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Multiscale methods for complex fluids

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- Understanding (bio-)physical properties
- Structure, function and stability of proteins
- Water and organic solvent (effective open boundary)
- Influence of co-solvents
- Mixed solvent (open systems MD is needed)

Aim:

- 1: Grand (semi) canonical approach for (bio-)molecules in mixed solvents
- 2: Study large scale conformational transition of macromolecules



Why aqueous mixtures?

Cytochrome C: Stable structure in water







Peptide (tri-glycine) + $CO(NH_2)_2 + H_2O$





Why aqueous mixtures?



Zhang and Wu, Physical Review Letters 86, 822 (2001). Mukherji and Kremer, Macromolecules (accepted 2013). Fluctuation theory of Kirkwood-Buff

Fluctuation theory: Thermodynamic properties from microscopic (pair-wise) molecular distributions



$$\begin{split} \mathbf{G}_{\mathrm{ij}} &= V \left[\frac{\left\langle N_{\mathrm{i}} N_{\mathrm{j}} \right\rangle - \left\langle N_{\mathrm{i}} \right\rangle \left\langle N_{\mathrm{j}} \right\rangle}{\left\langle N_{\mathrm{i}} \right\rangle \left\langle N_{\mathrm{j}} \right\rangle} - \frac{\delta_{\mathrm{ij}}}{\left\langle N_{\mathrm{j}} \right\rangle} \right] \\ &= 4\pi \int_{0}^{\infty} \left[\mathbf{g}_{\mathrm{ij}}^{\mu \mathrm{VT}}(r) - 1 \right] r^{2} dr, \end{split}$$

- Solvation energy
- Chemical potential
- Partial molar volume
- Activity coefficient
- Compressibility

Kirkwood and Buff, J. Chem. Phys. 19, 774 (1951).

Excess (depletion) coordination number

$$\Delta N_{ij} = \rho_j G_{ij}$$



Fluctuation theory of Kirkwood-Buff



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Kirkwood-Buff integrals



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Problems with closed boundary setup

- Non-ideal mixture (water-cosolvent)
- (Bio-)physical processes are intimately linked to large density fluctuations (conformational transition)
- Excess in one region leads to depletion elsewhere
- KBI does not converge
- Thermodynamics away from a protein structure is poorly defined



Mukherji, van der Vegt, Kremer, and Delle Site, J. Chem. Theory Comp. (Letter) 8, 375 (2012).



Alternative method



Schnell et al, J. Phys. Chem. B 115, 10911 (2011).



Alternative method



Kruger et al, J. Phys. Chem. Lett. 4, 235 (2013).



(Bio-)Macromolecular solvation



Cytochrome C in organic solvent



PolyNIPAm in mixed solvent



Adaptive Resolution Molecular Dynamics Scheme



Praprotnik, Delle Site, and Kremer, J. Chem. Phys., 123, 224106 (2005).







Reith, Pütz, and Müller-Plathe, J. Comp. Chem. Theory Comp. 24, 1624 (2003).

(Wixture)











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Our Goal







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Solvation of tri-glycine: Urea-water

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Auton and Bolen, PNAS 102, 15065 (2005).



• We are still simulating a big NVT with different regions.



- Particle replacement in all-atom representation of complex incompressible fluid is almost impossible
- It might be possible, if the molecules are represented by spherically symmetric beads



Our Goal: PE-AdResS





KBI: aqueous methanol





Poly-NIPAm: Thermo responsive





Poly-NIPAm in aqueous methanol



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Poly-NIPAm chemical potential





- A semi-grand canonical (open boundary) approach for the equilibrium conformational sampling of (bio-)macromolecules
- KBI can be efficiently calculated within reasonable accuracy
- Use the approach for biologically more relevant systems
- General purpose technique that can be used for a broad range of applications







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