

$$\Delta G_{i/S}^{*cav} = \sum_{i}^{spheres} \frac{A_i}{4\pi r_i} \Delta G_i^{SPT}(r_i)$$

SAS r_{cav} σ

An Example of Solvation Energy Calculation

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Amovilli and Mennucci

			ΔG_{sol} components (kcal/mol)							
solute	W_1^a	W_2^a	iec	pol	rep	disp	cav	tot	exp^b	err
H ₂ O	DZP+s,p,d		1.0	-8.2	1.7	-4.6	4.2	-6.0	-6.3	0.3
NH3	DZP+s,p,d		0.8	-6.1	2.3	-5.7	4.6	-4.2	-4.3	0.1
H_2O_2	DZP+s,p,d		1.2	-10.2	1.9	-6.7	5.6	-8.3	-8.7	0.4
N_2	DZP+s,p,d		0.0	-0.2	0.7	-3.9	5.4	2.0	2.3	-0.3
CH ₄	DZP+s,p,d		0.0	-0.2	2.0	-5.5	6.0	2.3	2.0	0.3
CH_4	DZP	s,p,d	0.0	-0.2	2.0	-6.0	6.0	1.8	2.0	-0.2
CH ₄	MINI	2s,2p,2d	0.0	-0.4	2.0	-6.6	6.0	2.0	2.0	0.0
CO	DZP+s,p,đ		0.1	-0.9	0.7	-4.0	5.5	1.4	2.2	-0.8
HCHO	DZP+s,p,đ		1.3	-7.2	1.4	-5.6	6.2	-3.9	-1.7	-2.2
HCN	DZP+s,p,d		1.2	-6.9	1.6	-4.7	6.0	-2.8	-3.2	0.4
N_2H_4	DZP+s,p,đ		1.7	-10.0	2.2	-8.2	6.5	-7.8	-9.3	1.5
CH3OH	DZP+s,p,d		0.9	-6.8	2.2	-7.5	7.2	-4.0	-5.1	1.1
C_2H_2	DZP+s,p,d		0.2	-3.2	1.5	-5.1	6.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
C_2H_4	DZP+s,p,d		0.1	-1.3	2.8	-7.1	7.5	1.9	1.3	0.6
CH ₃ NH ₂	DZP	s,p,d	0.6	-5.3	2.2	-8.4	7.7	-3.2	-4.6	1.4
C_2H_6	DZP	s,p,d	0.0	-0.2	2.5	-8.8	8.8	2.2	1.8	0.4
CH ₃ CHO	DZP	s,p,d	1.5	-7.9	2.0	-8.6	8.8	-4.2	-3.5	-0.7
C ₂ H ₅ OH	DZP	s,p,d	0.8	-6.8	2.6	-10.0	9.9	-3.5	-5.0	1.5
C_3H_8	MINI	2s,2p,2d	0.0	-0.5	4.3	-12.9	11.5	2.4	2.0	0.4
CH3COCH3	MINI	2s,2p,2d	0.8	-4.8	3.0	-13.1	11.6	-2.5	-3.8	1.3
C_6H_6	MINI	2s,2p,2d	0.2	-2.7	4.7	-15.8	12.7	-0.9	-0.9	0.0
$n-C_8H_{18}$	MINI	2s,2p,2d	0.0	-1.3	8.6	-28.3	27.0	5.9	3.0	2.9
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				∧ G *ele		∧ G *disp	٨	S *cav		

TABLE 2: Computed Solvation Free Energies, and Their Components, of Different Solutes in Water at 298 K

Commonly Used Solvation Models

Model Name	ΔG^{*ele}	$\Delta {f G}^{ m *disp}$	$\Delta \mathbf{G}^{*cav}$	
	solute polarization/solvent pol.			
PBF (Jaguar)	QM/Finite Difference	surface tension		
PCM (Gaussian)	QM/Apparent Charge	surface tension	SPT	
COSMO-RS QM/Conductor		surface tension		
DelPhi	Point Charge/Finite Difference	surface tension		
GB/SA	Point Charge/GB	surface tension		
SGB-SAS	Point Charge/SGB	surface tension		
FSM	none	surface te	nsion	

Continuum Methods Accuracy •Jaguar (QM) with PBF (finite element PB solver):

•Self-Consistent Reaction Field method to converge wavefunction

•Solvation energies are calculated within 0.2 kcal/mol of experiment

•pKa calculations are calculated within 1 unit for organics.

•Forces are calculated : get optimum geometry for solvated molecule

•SGB: Surface Generalized Born Algorithm

•Parameterized against dense mesh PBF results for organics

•Absolute Energies: within ~ 2 kcal/mol for polypeptides (400 atoms)

•Relative Energies: Accurate ranking of polypeptide conformations

•Performance: depends on surface area (not volume) leads to better scaling with system size. Roughly 10x faster than PBF.

•Parallelizable: atomic terms can be done independently: excellent distribution of work allows for very large simulations.

Comparison of Solvation Models

	Exp.	PBF (1)	SGB	Jaguar	FSM
Name	RMS	1.49	2.93	0.81	0.96
methane	2.00	1.92	1.34	1.16	0.31
ethane	1.83	2.16	1.60	1.76	0.44
propane	1.95	2.31	1.44	1.74	0.53
butane	2.08	2.47	1.51	1.74	0.61
2-methylpropane	2.32	2.39	1.29	1.40	1.62
pentane	2.33	2.63	1.76	2.00	0.73
2-methylbutane	2.38	2.57	1.46	1.17	1.38
2,2-dimethylpropane	2.50	2.44	1.24	1.67	0.88
hexane	2.48	2.81	1.74	2.12	0.79
2,2-dimethylbutane	2.59	2.67	1.29	1.96	0.89
heptane	2.62	2.97	1.79	2.61	0.89
2,2-dimethylpentane	2.88	2.80	1.51	1.86	0.98
octane	2.89	3.14	2.06	2.38	1.00
cyclopropane	0.75	1.62	1.19	0.04	0.23
cyclopentane	1.20	2.47	1.83	2.09	0.48
cyclohexane	1.23	2.61	1.95	1.73	0.58
methylcyclopentane	1.60	2.56	1.49	1.46	1.56
cycloheptane	0.80	2.72	2.04	1.30	0.65
methylcyclohexane	1.71	2.67	1.72	1.12	1.37
cyclooctane	0.86	2.85	2.16	0.95	0.75
1,2-dimethylcyclohexane	1.58	2.82	1.70	0.58	1.45
cyclopentene	0.56	1.81	1.18	0.42	0.28
cyclohexene	0.37	1.74	1.28	0.78	0.43
1-methylcyclohexene	0.67	2.16	1.53	0.96	0.28
1,3,5-cycloheptatriene	-0.99	0.09	0.21	-1.66	-0.16
benzene	-0.86	-0.44	0.17	-2.09	-1.29
methylbenzene	-0.89	-0.04	0.32	-2.17	-1.26
1,4-dimethylbenzene	-0.80	0.48	0.66	-2.12	-1.27

Efficiency



Examples: 1. Fast Solvation Model (FSM)

Fast Solvation Model

- -Developed by Dr. Mario Blanco
- -Available in Cerius2

$$\Delta G_{i/S}^{*sol} = \Delta G_{i/S}^{*lee} + \Delta G_{i/S}^{*lisp} + \Delta G_{i/S}^{*cav} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sigma_i A_i$$

Parameters: 78 surface tension coefficients (103 atomic radii)
Parameters fitted to 376 small molecules in water (Cabani Set)
SES used

- •Good for nonpolar solutes, worse for polar solutes
 - RMS (kcal/mol): 0.26 (HC), 0.78 (O), 1.21 (N), 1.99 (F), 1.52 (Cl, Br, I), 0.16 (S,P)

Examples: 1. Fast Solvation Model: Example

Hydration free energy of 2-propanol



Atom Type	Surf. Tension	Area (A^2)	Solvation		
H_MET	0.0132	39.7501	0.5247		
H_ALC	-0.1381	6.5777	-0.9084		
C_31	0.0054	33.3833	0.1803		
C_03	-0.0391	5.3865	-0.2106		
O_31	-0.2988	13.8971	-4.1525		
Total Area =99.0 (A^2)					
Solvation Free Energy = -4.57 Kcal/mol					

Expt value: -4.76 Kcal/mo

Examples: 2. AVGB-SAS

•Analytical Volume Generalized Born- Solvent Accessible Surface

- -Developed by Dr. Georgios Zamanakos
- -Available in MPSim



Solvent accessible surface areas and solvent excluded volumes must be calculated fast and accurately

Examples: 2. AVGB-SAS: Example



Valence				
Bonds :	0.62474			
Angles :	0.96765			
Torsion :	0.00697			
Inversions :	0			
Nonl	oond			
Nonbond :	-101.03811			
Coulomb :	-103.55434			
VDW :	2.51624			
Hbonds :	0			
Solvation				
FSM - Cavity :	-0.33879			
FSM - Polar :	-5.27538			
Total Solvation	-5.61417			

Examples: 2. AVGB-SAS: Hydration Free Energy

•Parameters: 78 surface tension coefficients (103 atomic radii)

•Parameters fitted to 376 small molecules in water (Cabani Set)

•Overall RMS: 0.74 kcal/mol



AVGB-SAS vs Experiment

Examples: 2. AVGB-SAS: B-DNA Dynamics



Examples: 3. COSMO-RS/COSMO-SAC

•COSMO-for realistic solvent (RS)/segment activity coefficient (SAC)

- -Developed by Klamt and coworkers/ST Lin and coworkers
- -Available in Cerius²/DMol³



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