Computer simulations of liquids and solvation using density functional theory-based molecular dynamics: Liquid water

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Water — computer simulations

- Water is everywhere
- Benchmark liquid solvent
- Despite huge effort, no overall satisfying description
- Explicit electronic structure: Attempt for complete description, including dissociation, polarisability, ...
- "Ab initio", "first principles" molecular dynamics and Monte Carlo

Method — Car-Parrinello molecular dynamics

• Extended Lagrangean: Electronic degrees of freedom introduced as *fictitious* variables



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Method — Born-Oppenheimer molecular dynamics

- $\mathbf{a}_I = \mathbf{F}_I / m_I$ like in "classical" molecular dynamics (MD)
- How to obtain m?
- Simple self-consistent electronic structure optimisation before calculating forces on the ions, propagation of time
- Drift due to inaccuracy in forces due to incompleteness of self-consistency, basis set

Method — Monte Carlo

- Useful for example when atomic forces are not available or too tedious to evaluate
- Several applications on liquid water and ice (CP2K code)

Method — electronic structure method

Almost exclusively: Density functional theory (DFT)

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Inhomogeneous Electron Gas*

P. HOHENBERG[†]

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AND

W. Kohn‡

École Normale Superieure, Paris, France and Faculté des Sciences, Orsay, France and University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, California (Received 18 June 1964)

This paper deals with the ground state of an interacting electron gas in an external potential v(r). It is proved that there exists a universal functional of the density, F[m(r)], independent of v(r), such that the expression E = fv(r)m(r)dr + F[m(r)] has as its minimum value the correct ground-state energy associated with v(r). The functional F[m(r)] is then discussed for two situations: (1) $m(r) = m_r + \tilde{n}(r)$, $\tilde{n}/m_s < 1$, and (2) $m(r) = e_r/r_r)$ with e_r arbitrary and $r_s \to \infty$. In both cases F can be expressed entirely in terms of the correction energy and linear and higher order electronic polarizabilities of a uniform electron gas. This approach also sheds some light on generalized Thomas-Fermi methods and their limitations. Some new extensions of these methods are presented.

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Method — density functional theory

- Formally exact (within Born-Oppenheimer approximation, non-relativistic, ...)
- Usual formalism: Kohn-Sham single-particle orbitals, non-interacting electrons
- Many-body interactions (difficulties) are collected into the exchange-correlation term: Analytic form of correlation unknown
- Preferable scaling over wave function-based methods
- Typical size: $10^2 10^3$ atoms, up to 1 ns

Liquid water — early simulations

Laasonen, Sprik, Parrinello, Car; JCP 1993: "Ab Initio" liquid water

• GGA-exchange; 0.5+1.5 ps; deuterated



Liquid water — 1990's and early 2000's

- Slow progress in length of simulations
- Observation of effect of effective mass
- Elevated temperature (empirism)
- Applications to solvated electron, hydronium, hydroxyl, Grotthus mechanism, ...
- But still over-structuring, slow diffusion, ...

DFTb-MD on liquid water — exchange-correlation

Todorova, Seitsonen, Hutter, Kuo and Mundy, J Phys Chem B 2006

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functional	<i>D</i> (Ų/ps)	functional	<i>D</i> (Ų/ps)
LDA	0.013	B3LYP	0.30
BLYP	0.048	X3LYP	0.17
XLYP	0.028	PBE0	0.28
PBE	0.047	HF	0.47
rPBE	0.180		
TPSS	0.032		
$a_{\mu\nu}$ arithment ($AE^{0}C$) 0.0070			

experiment (45°C) 0.2979

van der Waals interactions

van der Waals interactions important in several cases

- Rare gases
- Non-polar molecular systems with closed-shell consituents
- Biology
- ▶ ...

Even in bulk Au the van der Waals interactions significant! The earliest theoretical discussions of such a d¹⁰-d¹⁰ attraction were the estimates of the (screened) van der Waals forces between the d¹⁰ cores in the bulk noble metals by the group of Kohn in 1975.^[108] They concluded that about 17% of the cohesive energy of metallic gold or 0.105 eV/ Au-Au pair comes from that source. [Pyykkö, 2004]

(Semi-)local approximations like LDA, GGA cannot reproduce it

van der Waals interactions

- Arise from instantaneous fluctations in electron densities
- Fluctuation-dissipation theory:

$$E_{c} = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\alpha=0}^{1} \int_{\omega=0}^{\infty} \int_{\mathbf{r}} [\alpha \chi_{0} (\mathbf{r}_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{3}, \omega) W (\mathbf{r}_{3}, \mathbf{r}_{4}, \omega) \chi_{0} (\mathbf{r}_{4}, \mathbf{r}_{2}, \omega) -\alpha^{2} \chi_{0} (\mathbf{r}_{1}, \mathbf{r}_{3}, \omega) W (\mathbf{r}_{3}, \mathbf{r}_{4}, \omega) \chi_{0} (\mathbf{r}_{4}, \mathbf{r}_{5}, \omega) W (\mathbf{r}_{5}, \mathbf{r}_{6}, \omega) \chi_{0} (\mathbf{r}_{6}, \mathbf{r}_{2}, \omega) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha^{3}) + \dots] \prod_{i} d\mathbf{r}_{i}$$

After some approximations:

$$m{E}_{
m disp}^{
m asymp} = -rac{3}{\pi}rac{1}{R^6}\int\limits_0^\infty lpha^{m{A}}_{lphaeta}lpha^{m{B}}_{\gamma\delta}\,m{d}\omega$$

+

vdW — semi-empirical treatments

Most popular now:

- Grimme 2006 "DFT+D2"
- Grimme et alia 2010 "DFT+D3"
- Tkatchenko-Scheffler
- General properties:
 - Usually do not depend on electron densities, only on atomic coordinates
 - Usually pair-wise
 - Energy of electronic system no longer minimimised in equilibrium structure

vdW — "real" functionals

- Langreth-Lundqvist et alia, "vdW-DF" or "vdW-LL"
- Truly non-local: $E_c^{nl}[n] = \int_{\mathbf{r}} \int_{\mathbf{r}'} n(\mathbf{r}) \phi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}') n(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}'$
- Usually accompanied with revPBE-GGA functional (reproduces "best" Hartree-Fock-exchange)
- One edition:

Lee, Murray, Kong, Lundqvist & Langreth; PRB 2010

• Yet results depend strongly on choice of exchange term

Lin, Seitsonen, Coutinho-Neto, Tavernelli & Röthlisberger; JPCB, 2009

(Received: February 13, 2008)

Softening of structure when vdW-treatment included



Lin, Seitsonen, Coutinho-Neto, Tavernelli & Röthlisberger; JPCB, 2009

Faster diffusion



Lin, Seitsonen, Coutinho-Neto, Tavernelli & Röthlisberger; JPCB, 2009

Reduced directionality



Schmidt, VandeVondele, Kuo, Sebastiani, Siepmann, Hutter & Mundy; JPCB, 2009

Density greatly improved upon employing DFT+D2



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Jonchiere, Seitsonen, Ferlat, Saitta & Vuilleumier; JCP, 2011

• Removing R^{-6} tail leads to same effect as GGA dropping vdW



Ari P Seitsonen & Taras Bryk; PRB, 2016

• BLYP+D3: Melting temperature of water: $T_m^{\rm BLYP+D3} \approx$ 325 K



Ari P Seitsonen & Taras Bryk; PRB, 2016

- BLYP+D3: Melting temperature of water: $T_m^{\text{BLYP+D3}} \approx 325 \text{ K}$
- Earlier simulations (Xantheas *et alia*): $T_m^{\rm BLYP} \approx$ 400 K, $T_m^{\rm BLYP+D2} \approx$ 360 K
- Nuclear quantum effects: $\Delta T_m^{\rm q-TIP4P/F} \approx$ 10 K



Taras Bryk & Ari P Seitsonen; CMP, 2016

- BLYP+D3: Collective excitations in H₂O, D₂O
- Stretched exponential in BLYP-D₂O at 50 K, exponential decay in BLYP+D3-D₂O



Taras Bryk & Ari P Seitsonen; CMP, 2016

BLYP+D3: Collective excitations in H₂O, D₂O



Liquid water — ab initio

Mauro Del Ben, Mandes Schönherr, Jürg Hutter & Joost VandeVondele; JPCL, 2013

Going up to MP2; Monte Carlo-NpT



Liquid water — more ab initio

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MP2, RPA



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More quantities: Nuclear quantum effects (DFT/hybrid functionals), volume of ice





Nuclear quantum effects do matter

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Path integral molecular dynamics

- Equilibrium properties
- Several (32-64) replicas, or *beads*: Increase of computing cost
- Ad hoc approach for dynamics: Ring polymer MD

M Ceriotti & D E Manolopoulos; *PRL*, 2012

Thermostatting:

- Path integral generalised Langevin equation thermostat (PIGLET)
- GLE: coloured noise, frequency-dependent temperature
- Reduces number of beads

T E Markland & D E Manolopoulos; *JCP*, 2008

Ring-polymer contraction

RPMD-level accurady at the cost of the accurate method

V Kapil, J VandeVondele & M Ceriotti; JCP, 2016

RPC-example

Division bonded versus non-bonded in q-TIP4P/F-H₂O





Water — quo vadis?

Improved ab initio molecular dynamics by minimally biasing with experimental data; JCP, 2017

Added potential:

$$V(r_i) = \sum_{k=0}^{3} \frac{\alpha}{\hat{f}_k} \sum_{j \neq i}^{N} r_{ij}^k \left[1 - u(r_0 - r_{ij}) \right]$$

Biased AIMD simulations of water and an excess proton in water are shown to give significantly improved properties both for observables which were biased to match experimental data and for unbiased observables. This approach also yields new physical insight into inaccuracies in the underlying density functional theory as utilized in the unbiased AIMD.

Water — quo vadis?

Bingqing Cheng, Edgar A Engel, Jörg Behler, Christoph Dellago & Michele Ceriotti; PNAS, 2019

Neural Networks / Machine Learning



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Electronic structure-based MD — summary

- "Predictable" over-all accuracy
- Reactions, dynamics, free-energy surfaces, ...
- Liquid water via DFTb-MD still a challenge
- Ab initio huge effort, but appearing