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Simulation methods and molecular interactions: Challenges and opportunities

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OUTLINE OF THE TALK

MOTIVATION

EQUATION OF MOTIONS

EVALUATION OF FORCE FIELDS

A NEW STRATEGY TO PARAMETERIZE

RESULTS FOR POLAR AND IONIC LIQUIDS

CONCLUSIONS

MOTIVATION.

DEVELOPING SOLVENTS FOR DIFFERENT APPLICATIONS.

MOST OF THE WORK IN A LAB ARE TRIAL AND ERROR

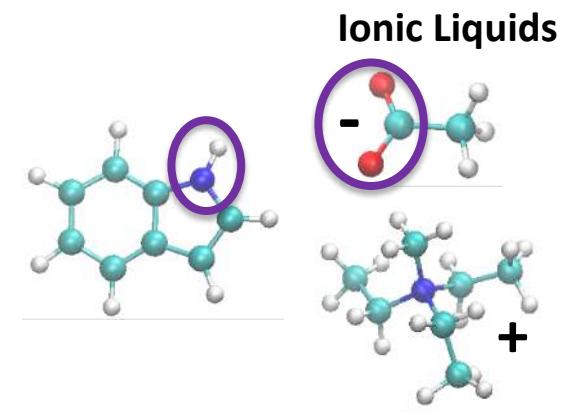
1. SOLUBILITY OF DRUGS.

~90% OF MOLECULES WITH PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTIVITY ARE LEFT IN THE LAB BECAUSE THEIR WEAK SOLUBILITY IN WATER → Reduced bioavailability

2. EXTRACTION OF CONTAMINANTS IN OIL AND IN DIESEL.

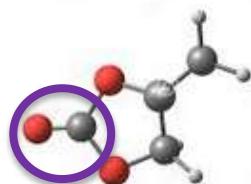
OIL → AROMATIC COMPOUNDS WHICH PRODUCE CANCER

DIESEL → NITROGEN COMPOUNDS THAT BLOCK THE CATALYTIC CONVERTER

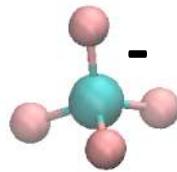


3. ELECTROLYTES FOR LITHIUM ION BATTERIES

SOLVENTS WITH HIGH IONIC CONDUCTIVITY
AND LESS REACTIVE



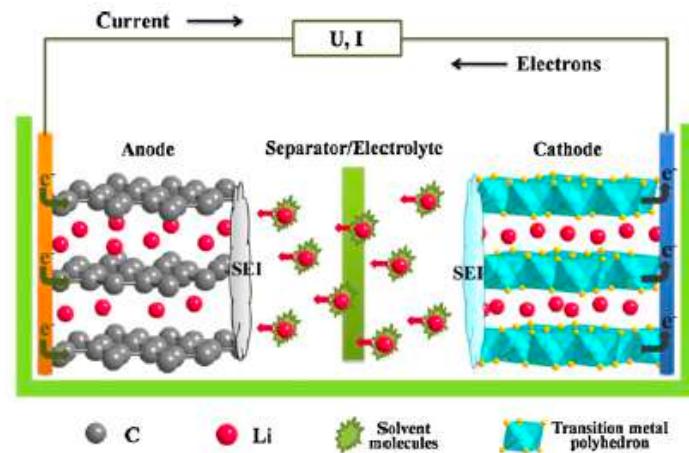
Propylene
Carbonate



BF₄



Li

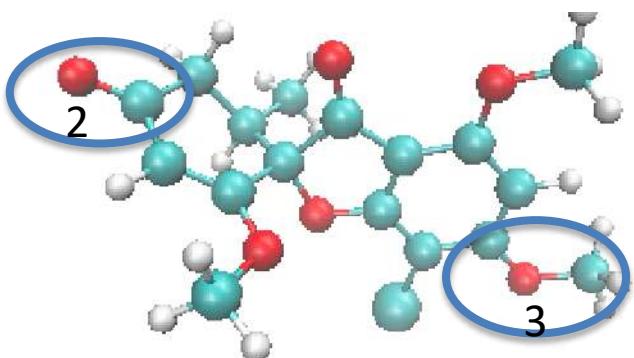


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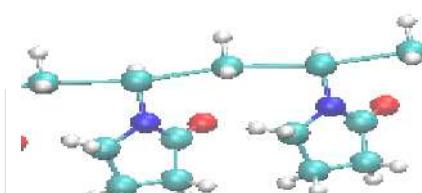
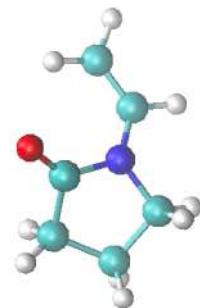
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POLYMERS → Drug-Polymer interactions

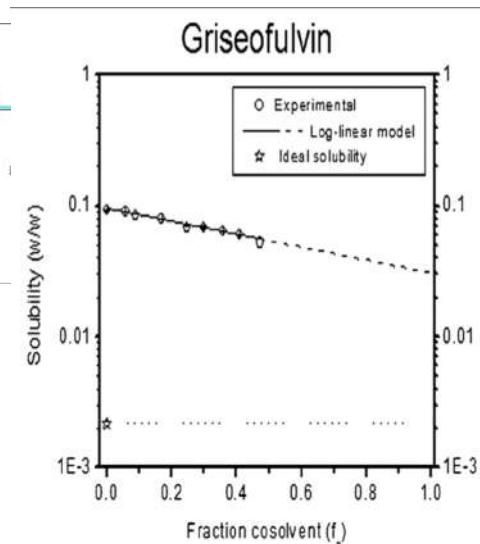


GRISEOFULVIN
Skin problems

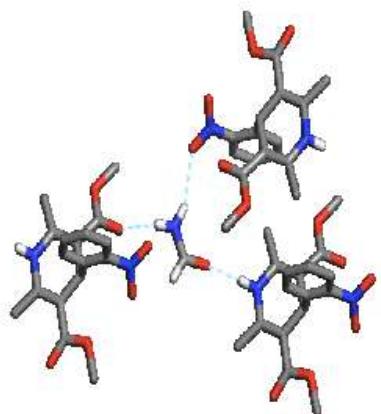
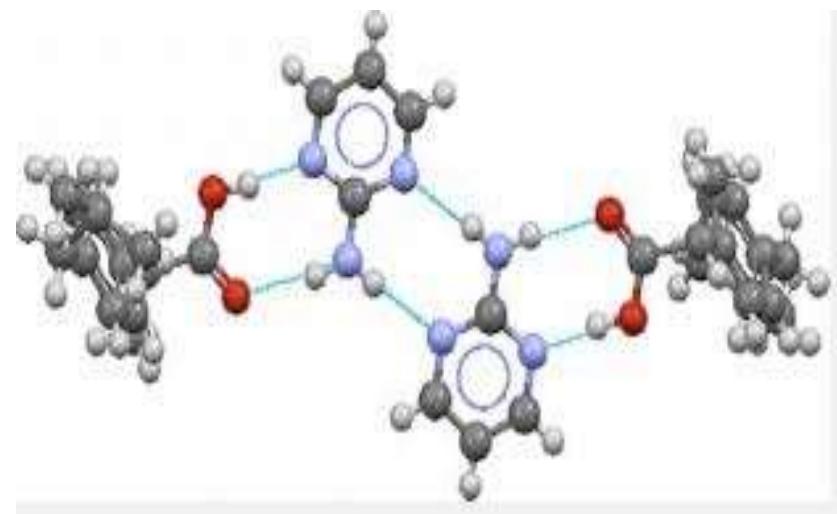
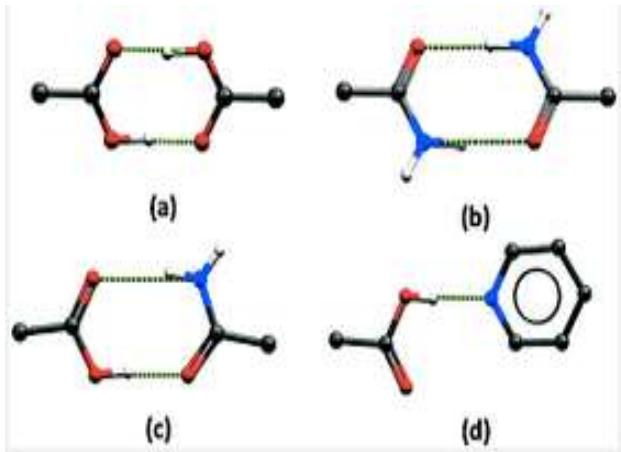
Monomer



polymer

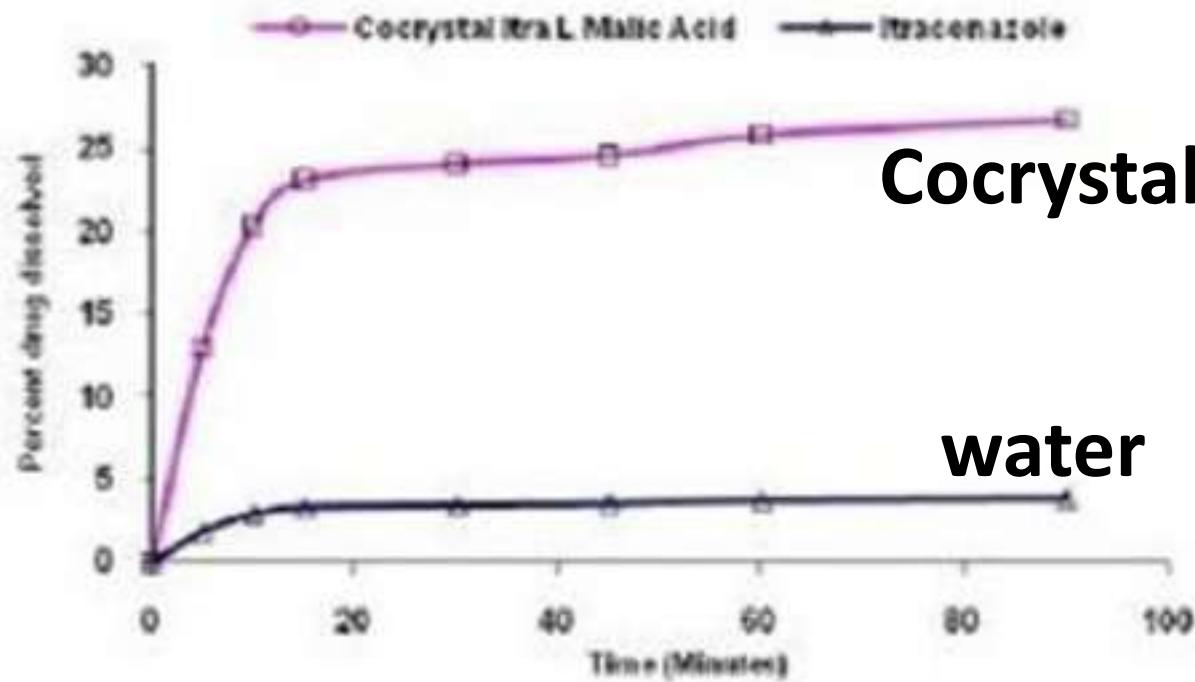


Cocrystals: Hydrogen bond formation



NIFEDIPIINE → NOT SOLUBLE IN WATER
FORMAMIDE → SOLUBLE IN WATER

COCRYSTAL
NIFEDIPIINE-FORMAMIDE



Cocrystal+water

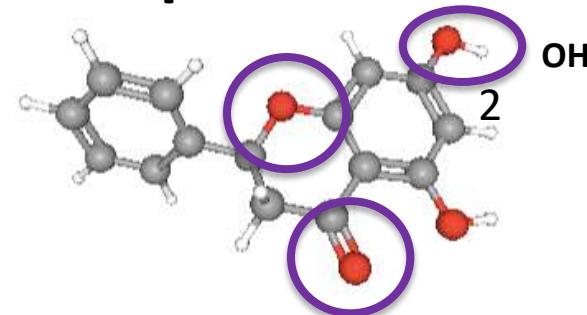
water

Dissolution Profiles in 0.1 N HCl

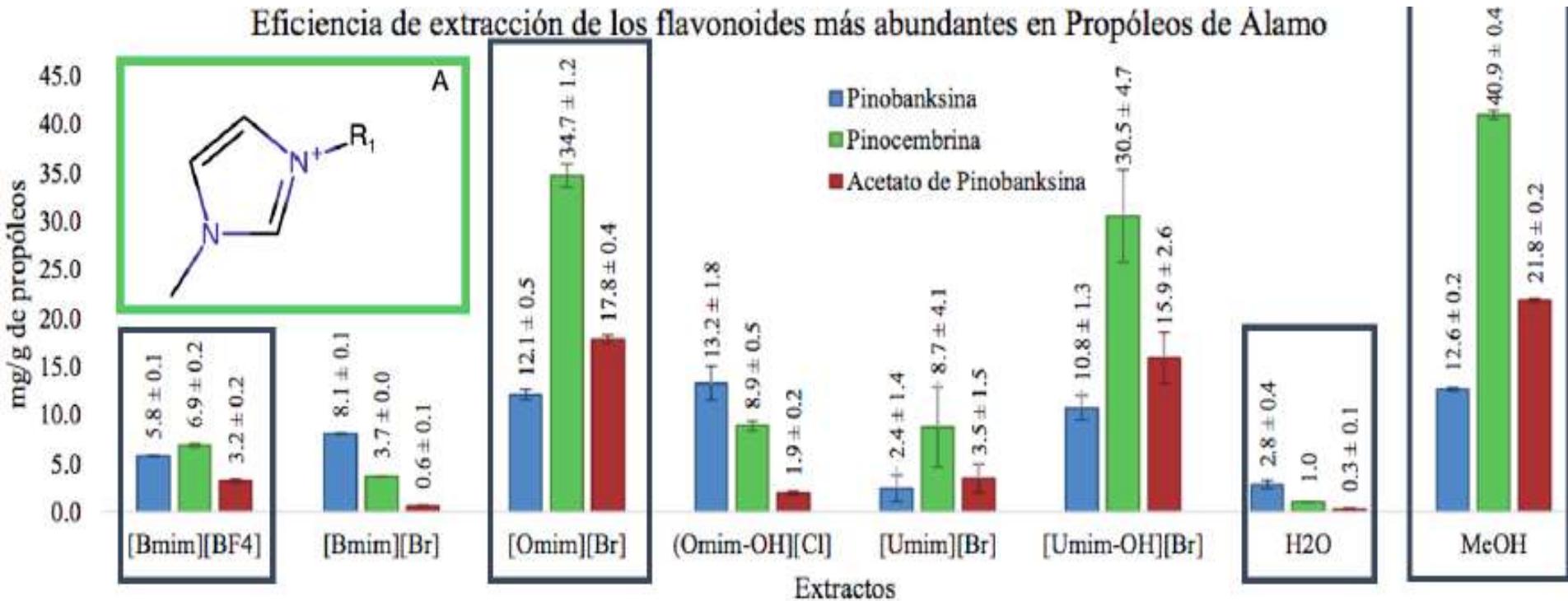
Extraction with polar and ionic liquids



Pinobanksina



Eficiencia de extracción de los flavonoides más abundantes en Propóleos de Álamo



Experiments: Pale-Ezquivel , Tesis de Maestría, Universidad Veracruzana, 2018.
Molecular Dynamics: Tayde Cadillo, Jahaziel Domínguez y Myrna Matus, UV.

Algorithm with constant energy: N,V,E (Isolated system)

$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{m}; \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{r}}{\partial t} = \mathbf{v}$$

$$\mathbf{F}_i(r) = -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} U(r)$$

$\mathbf{r}(0), \mathbf{v}(0)$ y $U(r) \rightarrow$ Obtener fuerzas $\mathbf{F}_i(0)$

$$\mathbf{v}_i\left(\frac{\Delta t}{2}\right) \leftarrow \mathbf{v}_i(0) + \frac{\Delta t}{2m_i} \mathbf{F}_i(0)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_i(\Delta t) \leftarrow \mathbf{r}_i(0) + \frac{\mathbf{v}_i(\Delta t / 2) \Delta t}{m_i}$$

Obtener fuerzas $\mathbf{F}_i(\Delta t) \rightarrow U$

$$\mathbf{v}_i(\Delta t) \leftarrow \mathbf{v}_i(\Delta t / 2) + \frac{\Delta t}{2m_i} \mathbf{F}_i(\Delta t) \rightarrow K$$

Constant of motion

$$E = K + U$$

How the force is calculated?

Quantum methods → Ab initio Molecular Dynamics

Car-Parrinello → Computationally expensive → hundred of molecules

$$\mathbf{F}_i = -\Delta_{\mathbf{r}_i} U(\mathbf{R}_i)$$

Position of nucleous and electrons

Effective potential → Classical Molecular dynamics

Several potential parameters are frozen → Fast methods

→ thousands and million of atoms

$$\mathbf{F}_{ij} = -\frac{dU(r_{ij})}{dr_{ij}} \frac{\mathbf{r}_{ij}}{r_{ij}}$$

Position of nucleous

THERMOSTAT

Nosé-Hoover Chains: extended variable

System



$$\dot{\mathbf{r}}_i = \frac{\mathbf{p}_i}{m_i}$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{p}}_i = \mathbf{F}_i - \frac{p_{\eta_1}}{Q_1} \mathbf{p}_i$$

$$\dot{\eta}_k = \frac{p_{\eta_k}}{Q_k} \quad k = 1, \dots, M$$

Thermostat



$$\dot{p}_{\eta_k} = G_k - \frac{p_{\eta_{k+1}}}{Q_{k+1}} p_{\eta_k}$$

T External temperature

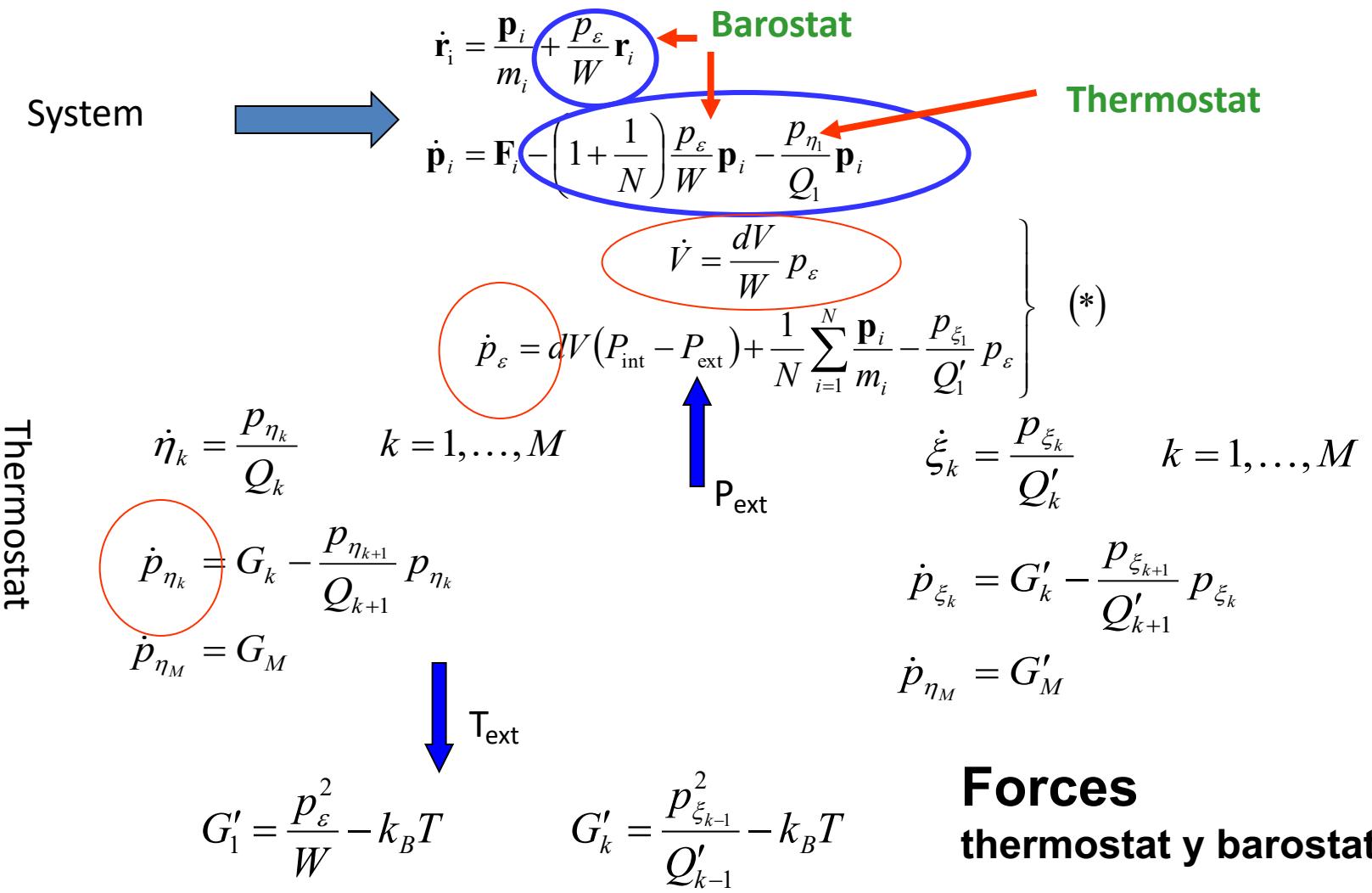
$$\dot{p}_{\eta_M} = G_M$$

Thermostat forces

$$G_1 = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\mathbf{p}_i^2}{m_i} - dNk_B T$$

$$G_k = \frac{p_{\eta_{k-1}}^2}{Q_{k-1}} - k_B T$$

Thermostat y Barostat



MOLECULAR SIMULATION PROGRAM

INPUT:

$$\{N, \mathbf{r}_i(0), \mathbf{v}_i(0), U(r), T_{ext}, P_{ext}\}$$

TRAJECTORY OF PARTICLES

MC $\mathbf{r}_i(new) = \mathbf{r}_i(old) \pm \xi \Delta r$ $\frac{P_n}{P_o} \alpha \exp\left[\left(\frac{U_n - U_o}{kT_{ext}}\right) + P_{ext}(V_n - V_o) - \left(\frac{N}{kT_{ext}}\right) \ln\left(\frac{V_n}{V_o}\right)\right]$

DM $\mathbf{r}_i(\Delta t) = \mathbf{r}_i(0) + \mathbf{v}_i(0) + 0.5 \mathbf{F}_i(0) \Delta t^2 / m_i$ $\mathbf{F}_i = -\nabla_{\mathbf{r}_i} U(r)$

OUTPUT:
Termodinamics: density,
Chemical potential, surface tension,
Dinamicss: difussion, viscosity
Structure: $g(r)$, density profile

+ Hundred of equations
+ thousands of lines in a program



GROMACS

for Chemical Simulations

MTTK pressure control algorithms

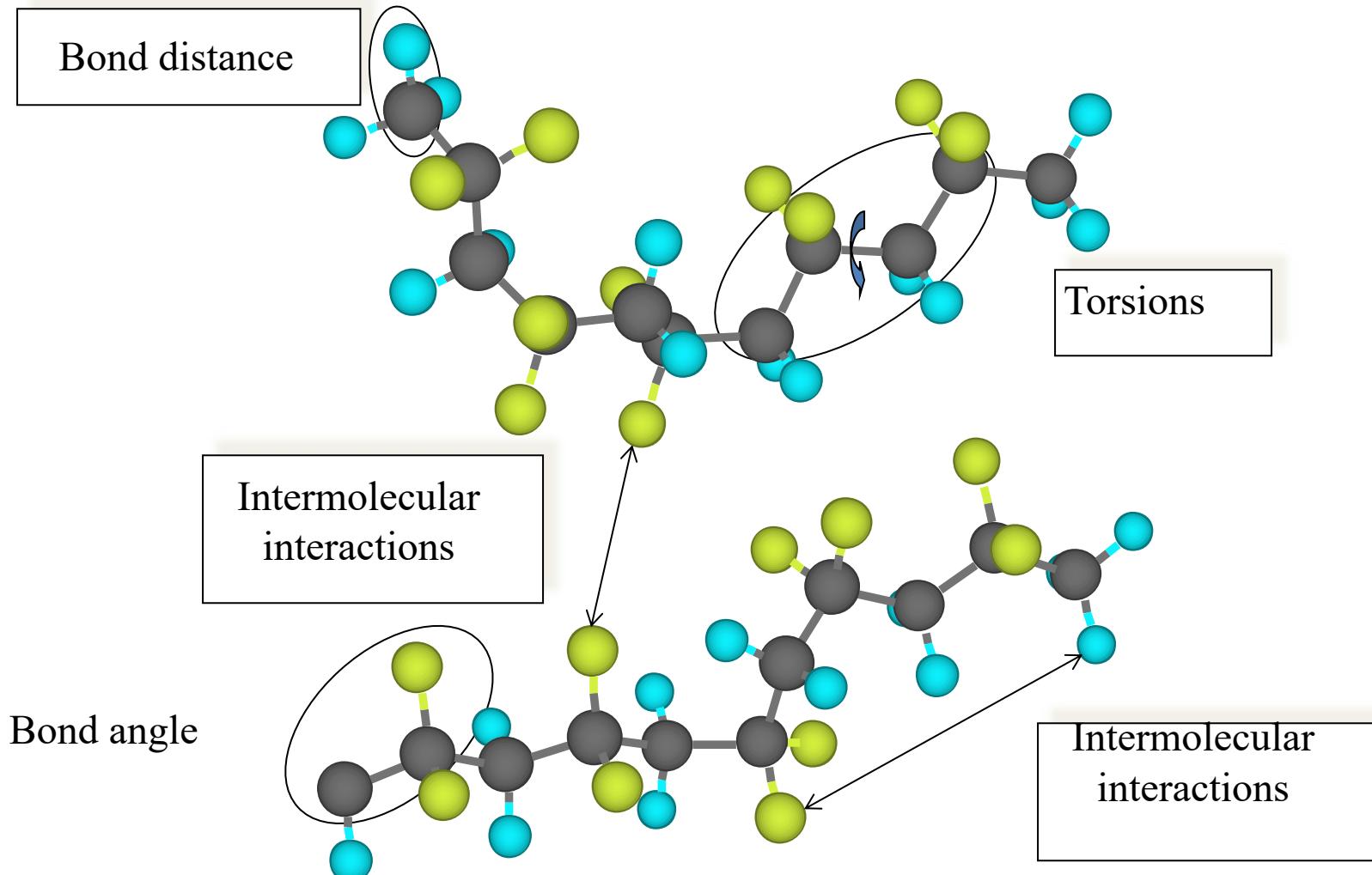
As mentioned in the previous section, one weakness of leap-frog integration is in constant pressure simulations, since the pressure requires a calculation of both the virial and the kinetic energy at the full time step; for leap-frog, this information is not available until *after* the full timestep. Velocity Verlet does allow the calculation, at the cost of an extra round of global communication, and can compute, mod any integration errors, the true NPT ensemble.

The full equations, combining both pressure coupling and temperature coupling, are taken from Martyna *et al.* [31] and Tuckerman [36] and are referred to here as MTTK equations (Martyna-Tuckerman-Tobias-Klein).

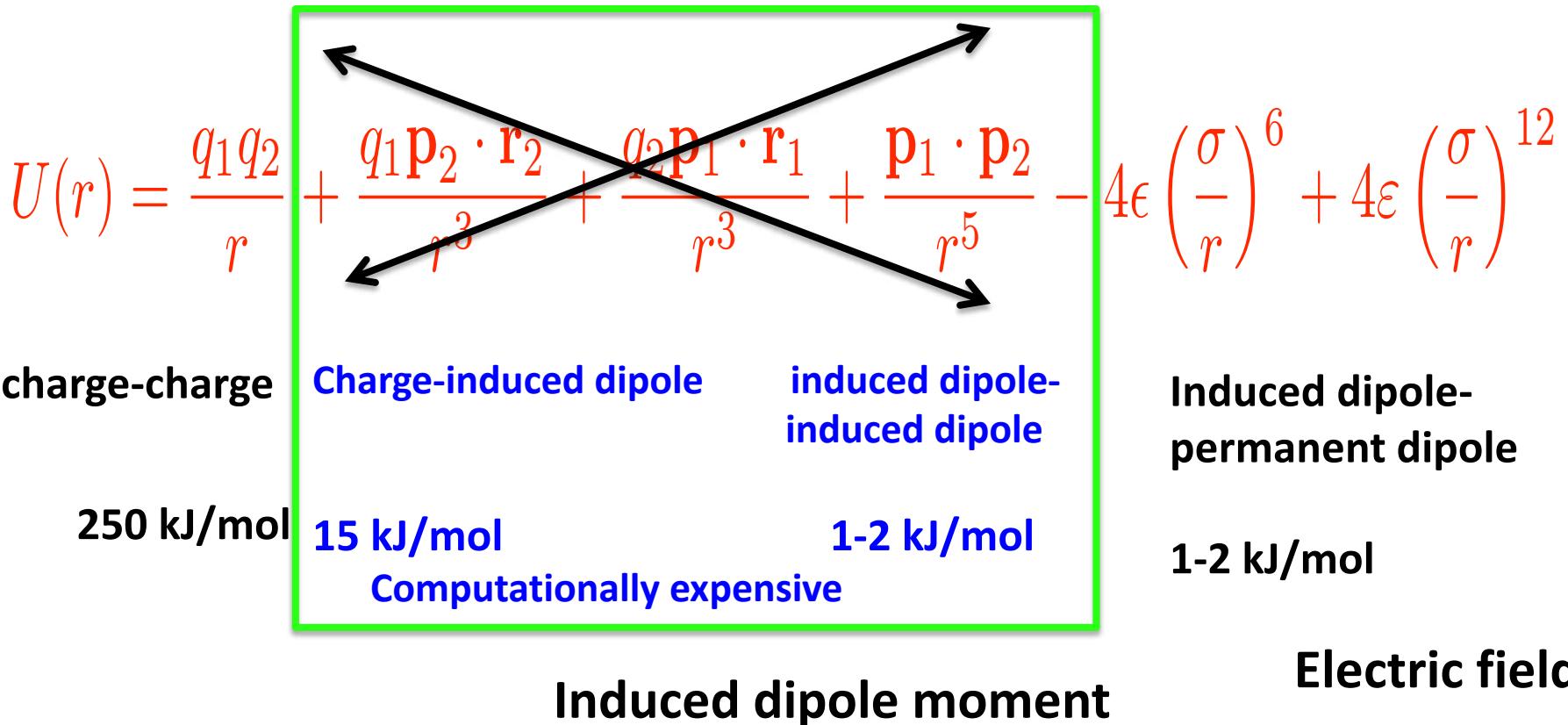
With constraints, the equations becomes significantly more complicated(!), in that each of these equations need to be solved iteratively for the constraint forces. The discussion of the details of the iteration is beyond the scope of this manual; readers are encouraged to see the implementation described in Ref. [37].

- [36] Tuckerman, M. E., Alejandre, J., López-Rendón, R., Jochim, A. L., Martyna, G. J. A Liouville-operator derived measure-preserving integrator for molecular dynamics simulations in the isothermal-isobaric ensemble. *J. Phys. A.* 59:5629--5651, 2006.
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EVALUATION OF FORCE FIELDS



NON-POLARIZABLE INTERMOLECULAR POTENTIAL



$$\mathbf{p}_i = \mathbf{p}_{perm} + \mathbf{p}_{ind}$$

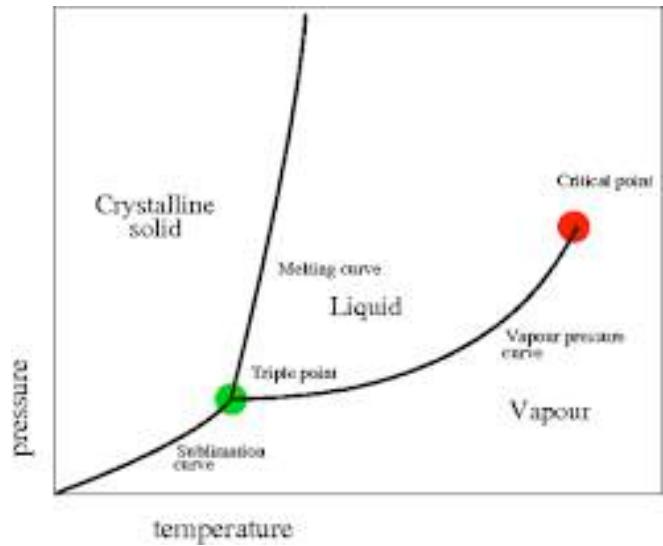
$$\mathbf{p}_{ind} = \alpha \mathbf{E}_i$$

AMOEBA (ponder), MCDHO (Saint Martin, et al)

FORCE FIELD PARAMETERS

**Electronic structure on isolated molecules:
Geometries, rotational barriers and atomic charges (for gases)**

**Lennard-Jones parameters
MC and MD simulations**



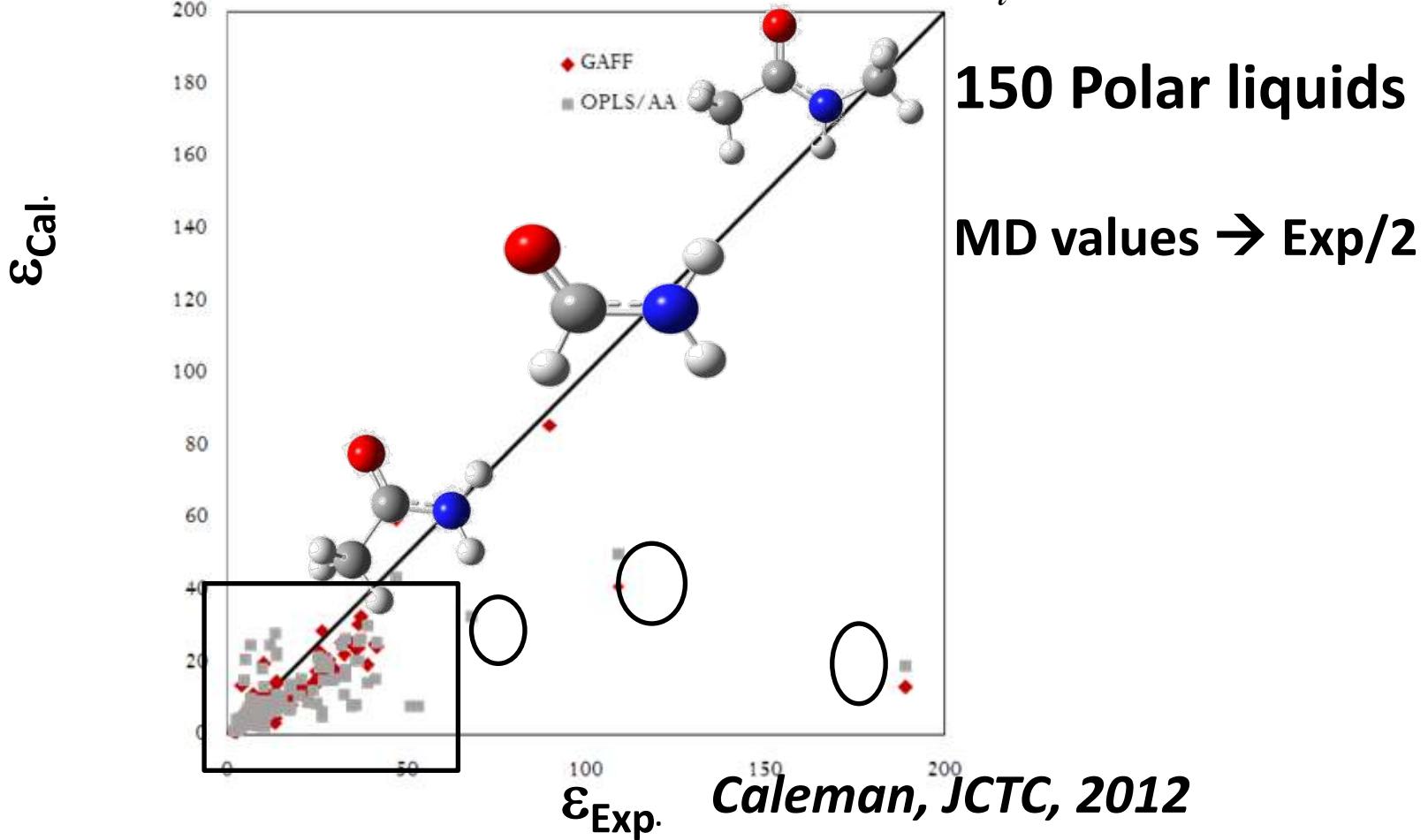
**Experimental target properties
for pure components**
OPLS/AA, GAFF and CHARMM
**liquid density and heat of
vaporization**

NERD, TraPPE
**Liquid-vapor densities, boiling
temperature and critical
properties**

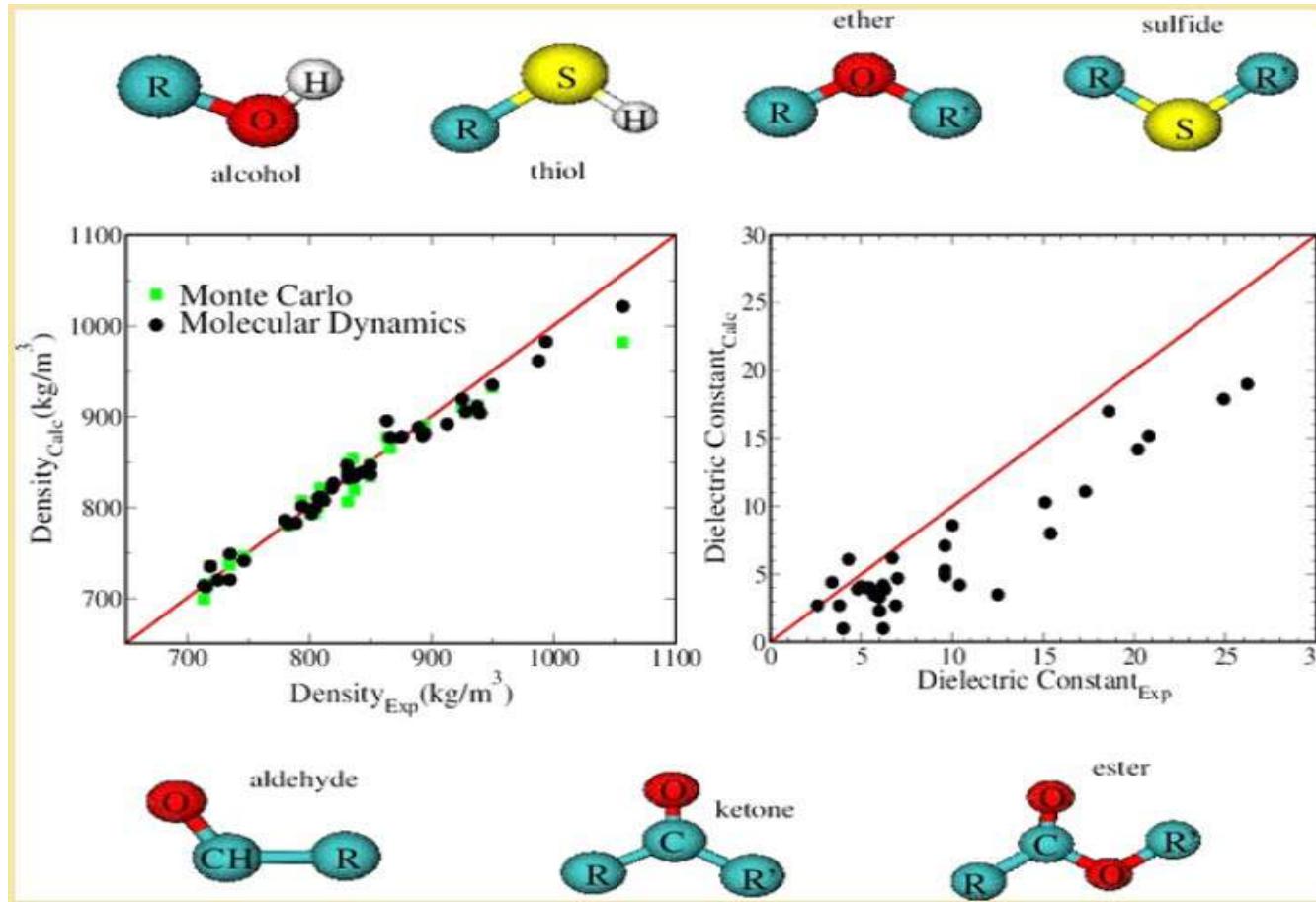
Parameters are transferable to other molecules

DIELECTRIC CONSTANT AT 298 K AND 1 BAR OPLSAA, CHARMM, GAFF FORCE FIELDS

$$\varepsilon = 1 + \frac{4\pi}{3kTV} \left[\langle \mathbf{M}^2 \rangle - \langle \mathbf{M} \rangle^2 \right] \quad \mathbf{M} = \sum_i q_i \mathbf{r}_i$$



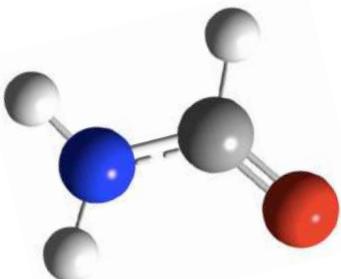
Benchmark over 41 polar liquids using the TraPPE-UA model



Intramolecular parameters taken from OPLS/AA
Charges from electronic structure of isolated molecules

CHARGES IN ATOMS

**Formamide →
Isolated molecule**



Átomo	Mulliken	NBO	CHELPG	Mertz-Kollman	Scaled Hirshfeld
C	0.1203	0.5464	0.7267	0.6553	0.1884
O	-0.3798	-0.6097	-0.5835	-0.5554	-0.5171
HC	0.1035	0.1045	0.0197	0.0128	0.0835
N	-0.3919	-0.8346	-0.9407	-0.9623	-0.1442
H	0.2852	0.4000	0.4277	0.4423	0.1947
H	0.2628	0.3934	0.3895	0.4073	0.1947

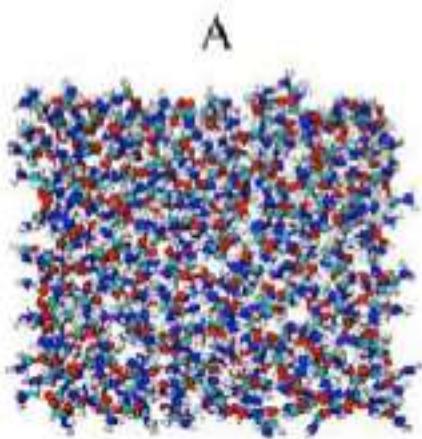
Molecular dipole moment: Mulliken (5.15D) → Hirshfeld (5.35)

WHICH METHOD IS THE GOOD ONE?

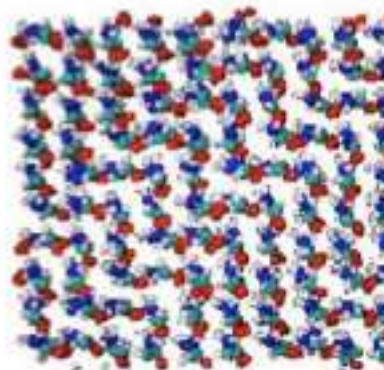
Pérez de la Luz, Méndez-Maldonado, Núñez, Bresme, Alejandro, JCTC, 2015.

FORMAMIDE AT 298 K AND 1 BAR

Mulliken

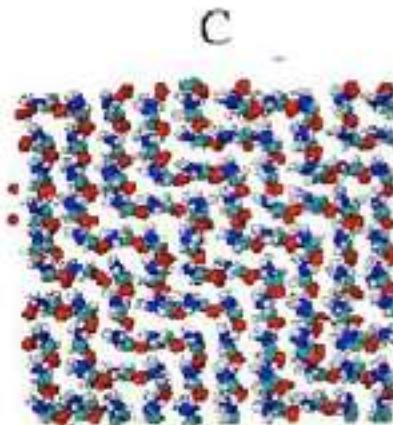


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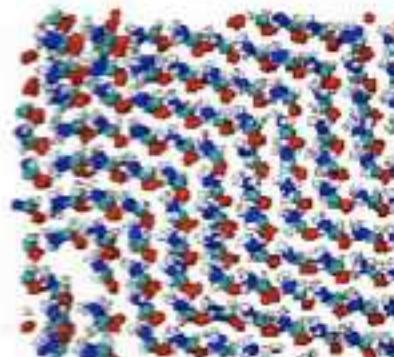


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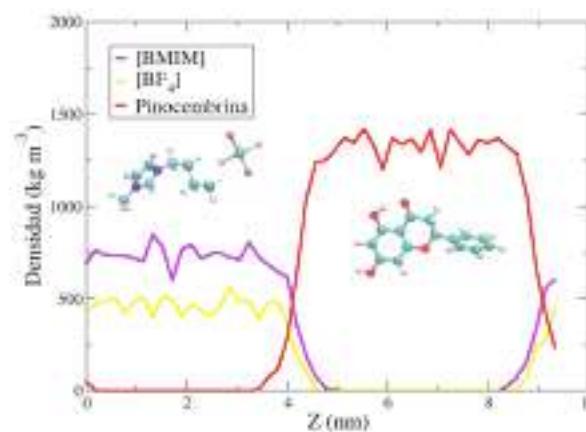
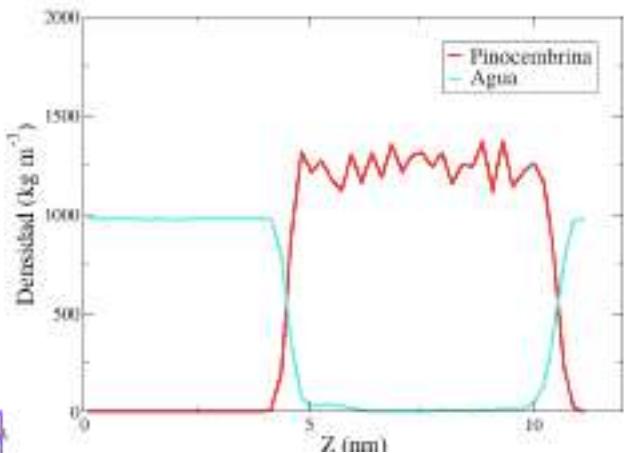
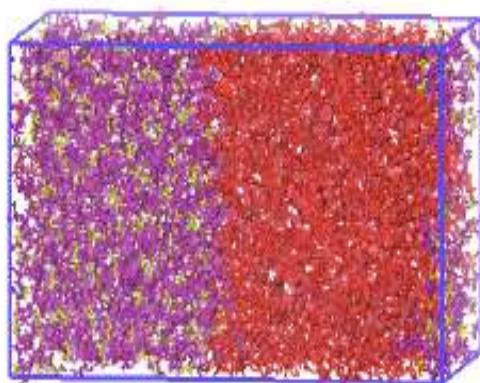
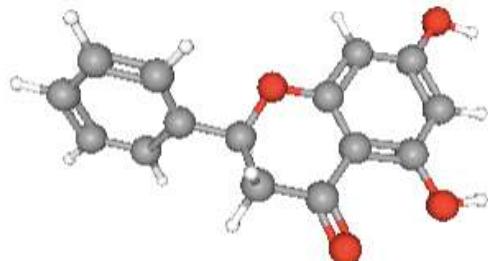


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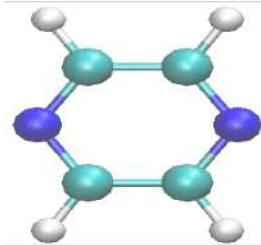
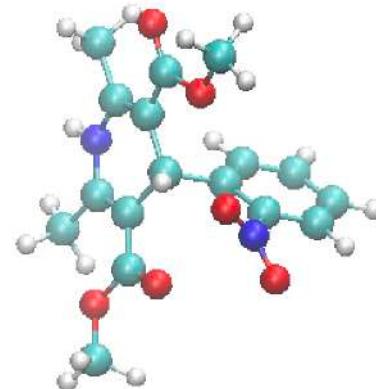


Mertz-Kollman

Molecular dynamics: pinocembrine is not soluble in water or in ionic liquids



Cocrystal: Nifedipine+Pyrazine



Experiments:
Pyrazine is soluble in water
MD: It is not

A NEW STRATEGY TO PARAMETERIZE: FIRST PART

Procedure that relates experimental properties
with interaction parameters

Linear scaling → Global changes

dipole moment → (q_i, r_i) → dielectric constant

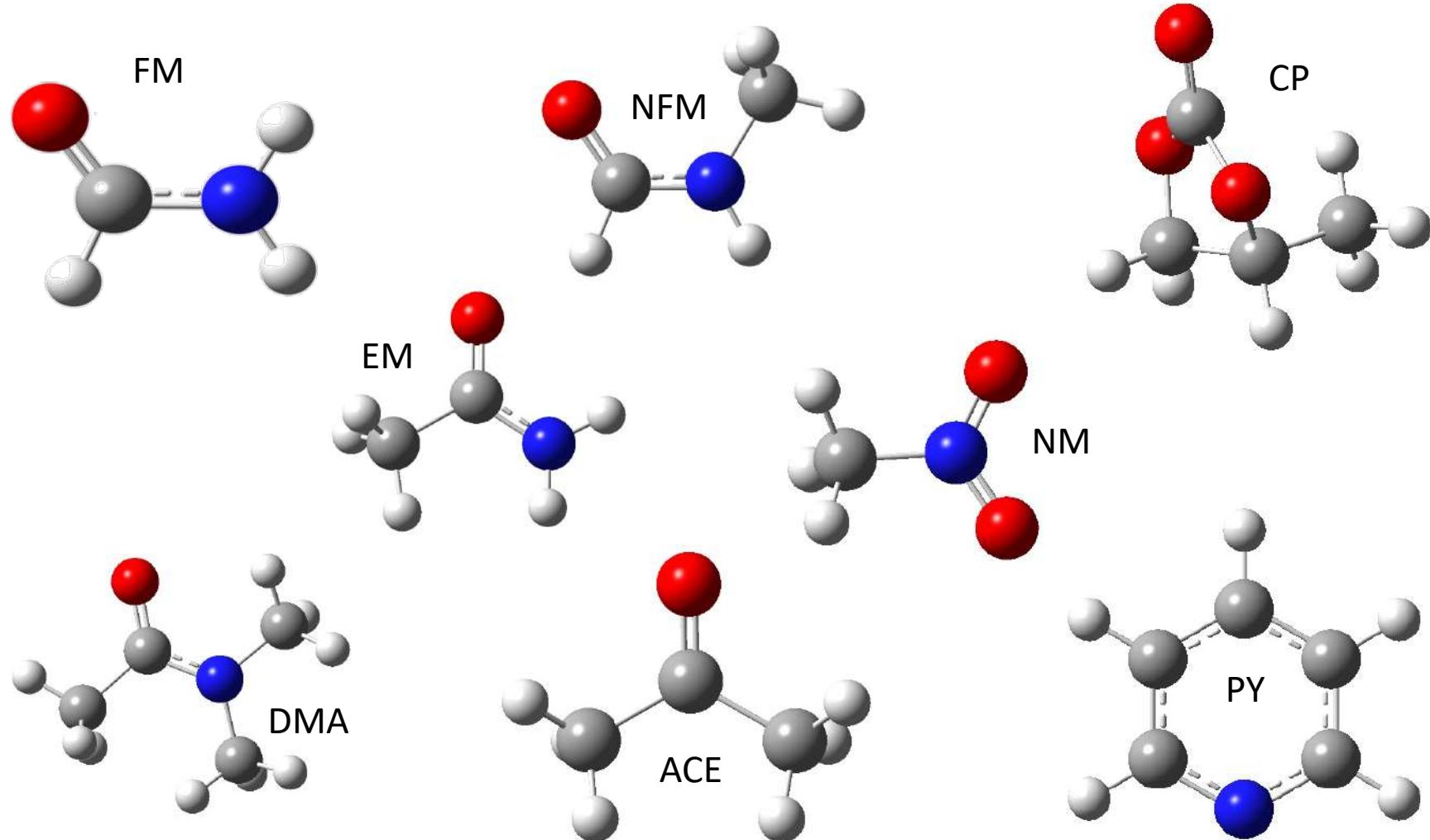
ε_{LJ} → Surface tension

σ_{LJ} → Liquid density

Failure: Self-diffusion coefficient lower than experimental values

Salas et al. Journal of Theory and Computational Chemistry, 2015.

SCALED CHARGE DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE HIRSHFELD PARTITIONING
DIELECTRIC CONSTANTS FROM 20 TO 180



Alexander Pérez de la Luz et. al. J. Chem. Theory Comput. 2018, 14, 11

RESULTS FOR PURE COMPONENTS WITH HIRSHFELD CHARGE DISTRIBUTION

Table 1: Relative error, $|X_{exp} - X_{MD}| * 100/X_{exp}$, between calculated and experimental values for the 10 polar liquids studied in a recent work [24]. The values with green and red colors are for results closest and farthest from experimental values, respectively.

Property	NEWFFP	OPLS/AA	GAFF	CGenFF	OPLS16
Dielectric Constant	3.4	52.6	37.6	42.8	28.8
Surface Tension	2.7	10.5	26.1	22.1	20.7
Density	0.29	1.8	4.1	3.2	2.6
Heat of Vaporization	4.5	3.4	16.3	9.9	5.7
Self-Diffusion	19.2	37.4	49.0	60.6	32.9
Shear Viscosity	21.8	16.6	52.2	35.2	14.0
Isothermal Compressibility	11.6	8.7	27.5	19.2	25.5
Volumetric Expansion Coefficient	15.5	6.2	8.0	4.0	13.4

MOLECULAR DYNAMICS: SOLUBILITY WITH EXPLICIT WATER

TRAPPE-UA	Molecule	Solubility in water (g/L)	
		Exp	Calc
	1-propanol	1000.0 [63]	220.0
	2-butanol	181.0 [64]	52.9
	ethanethiol	15.6 [65]	0.0
	methanethiol	15.4 [66]	21.4
	dimethyl-ether	46.0 [66]	540.0
	1,2-dimethoxyethane	1000.0 [67]	soluble
	diethyl disulfide	0.3 [68]	0.0
	dimethyl sulfide	22.0 [69]	0.0
	2-pentanone	41.2 [70]	0.0
	acetaldehyde	1000.0 [67]	103.3
	methyl acetate	205.0 [70]	20.4
	methyl acrylate	49.4 [71]	6.0

Wrong

CHARMM: Ketones are soluble from C2 TO C6.

OPLS/AA: None of the ketones are solubles

TRAPPE-UA: None of the ketones are solubles

OUR PARAMETERS: Acetone, pyridine and propylene carbonate are not soluble

WHEN FORCE FIELD PARAMETERS ARE GOOD BUT FAIL TO REPRODUCE RESULTS OF BINARY MIXTURES

1. THE MIXING RULES OF SHORT RANGE INTERACTIONS ARE WRONG

$$\sigma_{ij} = f_{ij} \left(\frac{\sigma_{ii} + \sigma_{jj}}{2} \right) \quad \epsilon_{ij} = f_{ij} \sqrt{\epsilon_{ii} \sigma \epsilon_{jj}}$$

PROBLEMS TO DEFINE THE VALUES OF f_{ij}

2. THE USE OF POLARIZABLE MODELS

$$\frac{q_1 \mathbf{p}_2 \cdot \mathbf{r}_2}{r^3} + \frac{q_2 \mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{r}_1}{r^3} + \frac{\mathbf{p}_1 \cdot \mathbf{p}_2}{r^5}$$

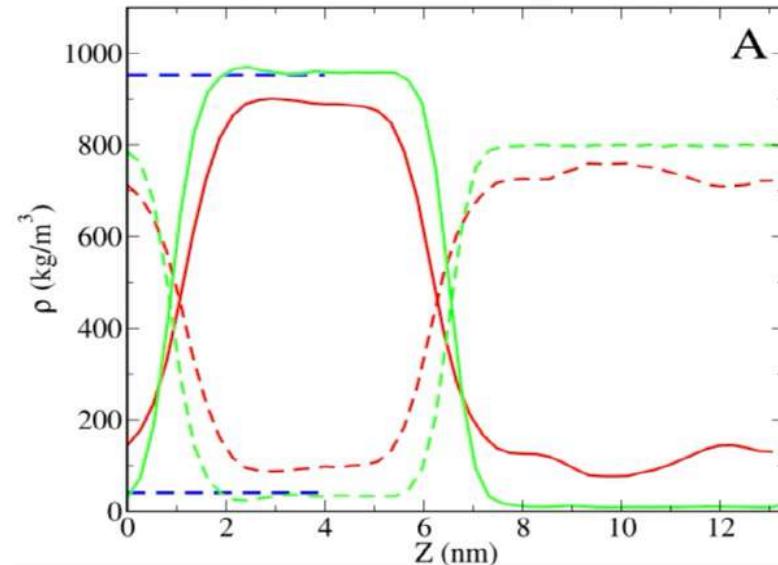
COMPUTATIONALLY EXPENSIVE

PARAMETERIZATION WITH EXPLICIT WATER

FOLLOWING THE HYDROGEN BOND, SOLUBILITY OR SELF-DIFFUSION COEFFICIENT

+ MODIFYING CHARGES KEEPING CONSTANT THE MOLECULAR DIPOLE MOMENT

2-pentanone				
Atom	3SSPP	Dist. 1	Dist. 2	Dist. 3
C1	0.1069	0.1301	0.1373	0.1099
C2	0.2522	0.1800	0.1500	0.1400
C3	0.0464	0.0564	0.0596	0.0703
C4	0.0403	0.0490	0.0518	0.0611
C5	0.0242	0.0295	0.0313	0.0367
O1	-0.4700	-0.4450	-0.4300	-0.4180
μ (D)	3.44	3.45	3.41	3.41
ϵ	15.6	15.4	15.0	14.1
ρ (kg/m ³)	817.0	817.2	816.0	813.1
γ (mN/m)	22.6	22.8	23.1	22.8
Solubility (g/L)	107.0	64.0	54.0	38.0



+ MODIFYING THE LENNARD JONES PARAMETERS

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. PARAMETERIZATION WITH EXPLICIT WATER LOOKING
THE LIQUID TO LIQUID-LIQUID TRANSITION HELP TO EQUILIBRATE
THE COULOMB AND LENNARD-JONES PARAMETERS**

- 2. THE PARAMETERS CAN BE TRANSFERRED SUCCESSFULLY TO OTHER
MOLECULES AND THERMODYNAMIC STATES**

MUCHAS GRACIAS