# Info

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#### Sources:

for TUL: https://nanoed.tul.cz/course/view.php?id=56

more advanced: http://old.vscht.cz/fch/en/tools/kolafa/S403027.html

Google: Kolafa Molecular modeling and simulation Kolafa Molekulární modelování a simulace

# **Elements of modeling**

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- ? elementary particles + gravity, GUT, dark energy, ...
- *known elementary particles*: Standard model, atomic nuclei,...
- *Nuclei* + *electrons* + *photons*: QED, accurate spectroscopy
- Nuclei + electrons: Schrödinger equation small molecules, spectra, gas-phase equilibria, chemical kinetic, photochemistry . . .
- Atoms\* classical (or quantum) atomistic modeling
- Coarsed-grained models: meso/nanoscopic scale element = polyatomic group (surfactant = head + tail, polymer = [bead]<sub>n</sub>...)
- *Microscopic scale* (dispersions, granular materials)
- Continuum: partial differential equations
- gravity: spacetime

#### multiscale modeling: QM/MM, ...

\*optionally: auxiliary interaction centers (sites), bigger groups (-CH<sub>3</sub>)

# **Potential Energy Surface (PES)**

Nuclei are much heavier than electrons  $\Rightarrow$  electron motion is much faster (Born– Oppenheimer **approximation**)

Potential energy surface (PES):

energy as a function of positions of all nuclei

 $E_{\text{pot}}(\vec{r}_1,\vec{r}_2,\ldots,\vec{r}_N)$ 

over point ransition state products Surface Reactive Trajectory Olividing Surface 0 Minima 0 Saddle Points

credits: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/~ucecmst/publications.html, http://theory.cm.utexas.edu/henkelman/research/ltd/

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Chemical example: reaction coordinate

A reaction proceeds over (near to) a saddle point (transition state)

### **How to obtain PES?**

from quantum calculations (Schrödinger equation: ab initio, DFT)

- approximated by a formula ("force field", "potential", "model", ...) force field: E<sub>pot</sub> = sum of many terms term = function form + parameters for atoms/groups
- combination: QM/MM methods (quantum mechanics/molecular mechanics)

## **PES and modeling in chemistry**

#### using classical mechanics:

static calculations: minimum of energy, potential around a molecule time development of system (**m**olecular **d**ynamics, MD) thermodynamic variables by sampling (**M**onte **C**arlo, MC)

- using quantum mechanics to nuclei: path integral methods (PI MC, PI MD)
- classical mechanics + quantum corrections

combination force field + classical mechanics = "molecular mechanics" (MM); strictly speaking does not include MC and MD

## **Molecular mechanics: static approach**

We use PES, usually described by a force field

- Energy minimization (T = 0) "molecular mechanics", "structure optimization"
- Refinement more accurate structure (from diffraction data)
- Biochemistry: molecular shape (lock and key), hydrophillic/hydrophobic
- QSAR (Quantitative Structure–Activity Relationship) descriptors



. . but what about **motion**?

## What is "motion"?

"Real" motion of molecules in time

All possible configurations averaged in time:





**Statistical thermodynamics** calculates quantities (boiling point, ligand–receptor affinity, ...) based on the idea of a (macro)state of a system as an "average" of all possible configurations

# **Molecular simulations**

### molecular dynamics (MD)

- time development of a system composed of many molecules
- instantaneous forces acting on atoms cause their motion
- Monte Carlo (MC); more precisely: Metropolis method and its variants
  - a sequence of configurations of the system is generated using random numbers
  - an attempt is made to move a molecule (randomly with a certain distribution)
  - this trial move is accepted or rejected so that its probability is the same as in real system

### kinetic Monte Carlo

- the simulated process is divided into elementary events (e.g., adsorption of an atom on a growing crystal, catalytical reaction)
- the event to happen is chosen according to a known probability

#### quantum simulations – MD, MC

Las Vegas algorithms – deterministic result (random pivot, search for minimum )

### What can be studied

## Liquids:

- how structure affects properties (anomalies of water), solutions
- phase equilibria, solubility
- surfaces, interfaces, surfactants

### Solids:

- crystal structure, materials (defects)
- adsorption (zeolites)

### Biochemistry:

proteins, nucleic acids, ion channels, lipid membranes

## Nanoobjects:

- micelles, polymers, self-assembly (coarse-grained models, lattices)
- Similar methods can be used for:
  - granular materials, optimization, spreading of epidemies, evo-devo ...

# Structure optimization (molecular mechanics)

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chair experiment: 28 kJ/mol model: 26 kJ/mol



twist (skew) boat experiment: 45 kJ/mol model: 53 kJ/mol

# **Liquid water**

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**300 K** 

- periodic in x, y
- 🔵 adhesive pad
- 🔵 nonadhesive lid



More movies: https://vesmir.cz/cz/on-line-clanky/2014/07/struktura-anomalie-vody.html

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# **Electrospray of Cytochrome C**

- Electrospray: spray of charged aerosol
- Cross section is determined



Yi Mao, J. Woenckhaus, J. Kolafa, M.A. Ratner, M.F. Jarrold: *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **121**, 2712–2721 (1999)

# SIMOLANT

#### **Features:**

- 2D "atoms" with a Lennard-Jones type potential (8–4)
- repulsive/attractive walls, gravity
- MC and MD
- constant energy and thermostat

#### **Phenomena:**

- condensation of vapor
- freezing of a droplet
- crystal defects
- capilary action
- gas in a gravitational field
- vapor-liquid equilibrium

### nucleation



Install SIMOLANT: http://old.vscht.cz/fch/software/simolant/index-en.html

# **Self-assembly**

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**Supramolecular chemistry:** assembling molecules using noncovalent forces (van der Waals, hydrogen bonds) to higher structural elements

Show: bivalent particles in a solution  $\approx$  "Janus particles"









credit: wikipedie, www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/cassini

Show: + tetratetravalent particles







credit: Atwood et al., Science 309, 2037 (2005)

# How to get energy minimum

Minimum energy of (a model of) Na<sub>10</sub>Cl<sub>10</sub> cluster



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slow cooling (annealing)

fast cooling (quenching)

# **Optimization by simulated annealing**

We are looking for the **global minimum** of function  $U(A_i)$  (with many local minima)

- Configuration changes  $A_i \rightarrow A_j$
- Metropolis MC simulation while decreasing "temperature" T
- **Example:** Traveling salesman problem
- $\bigcirc$  100 cities randomly in square 1 imes 1
- Configuration = sequence of cities
- $\bigcirc U = path length$

- for me (uvodsim/salesman.sh):
- random start
- numerical results in the console

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Configuration change = interchange of 2 randomly chosen cities









genetic algorithm l = 8.1817



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The function to maximize is called here "fitness"	0	0000
● configuration $\rightarrow$ individual $\rightarrow$ genom = chromosome = list of alleles ("column of numbers")	1 2	0001 0011
initial (e.g., random) population	3	0010
next generation:	4	0110
– kill the least fit individuals	5	0111
<ul> <li>copying (parthenogenesis) with a mutation</li> </ul>	6	0101
<ul> <li>breeding from two parents with crossover</li> </ul>	7	0100
Numbers are coded by a Gray code	8	1100
(consecutive integers differ by one bit)	9	1101
	10	1111
Application:	11	1110
<ul> <li>– logistics, economy, control or processes</li> <li>– biochemistry – protein folding</li> </ul>	12	1010
– electronics – circuit design, antena shape	13	1011
– algorithm design	14	1001
	15	1000

# **Artificial neural networks**



- several layers
- discrete or continuous signal
- usually  $\rightarrow$ , rarely with feedback
- nonlinear activation function (sigmoid)
- weights for input mixing are adjustable
- **learning** = determining the weights using a training set



# (Plateau-)Rayleigh instability

A stream of water splits into droplets. Instability for kr < 1 (for perturbation  $\propto \sin(kz)$ ), max. instability for  $kr = \ln 2$ .



NB: " $\propto$ " = "is proportional to"



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## **Nucleation at supersonic expansion**

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Water vapor (about 150 °C and 5 bar) expands through a small (100  $\mu$ m) nozzle to a vacuum. It cools adiabatically below freezing point. **Motivation:** stratospheric physical chemistry.

# Free Jet Expansion



credit: M. Fárník

**Question:** what is the shape and structure of ice clusters?

J. Klíma, J. Kolafa: J. Chem. Theory Comput. 14, 2332–2340 (2018)

# **Melting of nanoparticles**

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- hail of 600 water molecules (ice Ih)
- 🕒 gradual heating
- simulation time = 5 ns
- this model of water melts at 250 K

### Gold

- nanocrystal of 489 gold atoms
- gradual heating
- simulation time = 77 ps

the melting point of nanoparticles is lower than in the bulk



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# **Coarse-grained simulations**

Coarse-grained model, Langevin thermostat (random forces)

Water not shown



endocytosis

Courtesy: (C) Robert Vácha (CEITEC)



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#### release of RNA from the capsid

# **Electrospinning**

- 5000 SPC/E water molecules, field 1.5 V/nm, simulation time 135 ps
- electrospinning starts by the "Taylor cone"
- the tip elongates and produces a jet stabilized by electric field



Jan Jirsák, Filip Moučka, Ivo Nezbeda: Ind. Eng. Chem. Res. 53, 8257–8264 (2014)

[showvid /home/jiri/macsimus/ray/dogrun/dogrun.vid]<sub>23/23</sub> End of introduction – real lecture ahead... s00/2

