



A Coarse Grained Force Field To Speed Up Molecular Simulations With Better Predictions Of Thermophysical Properties Of Fluids

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Global Context

Molecular models

The tool: molecular simulation

Methodology to develop the coarse grained force field

Parametrization of the force field

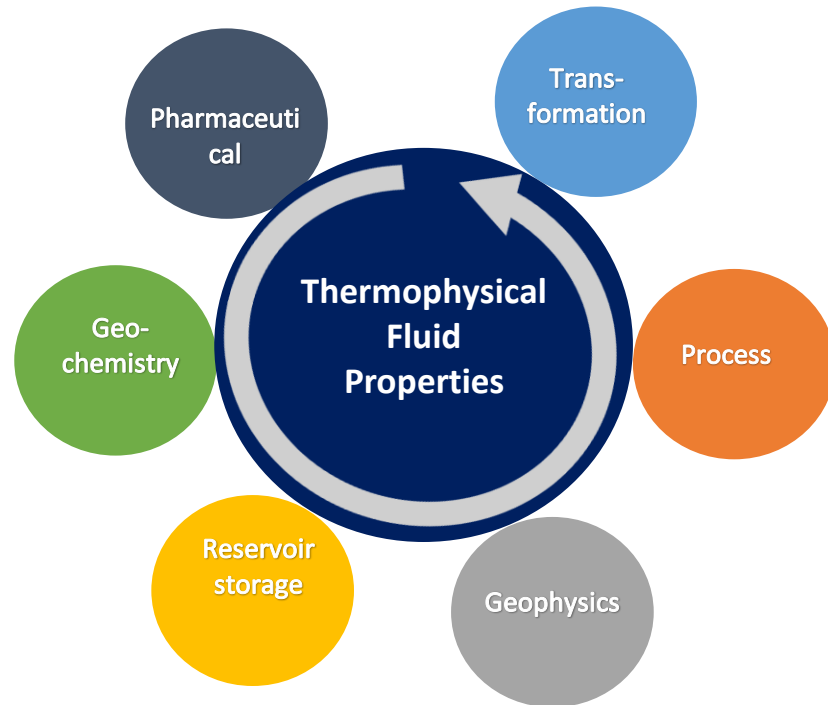
Results: Equilibrium & transport properties + benchmarking

CPU time: fine models vs coarse grained model

A SAFT type EoS model as an alternative to molecular simulation

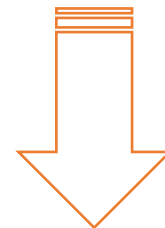
Context

Thermophysical fluid properties (PVT, viscosity ...) are crucial for operating/designing many systems



Five main options:

- Experiments (*costs*)
- Machine learning (*black box*)
- Adhoc correlations (*extrapolation*)
- **Theory (*simple model*)**
- **Molecular simulations (*time costs*)**

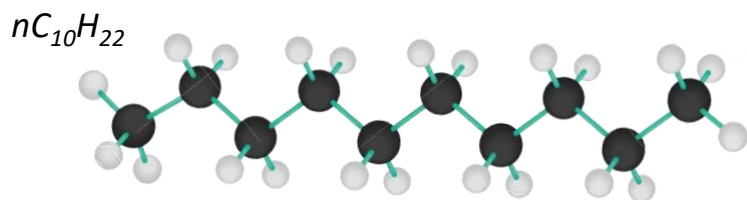


COARSE GRAINED (+ THEORY) FOR AN UNIFIED ALTERNATIVE ?

Molecular models

All atom models

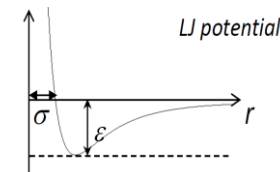
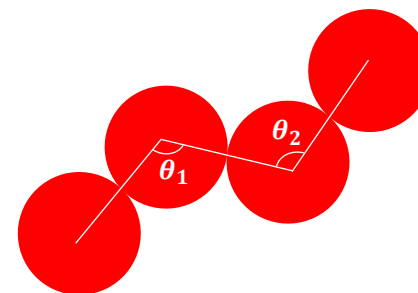
High resolution



Upscaling

Coarse grained models

Low resolution



$$U_{LJ} = 4\epsilon \left(\left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma}{r} \right)^6 \right)$$

Expected to give quasi-experimental thermophysical data
Applicable to well characterized systems (less cases...)
Dozen of parameters (10 at least!!!)
High CPU time consumption

Gives quasi-experimental equilibrium properties
Compatible with developed theories (SAFT, ...)
Less CPU time consumption

BUT

Poor prediction of transport properties

How to alleviate this weakness on the transport properties prediction?

A use of a Mie potential instead of LJ potential is already explored. Considerable improvements have been shown, but fails for larger molecules at low T.
(Hoang et al.2017 (MieCCG), Rahman et al.2018 (SAFT-Y-Mie))

A molecular rigidity of the bending type? Not fully explored
(Nieto-Draghi et al.2006, Galliéro2014).

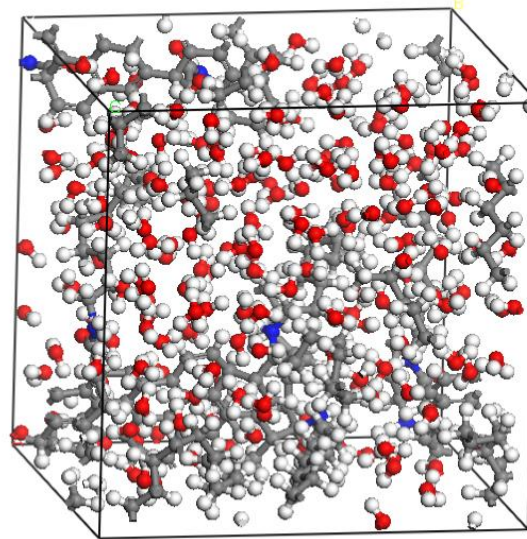
Tool: molecular simulation

Molecular dynamics

Determinist approach

Newton's equation of motions

Verlet velocity integrator



Monte Carlo

Stochastic approach

Boltzmann probability distribution

Metropolis algorithm



Properties assessed through ensemble averages

$$\langle E \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E_i \quad \langle V \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n V_i$$

$$T = \frac{2 \langle K \rangle}{k_B N_f} \quad K = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{m_i v_i^2}{2}$$

$$\langle P \rangle = \frac{N k_B T}{V} + \frac{1}{3V} \sum_{i=1}^n \vec{r}_k \vec{F}_k$$

$$C_v = \frac{1}{k_B T^2} (\langle E^2 \rangle - \langle E \rangle^2)$$

$$D = \frac{1}{3N} \sum_{i=1}^n \int_0^\infty \langle v_i(t) v_i(0) \rangle dt$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{6V k_B T} \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \int_0^\infty \langle J_{\alpha\beta}^P(t) J_{\alpha\beta}^P(0) \rangle dt$$

Methodology

Choice of the model: →

Semi-rigid LJC coarse grained

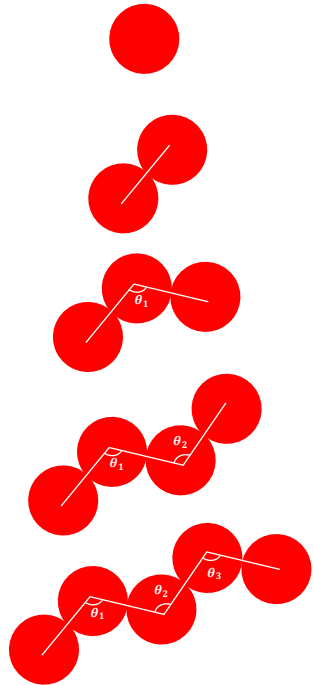
Technique to use: →

Molecular simulation

Properties assessed? →

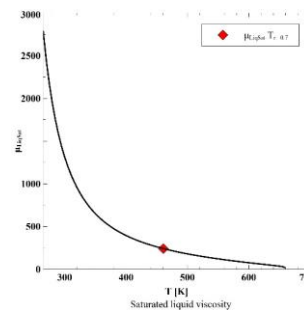
**Saturated liquid
viscosity through
Molecular dynamics**

**Equilibrium properties
(w, T_c, LVE) through
monte carlo simulations**



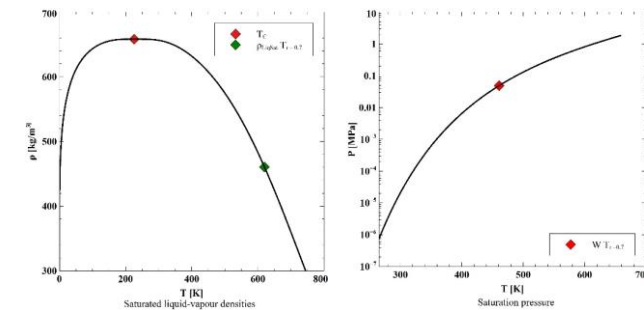
Correlation

μ_{liqSat_Tr07}



Correlations

ρ_{liqSat_Tr07} W & T_c



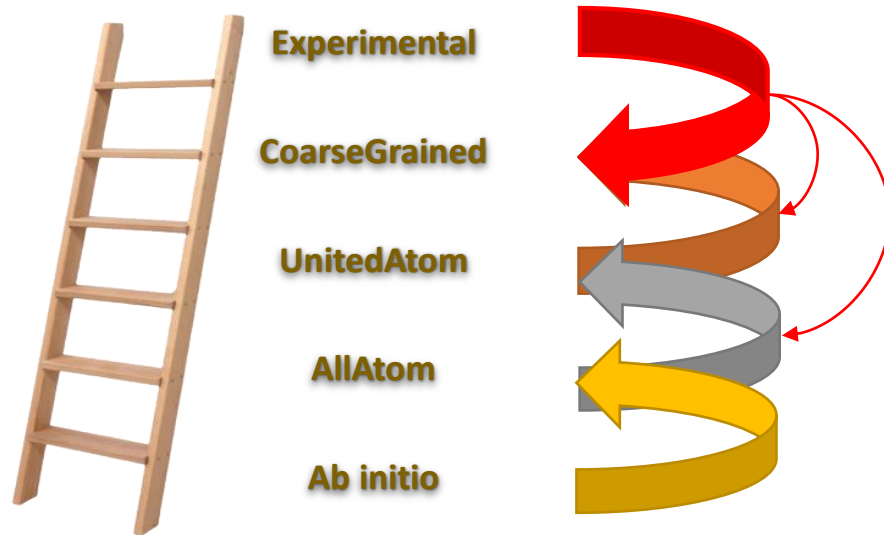
Optimization:

$m, \sigma, \epsilon + K_\theta$

Molecular simulations for prediction of ALL fluid properties

Parametrization

Approaches



Bottom Up: *Iterative Boltzmann Inversion method, Force matching, ...*

Reith et al.2003, Moore et al.2014...

Top Down: Saturation curve fit ($P_{Sat}, \rho_{Sat}^{Liq}, C_p^{Liq}, H_{Vap} \dots$), *Corresponding states*

Lafitte et al.2006, Mejía et al.2014, Hoang et al.2017...

A Top-down approach based on extended Corresponding States Scheme

	Microscopic	Macroscopic
Energy scale	ε	T_c
Length scale	σ	$\rho_{liq/Tr=0.7}$
Asphericity	m, λ, K_θ	w
Viscosity	m, λ, K_θ	$\mu_{liq/Tr=0.7}$

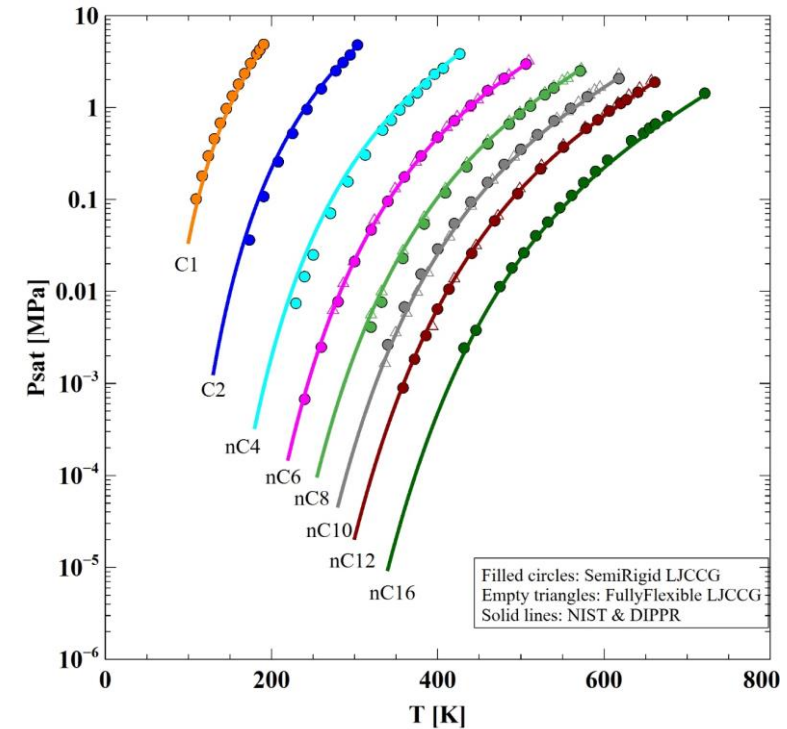
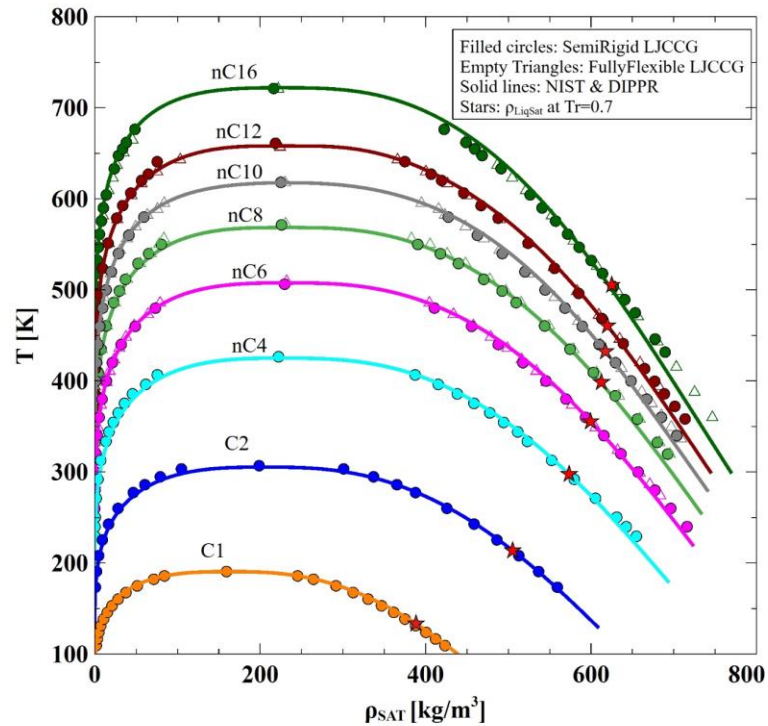
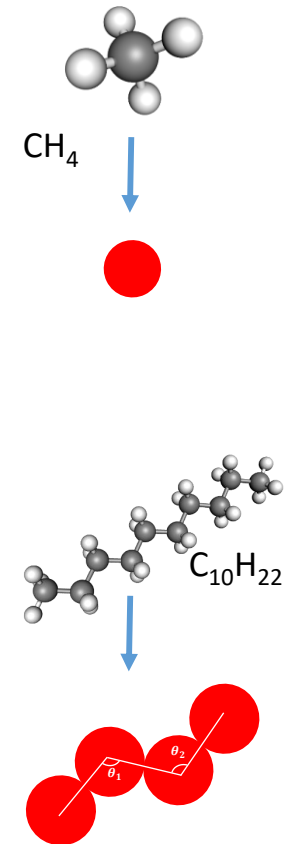
$$\min F(m, K_\theta) = \left| W_{Tr0.7}^{CG} - W_{Tr0.7}^{Exp} \right| + \left| \mu_{LiqSat, Tr0.7}^{CG} - \mu_{LiqSat, Tr0.7}^{Exp} \right|$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{k_B T_c}{T_c^{CG}} \quad \sigma = \sqrt[3]{\frac{M \rho_{sat, Liq, Tr0.7}^{CG}}{\rho_{sat, Liq, Tr0.7}^{Exp}}}$$

Requires only 4 macroscopic experimental data
Unicity of the solution
Parameters are physically more consistent

Results

normal alkanes

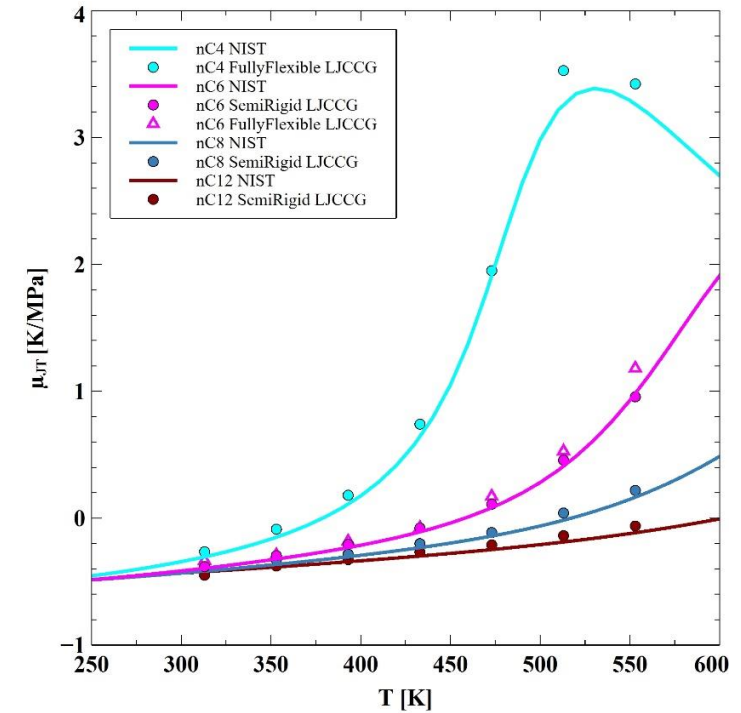
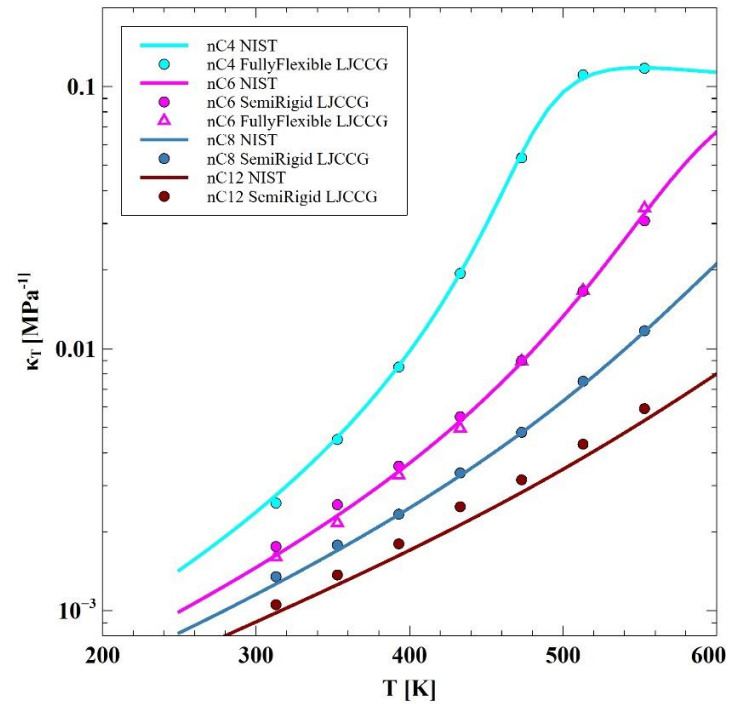


Excellent predictions! → **« Transferability »**

Works very well for iso alkanes, polars,...

normal alkanes

Our model performs very well for properties not included in the optimization: very good « Representability »

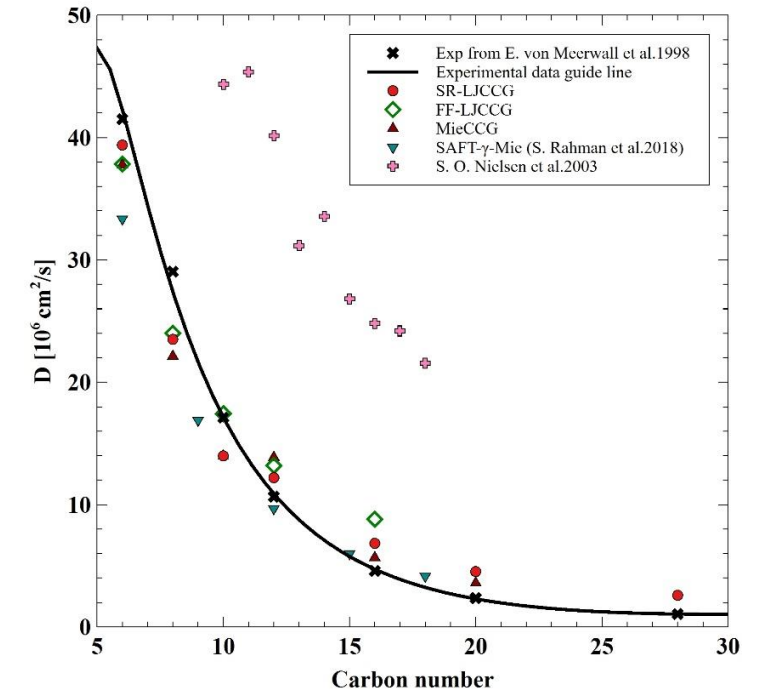
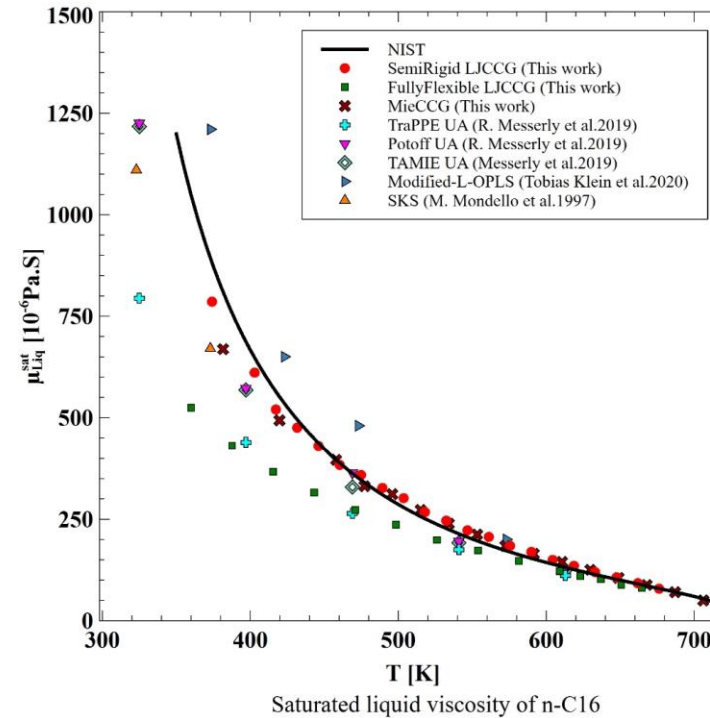
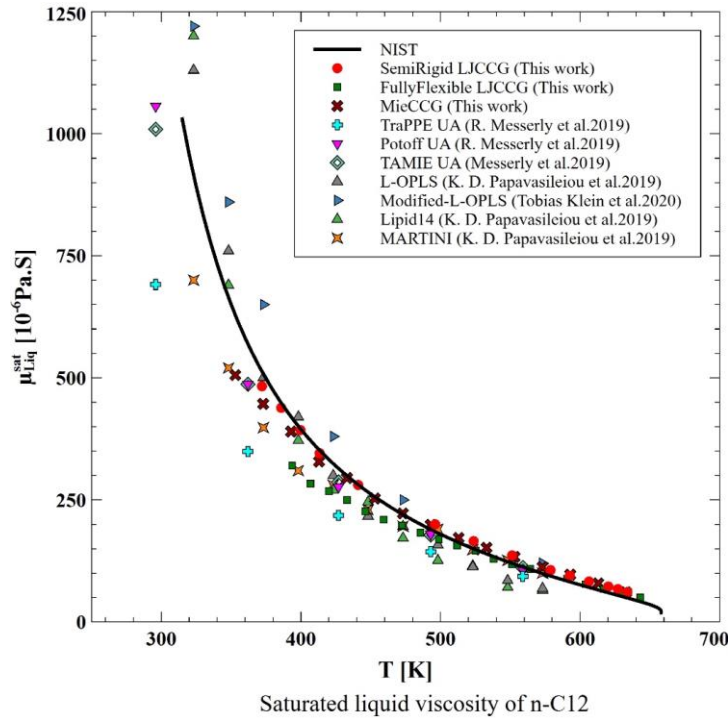


Viscosity

Diffusivity

T=303K

P=1atm

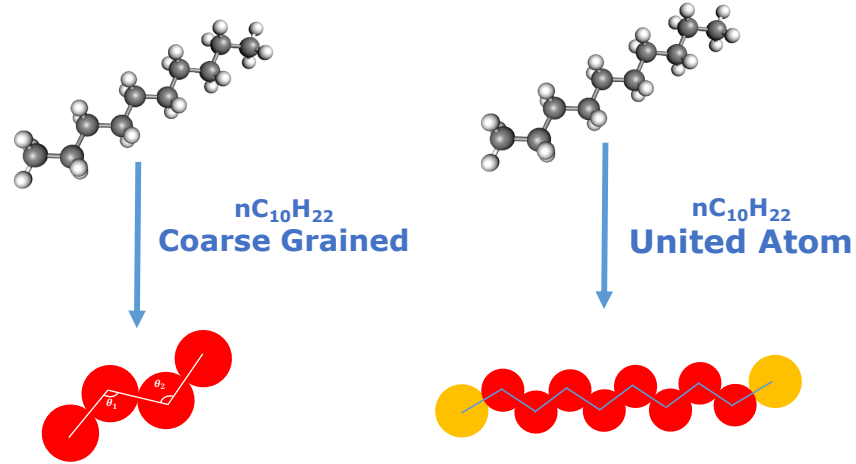


Our Coarse Grained model can do better than most fine models!

CPU time?

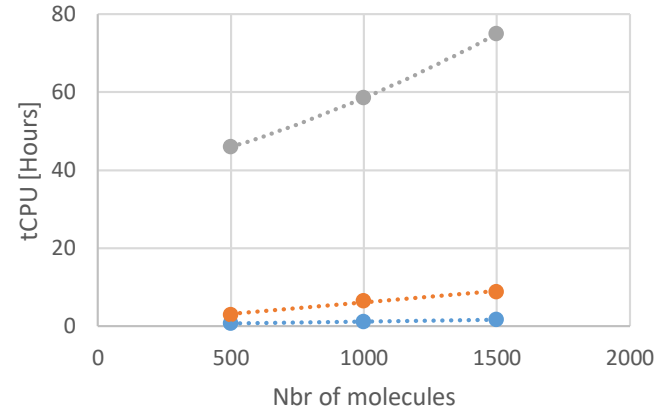
CPUtime: AA vs UA vs CG

tSIM = 9nS
T=500K
Rho=800kg/m³



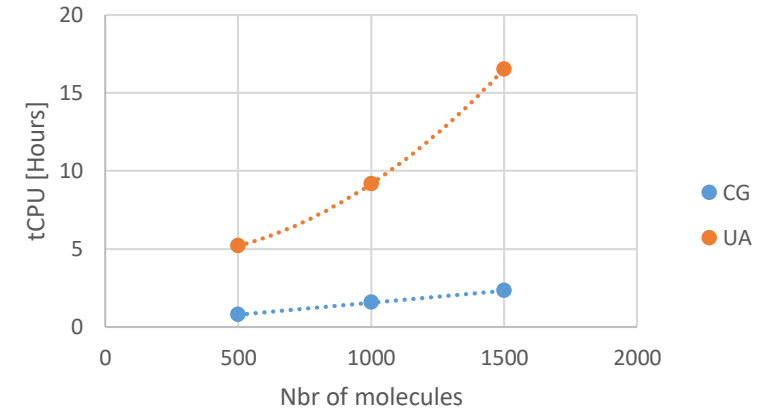
nC₁₀H₂₂

tCPU vs N

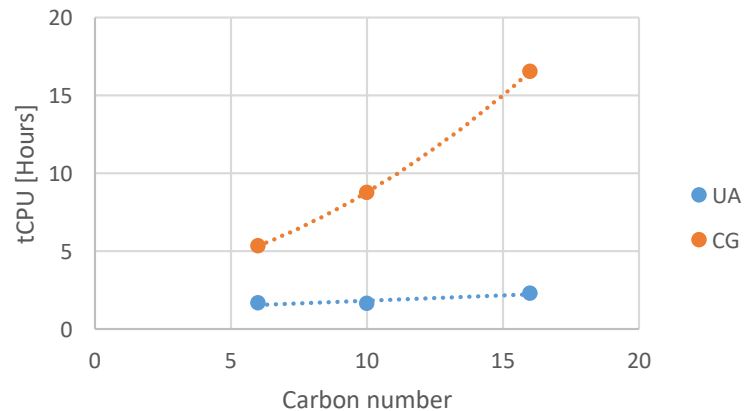


nC₁₆H₃₄

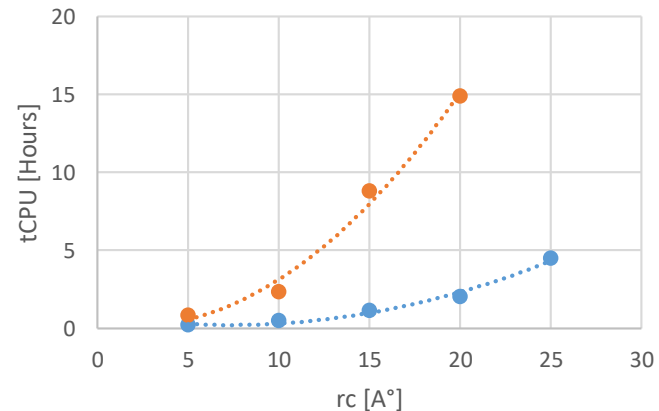
tCPU vs N



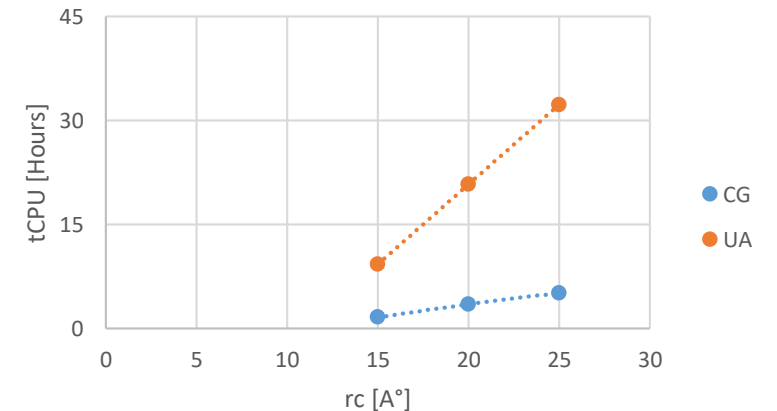
tCPU vs Nc



tCPU vs rc



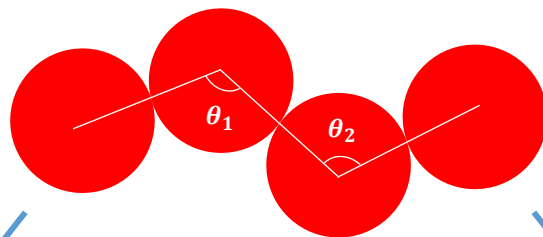
tCPU vs rc



CPU time, can we do more? A SAFT type model

SAFT theory...

The Model:
SemiRigid LJ chains



+ rigidity

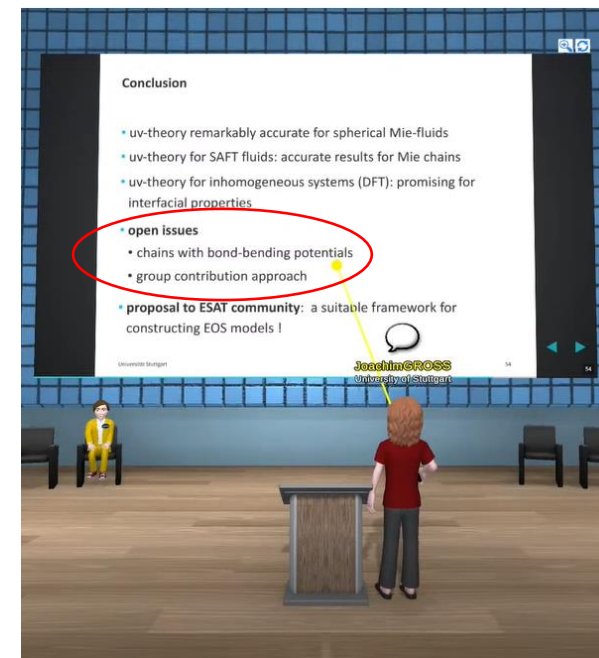
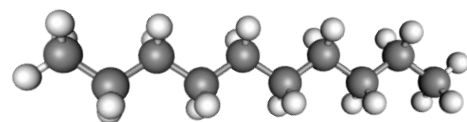
Molecular simulation
(exact properties)

Validation

Thermodynamics Perturbation Theory:
Wertheim 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988
(Statistical Association Fluid Theory)

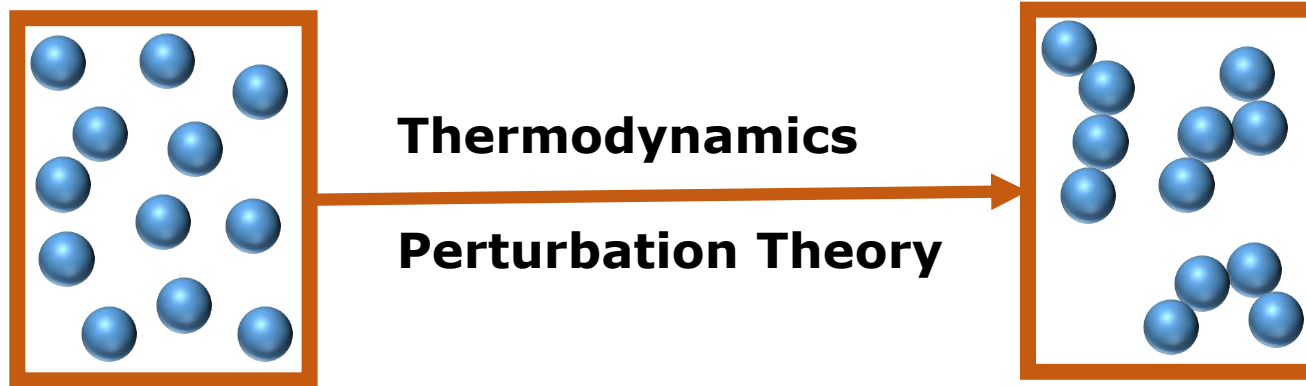
Open issue!!!

Real fluids
(Exact experimental properties)



The SAFT EoS is written in terms of the Helmholtz free energy:

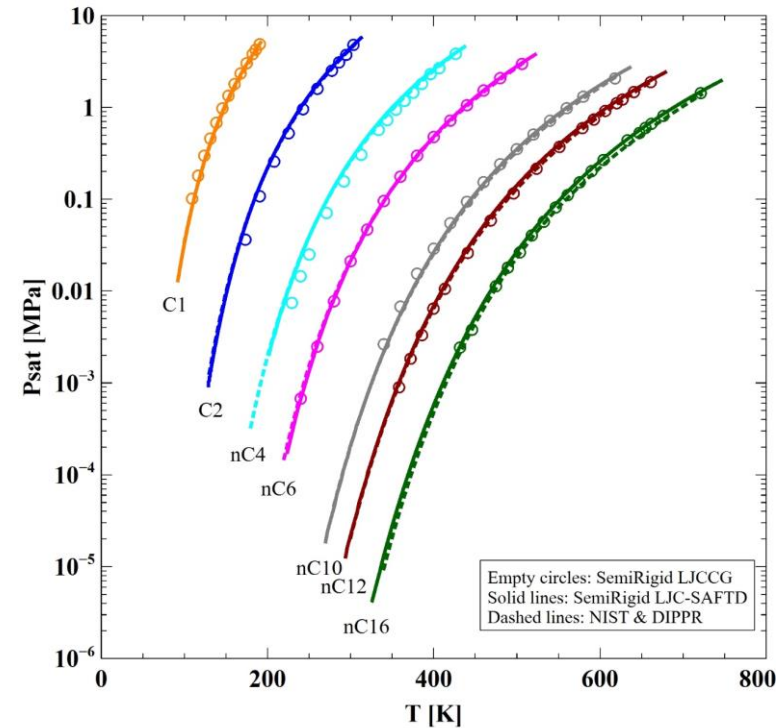
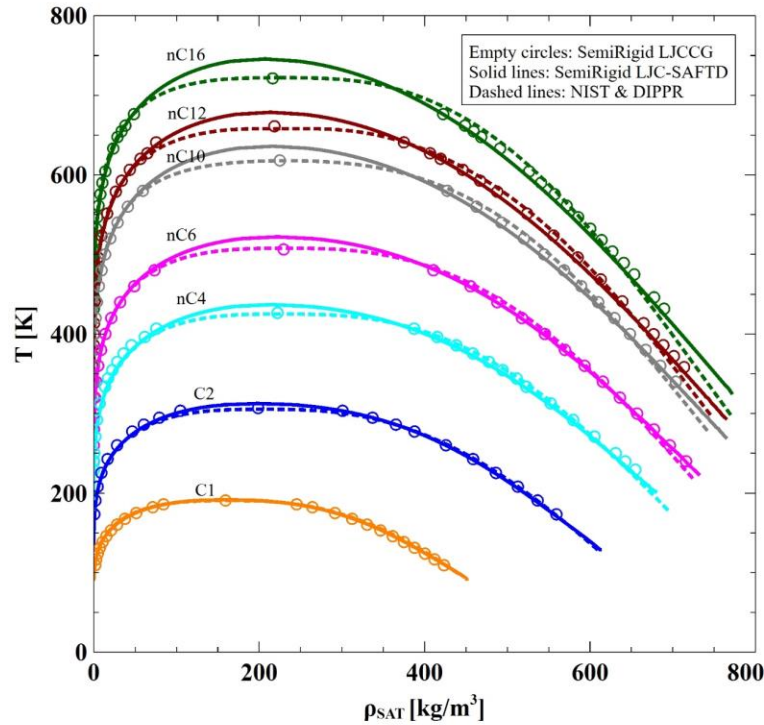
$$\frac{A^{res}}{N_c kT} = \frac{A^{Mono}}{N_m kT} + \frac{A^{Chain}}{N_c kT} + \frac{A^{Assoc}}{N_c kT} + \frac{A^{Rigidity}}{N_c kT} + \dots$$



Most famous models: PC-SAFT, SAFT-Y-Mie, Soft-SAFT

N-Alkanes

Very accurate predictions



**With the SAFT model, results are in seconds!!!
While simulation may take hours, days...**

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