

# **MedeA Software Environment Overview**

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## <span id="page-0-0"></span>**1 Introduction**

The *MedeA* software platform offers materials modeling capabilities ranging from the electronic structure to meso-scale phenomena. The core module of *MedeA*, the *MedeA Environment*, includes a comprehensive simulation environment for molecular dynamics (MD) with LAMMPS as a compute engine. *MedeA*'s add-on modules offer property prediction using density functional theory with VASP, quantum chemistry with Gaussian and MOPAC, statistical mechanics with the Monte-Carlo code GIBBS, and even correlation methods.

In addition, *MedeA* offers experimental structure databases, special builders, graphical analysis, a QSPR toolkit, and many other tools to generate materials property data. *MedeA*'s graphical flowchart editor helps simplifying and optimizing multi-stage calculations. In the *MedeA* flowchart library, Materials Design provides a growing set of validated workflows to standardize and automate simulation protocols.



## <span id="page-0-1"></span>**2 All** *MedeA* **modules at a glance**

Here's a list of all modules with links to the corresponding documentation section:



### **2.1 The** *MedeA Environment*

Structure builders and database access, flowchart editor, forcefield library, job control and LAMMPS executables, along with many analysis tools make this module a comprehensive simulation environment for classical molecular dynamics.



In the following, we list all *MedeA* add-on modules.

#### **2.2** *MedeA* **databases**





### **2.3** *MedeA* **special builders**



## **2.4** *MedeA* **compute engines and their GUI's**



### **2.5** *MedeA* **Forcefields and Forcefield Generators**



### **2.6** *MedeA* **Machine-Learned Potentials**



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## **2.7** *MedeA* **property modules**



### **2.8** *MedeA* **high-throughput computing, correlations, and descriptors**



## <span id="page-3-0"></span>**3 Computing solid-state properties with** *MedeA*

The following table provides a selection of solid-state properties accessible in *MedeA* together with the relevant *MedeA* modules.













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## <span id="page-6-0"></span>**4** *MedeA* **fluid properties**

The following table shows selected fluid properties and a short description of the computational protocoll.





#### <span id="page-7-0"></span>**Vapor-liquid equilibrium**

Monte Carlo simulations with *MedeA GIBBS* in the isochoric Gibbs ensemble can be employed to calculate vapor-liquid equilibria (VLE) properties of pure compounds. In the isochoric Gibbs ensemble simulation (GEMC, NVT) there are two (or more) coexisting phases. The coexisting phases are not in direct contact, there is one simulation box for each phase. The total number of molecules, the total volume and the temperature of each phase is kept constant. However, the molecules are allowed to transfer between phases, therefore switch simulation boxes. Also, the volume of each phase is allowed to change, while the total volume is kept constant. This ensemble allows the study of multi-phase systems, without dealing explicitly with the interface(s).

#### <span id="page-7-1"></span>**Critical temperature**

The critical temperature  $T_c$  refers to the liquid-vapor critical point. It is obtained from Gibbs Ensemble Monte Carlo two-phase simulations at subcritical temperatures with *MedeA GIBBS*. The extrapolation to T<sub>c</sub> relies on non-classical scaling laws as described by [1]<sup>,</sup> [2]. The accuracy depends on the forcefield, but for large molecules, accuracy is also affected by statistical uncertainties.

#### <span id="page-7-2"></span>**Critical pressure**

<sup>[1]</sup> P. Ungerer, B. Tavitian and A. Boutin, "Applications of molecular simulation in the oil and gas industry - Monte Carlo methods", Editions Technip (2005)

<sup>[2]</sup> D. Frenkel and B. Smit, "Understanding molecular simulation: from algorithms to applications", Academic press (2002)



The critical pressure  $P_c$  corresponds to the liquid-vapor critical point. It is obtained by extrapolating the saturation pressure line obtained with *MedeA GIBBS* from GEMC simulations up to the critical point in a Clapeyron plot, i.e.,  $ln(P_{sat})$  over  $1/T$ ). The relative uncertainty on  $P_c$  is thus equivalent to  $P_{sat}$  or slightly larger.

#### <span id="page-8-0"></span>**Critical volume**

The critical volume  $V_c$  is the molar volume of the compound at the liquid-vapor critical point. It is the inverse of the critical density. It can be determined together with the critical temperature by extrapolation from data on 4-5 pairs of coexistence densities below the critical temperature. The coexisting densities can be determined with *MedeA GIBBS* or *MedeA LAMMPS*.

#### <span id="page-8-1"></span>**Acentric factor**

The acentric factor ( $\omega$ ) is a dimensionless parameter defined via the saturated vapor pressure at  $T = 0.7T_c$ :

$$
\omega = 1 - log_{10} \frac{P_{sat}(T=0.7T_c)}{P_c}.
$$

The uncertainty follows the uncertainties on  $P_{sat}$ ,  $P_c$  and  $T_c$ 

#### <span id="page-8-2"></span>**Vaporization enthalpy**

At a given temperature, the vaporization enthalpy  $\Delta H_{vap}$  is the difference between the molar enthalpy of the liquid phase and the molar enthalpy of the vapor phase in equilibrium conditions. It is determined from Gibbs Ensemble Monte Carlo (GEMC) simulations using *MedeA GIBBS* together with coexisting densities at 4-5 temperatures [1]. At lower temperatures,  $\Delta H_{vap}$  is approximated with the cohesive energy of the liquid phase by doing single phase *MedeA GIBBS* or *MedeA LAMMPS* simulations.

#### <span id="page-8-3"></span>**Normal boiling point**

The normal boiling temperature  $T_b$  is defined as the temperature for which the saturated vapor pressure is equal to 1 atmosphere (1.0125 bar). It is obtained by interpolating the saturated vapor pressures determined from GEMC simulations with *MedeA GIBBS*.

#### <span id="page-8-4"></span>**Saturation pressure**

The saturated vapor pressure,  $P_{sat}(T)$  is the gas phase pressure of a pure component in equilibrium with the pure liquid at T. This property is determined by *MedeA GIBBS* from a combination of two-phase GEMC simulations imposing a global volume [2] [3].

#### <span id="page-8-5"></span>**Saturated liquid density**

For a pure compound the saturated liquid density  $\rho(T)$  depends on the temperature only. It is determined from GEMC or single phase NPT simulations with *MedeA GIBBS*.

#### <span id="page-8-6"></span>**Compressibility factor**

The compressibility factor  $Z = PV/RT$ , where V is the molar volume, serves to quantify the degree of deviation from the ideal gas law  $(Z= 1)$  which is observed at low pressure. Z is determined for saturated vapor densities collected during GEMC simulations with *MedeA GIBBS*.

#### <span id="page-8-7"></span>**Henry constant**

At the limit of infinite dilution, the Henry constant  $K_{H,ij}$  of a solute i in a solvent j may be calculated through the expression :

$$
K_{(H,ij)} = \frac{f_i}{c_i},
$$

with  $f_i$  being the fugacity of component i and  $c_i$  the concentration of  $i$  in the liquid solvent. A concentration of 1 molecule of  $i$  per 200 molecules of solvent can be used to model an infinite dilution. The fugacity is directly evaluated from NPT calculation performed with *MedeA GIBBS*.

#### <span id="page-8-8"></span>**Apparent liquid density**

The purpose of the apparent liquid density my15 is to estimate the liquid density of a mixture at 15 $\degree$ C by adding contributions of each component. From this definition it follows that mv15 is not a pure component

<sup>[3]</sup> A.Z. Panagiotopoulos, "Direct determination of phase coexistence properties of fluids by Monte Carlo simulation in a new ensemble", *Mol. Phys.* **61** (4), p. 813 (1987)



property. It is rather the inverse of the partial molar volume  $(\frac{\partial v}{\partial n_i})_{P,T,n_j}$ . Thus, mv15 depends on the composition of the liquid mixture in which an additional molecule is added. Mv15 can be compute using *MedeA* LAMMPS. Small variations of the number of molecules  $n_i$  in the reference mixture(s) are generally considered.

#### <span id="page-9-0"></span>**Viscosity**

Here, by viscosity  $\eta$  we refer to the zero-shear viscosity in a Newtonian fluid, where the shear rate is proportional to the shear stress. For pure compounds, the Green Kubo expressions in equilibrium MD (D Dysthe 1999) or the Muller-Plathe method (F Müller-Plathe 1999) in non-equilibrium MD can be applied using MedeA *Viscosity.* Viscosity predictions are limited to conditions where approximately  $\eta$  < 20 cP (20 mPa.s). Outside this range, or in the case of high molecular-weight polymers, we need to apply other methods, such as extrapolation from higher temperatures, using the relation to the easier-to-calculate self-diffusion coefficient or QSPR.

#### <span id="page-9-1"></span>**Self-diffusivity**

The self-diffusivity (D) quantifies the rate of diffusion of a molecule in a condensed phase. It is determined directly in *MedeA Diffusion* by analyzing the mean squared displacement during a *LAMMPS* molecular dynamics run. For molecules with very long relaxation time at the temperature of interest, the self-diffusivity can be obtained by extrapolating from higher temperatures, or by QSPR.

#### <span id="page-9-2"></span>**Thermal Conductivity**

The thermal conductivity  $\lambda$  describes the linear relation between the conductive heat transfer and the temperature gradient. It is determined directly using *MedeA Thermal Conductivity* using the Green Kubo method or the Müller-Plathe method.

#### <span id="page-9-5"></span>**Lower Heat of Combustion**

The lower heat of combustion PCI in standard conditions (25  $\degree$ C, 1 bar) is computed as the enthalpy change during complete combustion, when all reaction products are supposed to be in the gas state. With *MedeA MOPAC*, the predicted accuracy is of 20 kJ/mol for e.g. gasoline or gasoil-range hydrocarbons, or 3% for heavy compounds.

#### <span id="page-9-6"></span>**Upper Heat of Combustion**

The upper heat of combustion PCS is obtained from the lower heat of combustion by adding the enthalpy of vaporization of water among the products. With *MedeA MOPAC*, the average deviation with experimental values will be similar (20 kJ/mol on light compounds, 3% on heavier ones).

#### <span id="page-9-4"></span>**Ideal Gas Heat Capacity**

the ideal gas capacity  $C_{P,id}(T)$  can be predicted as a function of temperature with *MedeA* MOPAC or *MedeA Gaussian* for a reference pressure of 1 bar. From our experience, the expected average accuracy obtained with *MedeA MOPAC* is lower than 4% (AAD) for organic molecules and 10% for inorganic molecules in the temperature range 300 – 1000 K [4]. For mixtures of known composition,  $C_{P,id}(T)$  is the molar average of pure component ideal heat capacities.

#### <span id="page-9-7"></span>**Ideal Gas Enthalpy of Formation**

The ideal gas enthalpy of formation, or standard heat of formation, is predicted by *MedeA MOPAC* (PM7) as this semi-empirical method has been parameterized based on a large number of evaluated data. The expected accuracy is approximately 20 kJ/mol on light compounds, 3% on heavier ones. *MedeA Gaussian* can also be used for this purpose.

#### <span id="page-9-8"></span>**Ideal Gas Gibbs Free Energy of Formation**

The Gibbs free energy of formation at 25°C and 1 bar in the ideal gas state can be computed from *MedeA* MOPAC using corrections for the entropy of elements in the standard state. The expected accuracy is approximately 20 kJ/mol on light compounds, 3% on heavier ones. *MedeA Gaussian* can also be used for this purpose

<span id="page-9-3"></span><sup>[4]</sup> X. Rozanska, J.J.P. Stewart, P. Ungerer, B. Leblanc, C. Freeman, P. Saxe and E. Wimmer., "High-Throughput Calculations of Molecular Properties in the MedeA Environment: Accuracy of PM7 in Predicting Vibrational Frequencies, Ideal Gas Entropies, Heat Capacities, and Gibbs Free Energies of Organic Molecules", *J. Chem. & Eng. Data* **59** (10), p. 3136 (2014)



#### **Joule-Thomson Coefficient**

The Joule Thomson coefficient is determined in high-pressure conditions from classical Monte Carlo using *MedeA GIBBS* or molecular dynamics with *MedeA LAMMPS*.

#### <span id="page-10-0"></span>**Heat Capacity**

The heat capacity of a fluid (pure or mixture) at T, P is obtained by summing up its ideal heat capacity  $C_{Pid}(T)$  and its residual heat capacity  $C_{Pres}(T, P)$ . The latter is determined from energy fluctuations in *MedeA GIBBS* or by finite differences or fluctuations in *MedeA LAMMPS*.

#### <span id="page-10-1"></span>**Isobaric Thermal Expansivity**

The isobaric thermal expansion coefficient  $\alpha$  (or expansivity) is obtained with *MedeA GIBBS* from volume and energy fluctuations in the NPT ensemble (M Lagache 2001) (P. U. M Lagache 2004) or by finite differences or fluctuations using *MedeA LAMMPS*.

#### <span id="page-10-2"></span>**Isothermal Compressibility**

The isothermal compressibility,  $\beta_T$ , is obtained with *MedeA GIBBS* from volume fluctuations in the NPT ensemble (M Lagache 2001) (P. U. M Lagache 2004) or by finite differences or fluctuations using *MedeA LAMMPS*.

#### <span id="page-10-3"></span>**Speed of Sound**

The speed of sound  $U_s$  of a fluid – either liquid or gas, pure or mixture - is computed in *MedeA GIBBS* from the isentropic compressibility coefficient and the molar volume. It is applicable to high pressure (up to 10-1,000 bar) and high temperature (up to 1,000 K).

#### <span id="page-10-5"></span>**Electronegativity**

Electronegativity,  $\chi$ , is a chemical property describing the tendency of an atom or a functional group to attract electrons. The Mulliken electronegativity, i.e. the arithmetic mean of the first ionization energy and the electron affinity, also called "absolute electronegativity" can by calculated with *MedeA MOPAC* and *MedeA Gaussian* (performing a geometry optimization with *MedeA MOPAC* and then an energy calculation with *MedeA Gaussian*).

#### <span id="page-10-6"></span>**Dipole Moment**

A molecule's dipole moment,  $\mu$ , is an electric dipole, which occurs when the atoms in a molecule have substantially different electronegativity. The dipole vector of a molecule in the gas state (calculated from atomic charges and the lone pairs), along with the net dipole moment, can be calculated with *MedeA MOPAC* and *MedeA Gaussian* (performing a geometry optimization with *MedeA MOPAC* and *MedeA Gaussian* and then an energy calculation with Gaussian). When molecules with many conformers are considered, the calculation of this property can take place after a conformer search is performed and an average (weighted) over the range of conformers can be calculated. This will increase the computational effort (larger number of simulations) analogously to the number of conformers identified for each compound.

#### <span id="page-10-7"></span>**Quadrupole Moment**

A molecule's quadrupole moment, Q, is an electric quadrupole, which is providing a measure of the charge distribution in a molecule. The quadrupole moment of a molecule (primitive and traceless matrixes and quadrupole magnitude) can be calculated with *MedeA MOPAC* and *MedeA Gaussian* (performing a geometry optimization with *MedeA MOPAC* and then an energy calculation with *MedeA Gaussian*).

#### <span id="page-10-8"></span>**Polarizability**

Neutral nonpolar species have spherically symmetric arrangements of electrons in their electron clouds. When in the presence of an electric field, their electron clouds can be distorted. The ease of this distortion is defined as the polarizability of a molecule. The polarizability,  $\alpha$ , of a molecule can be calculated with *MedeA MOPAC* and *MedeA Gaussian* (performing a geometry optimization with MOPAC and then an energy calculation with Gaussian).

<span id="page-10-4"></span>When molecules with many conformers are considered, the calculation of this property can take place after a conformer search is performed and an average (weighted) over the range of conformers can be calculated. This will increase the computational effort (larger number of simulations) proportionally to the number of conformers identified for each compound.



#### **Acid Dissociation Constant**

The acid dissociation constant, Ka, is a quantitative measure of the strength of an acid in solution. Each acid has a different pKa ( $pKa = -log_{10}Ka$ ). This is the equilibrium constant for a chemical reaction known as dissociation in the context of acid-base reactions. The acid dissociation constant, pKa, can be calculated with *MedeA MOPAC* and *MedeA Gaussian*. Using *MedeA MOPAC* PM6 for OH-group containing molecules, the expected absolute average deviation is of the order of  $\pm 0.3$  pKa units.

#### <span id="page-11-1"></span>**Dielectric Constant**

The dielectric constant is the ratio of the permittivity of a substance to the permittivity of free space. The dielectric constant affects the Coulomb forces between two point-charges in the material. This property can be estimated from molecular dynamics simulation using *MedeA LAMMPS* or *MedeA* VASP. *MedeA LAMMPS* efficiently samples the fluid's conformational contribution to the dielectric constant and *MedeA* VASP predicts the electronic contribution to the dielectric constant and its evolution under an external field.

#### <span id="page-11-2"></span>**Surface Tension**

Surface tension is defined as the free energy per unit area of interface between the liquid and the vapor phases. It is also the force exerted by the interface. For pure compounds and mixtures, this property will can be determined using the *MedeA* Surface Tension module.

## <span id="page-11-0"></span>**5** *MedeA* **molecular properties**

Molecular properties are accessible through most *MedeA* engines including periodic DFT *VASP*, forcefieldbased molecular dynamics with *LAMMPS*, and codes using localized basis sets (*Gaussian*) and semiempirical Hamiltonians (*MedeA MOPAC*). The quality of results will largly depend on the level of theory used, followed by how well a particular property is converged in terms of geometry, energy and -if applicable - electronic structure. Note that forcefield-based classical methods can provide very accurate results, provided the forcefield parametrization is suitable for the materials and properties of interest. Below, we list a selection of molecular properties conveniently obtained from *MedeA Gaussian* and *MedeA MOPAC*:





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