Applied Statistical Mechanics Lecture Note - 12



### Advanced Topics in Molecular Monte Carlo Method

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#### Introduction



- Previous simulation methods : Properties of a single isolated phase
- Molecular Simulation Techniques can be extended to multiple phases
  - Thermodynamic Phase Coexistence : Two or more phases are equally stable

Condition of Phase Coexistence

$$T^{\alpha} = T^{\beta}$$

$$p^{\alpha} = p^{\beta}$$

$$\mu_{i}^{\alpha} = \mu_{i}^{\beta} \qquad i = 1,..,C$$



#### **Straightforward Simulation**



- Change T or P for given model system and wait for a phase transformation occur
  - □ Major Drawbacks
    - Hysterisis : Irreversible phase transformation
    - Large free energy barrier at interface → Depends on the size of the interface → Depends on the choice of simulation system



#### **Alternative Methods**



- Gibbs Ensemble Method (Panagiotopoulos, 1987)
- Gibbs Duhem Integration Method (Kofke, 1993)

# Why free energies are important in Phase Coexistence ?



From 2nd Law of Thermodynamics

 At equilibrium, S is maximum for (N,V,E)
 (N,V,E) System : A is minimum
 A = U - TS (Helmholtz Free Energy)
 (N,P,T) System : G is Minimum
 G = H - TS (Gibbs Free Energy)

 Equilibrium Condition

$$A^{\alpha} = A^{\beta}$$
$$G^{\alpha} = G^{\beta}$$

# Free energy cannot be directly measured in simulation



Helmholtz free energy

$$A = -kT \ln Q(N, V, T) = -kT \left( \frac{\int dp^N dr^N \exp(-\beta H(p^N, r^N))}{\Lambda^{dN} N!} \right)$$

Not the form of canonical average over phase space
 Depends directly on the available volume in the phase space
 Cannot be directly measured in real experiment, too.

#### Derivatives of free energy

$$\left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial V}\right)_{N,T} = -p \qquad \left(\frac{\partial A/T}{\partial 1/T}\right)_{V,T} = -E$$

Find a reversible path in V,T plane and perform integration

## Kirkwood's coupling parameter method



• Assume *U* depends on the coupling parameter  $\lambda$  :

 $U(\lambda) = (1 - \lambda)U_I + \lambda U_{II} = U_I + \lambda (U_{II} - U_I)$ 

Partition function for potential energy function

$$Q(N,V,T,\lambda) = \frac{1}{\Lambda^{3N} N!} \int dr^N \exp(-\beta U(\lambda))$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial A(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda}\right)_{N,V,T} = -\frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \ln Q(N,V,T,\lambda) = -\frac{1}{\beta Q(N,V,T,\lambda)} \frac{\partial Q(N,V,T,\lambda)}{\partial \lambda}$$
$$= \frac{\int dr^{N} \left(\frac{\partial U(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda}\right) \exp(-\beta U(\lambda))}{\int dr^{N} \exp(-\beta U(\lambda))} = \left\langle \frac{\partial U(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} \right\rangle_{\lambda} \longrightarrow \text{Ensemble average of with potential function U}(\lambda)$$

# Kirkwood's coupling parameter method



■ Free energy difference

$$A(\lambda = 1) - A(\lambda = 0) = \int_{\lambda=0}^{\lambda=1} d\lambda \left\langle \frac{\partial U(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} \right\rangle$$

- All free energy methods are based on calculation of free energy differences
- Example :
  - □ Volume of R can be measured as a fraction of total volume
    - Sample the reference system
    - keep an average of the fraction of time occupying the target system

$$\frac{\Omega_R}{\Omega_{\Gamma}} = \left\langle s(\Gamma) \right\rangle_{\Gamma} \qquad S_R - S_{\Gamma} = k \ln \left( \Omega_R / \Omega_{\Gamma} \right)$$

#### **Chemical Potentials**



#### Chemical Potentials

$$\mu_{a} = \left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial N_{a}}\right)_{T,P,N_{b\neq a}} = \left(\frac{\partial A}{\partial N_{a}}\right)_{T,V,N_{b\neq a}} = -T\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial N_{a}}\right)_{V,E,N_{b\neq a}}$$

$$Q(N,V,T) = \frac{V^N}{\Lambda^{dN} N!} \int_0^1 \dots \int_0^1 ds^N \exp(-\beta U(s^N;L))$$
$$s^N = r^N / L$$

$$A(N,V,T) = -kT \ln Q = -kT \ln \left[ \frac{V^{N}}{\Lambda^{dN} N!} \right] - kT \ln \left\{ \int_{0}^{1} \dots \int_{0}^{1} ds^{N} \exp(-\beta U(s^{N};L)) \right\}$$
  
=  $A_{id}(N,V,T) + A_{ex}(N,V,T)$ 

# **Chemical Potentials** 고려대학교 ■ For sufficiently large N, $\mu = -kT \ln(Q_{N+1}/Q_N)$ $\mu = -kT \ln(Q_{N+1}/Q_N) = -kT \ln\left[\frac{V/\Lambda^d}{N+1}\right] - kT \ln\left\{\frac{\int_0^1 \dots \int_0^1 ds^{N+1} \exp(-\beta U(s^{N+1}))}{\int_0^1 \dots \int_0^1 ds^N \exp(-\beta U(s^N))}\right\}$ $=\mu_{id}(\rho)+\mu_{ax}$ $\mu_{ex} = -kT \ln \int ds^{N+1} \langle \exp(-\beta \Delta U) \rangle_{M}$

# Widom's Test Particle Insertion Method



- Widom (1963)
- A "ghost particle" is randomly inserted into the ensemble and calculating the energy of its interaction
- The test particle is a "ghost", it does not affect the properties of real molecule
- In principle, this method can be used in any simulation system for the calculation of chemical potential

# Implementation of Widom's Method



- Carry out conventional NVT or NPT Monte Carlo Simulation of N particles
- At frequent interval during simulation, randomly generate a coordinate,  $s_{N+1}$  uniformly over unit cube
- For given  $s_{N+1}$ , compute :

$$\mu_{ex} = -kT \ln \langle \exp(-\beta \Delta U) \rangle \longrightarrow \text{ NVT ensemble}$$

$$\mu_{ex} = -kT \ln \left[ \frac{\left\langle V \exp(-\beta \Delta U) \right\rangle}{\left\langle V \right\rangle} \right] \longrightarrow \text{ NPT ensemble}$$

• Average  $\rightarrow$  chemical potential

#### **Note on Widom's Method**



- Widom's method can be used as a verification that equilibrium has been attained
- At high density, some difficulties are encountered
   Difficult to insert a particle at given location



- Proposed by Panagiotopoulos (1987,1988)
- Simulation method without interface
- Thermodynamic contact without physical contact





MC simulation includes moves that couples two simulation volumes

> Particle exchange equilibrates chemical potential





equilibrates pressure



Incidentally, the coupled moves enforce mass and volume balance





Box 1:  $N_1$ ,  $V_1$ , T



Box 2: N<sub>2</sub>, V<sub>2</sub>, T



(2) Attempt volume fluctuation

Box 1: N<sub>1</sub>, V<sub>1</sub> +  $\Delta$ V, T



Box 1:  $N_1 + 1$ ,  $V_1$ , T





Box 2:  $N_2$ ,  $V_2$  -  $\Delta V$ , T







■ Acceptance of three moves → Governed by Pseudo Boltzman Factor

Displacement movement

$$\Delta Y_{disp} = \Delta E_{\alpha} + \Delta E_{\beta}$$

□ Volume change

$$\Delta Y_{disp} = \Delta E_{\alpha} + \Delta E_{\beta} - N_{\alpha} kT \ln \frac{V_{\alpha} + \Delta V_{\alpha}}{V_{\alpha}} - N_{\beta} kT \ln \frac{V_{\beta} + \Delta V_{\beta}}{V_{\beta}} + P(\Delta V_{\alpha} + \Delta V_{\beta})$$

Molecular transfer

$$\Delta Y_{disp} = \Delta E_{\alpha} + \Delta E_{\beta} - kT \ln \frac{V_{\beta}(N_{\alpha} + 1)}{V_{\alpha}N_{\beta}}$$

# **Gibbs Ensemble - Algorithm**



Part 1	Initialisation:
	Specify the number of cycles ( <i>nCycles</i> ), number of particles in
	the boxes ( <i>nBox1</i> , <i>nBox2</i> ), number of volume ( <i>nVol</i> ), transfer
	attempts ( <i>nTrans</i> ), and the total number of moves
	(nTotal = nBox1 + nBox2 + nVol + nTrans).
Part 2	Generate Markov chain:
	<b>loop</b> $i \leftarrow 1 \dots nCycles$
	$loop j \leftarrow 1 \dots nTotal$
	if (rand() $\leq nBox 1/nTotal$ ) //Decide which move to perform
Part 2.1	Displace particle in box 1.
	else if(rand() $\leq (nBox1 + nBox2)/nTotal$ )
	Displace particle in box 2.
	else if(rand() $\leq (nBox1 + nBox2 + nVol)/nTotal$ )
Part 2.2	Change volume.
	else if $(rand() \le (nBox1 + nBox2 + nVol + 0.5nTrans)/nTotal)$
Part 2.3	Transfer particle from box 1 to box 2.
	else
	Transfer particle from box 2 to box 1.
	end if
	end j loop
	end <i>i</i> loop

#### **Gibbs Ensemble – Result**



#### ■ Water + Methanol Mixture



Strauch and Cummings, Fluid Phase Equilibria, 86 (1993) 147-172;
Chialvo and Cummings, Molecular Simulation, 11 (1993) 163-175.

#### **Gibbs Ensemble – Result**



#### Panagiotopoulos Group



#### **Gibbs Ensemble Limitation**



#### ■ Limitation arise from particle-exchange requirements



Dense phase or Complex molecules



Solid phases

#### **Gibbs-Duhem Integration**



- David Kofke (1993)
- Basis : Numerical Integration of Cluisus Clapeyron Equation

$$\mu_{\alpha} - \mu_{\beta} = -(S_{\alpha} - S_{\beta})dT - (V_{\alpha} - V_{\beta})dP$$
$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{S_{\alpha} - S_{\beta}}{V_{\alpha} - V_{\beta}} = \frac{\Delta H}{T\Delta V}$$

#### **Gibbs – Duhem Integration**



$$\left(\frac{\partial \ln p}{\partial \beta}\right)_{\sigma} = -\frac{\Delta h}{\Delta Z}$$

Treat as nonlinear first order ODE
 Use (NPT) simulation to obtain ΔH/Δz



# **Predictor-Corrector Algorithm Implementation**

Given initial condition and slope  $(= -\Delta h/\Delta Z)$ , predict new (p,T) pair.

Evaluate slope at new state condition...

...and use to correct estimate of new (p,T) pair



#### **Gibbs Duhem Integration**



Potentially very efficient algorithm
 Coexistence curves for solid-liquid systems
 Coexistence curves for complex molecules
 Algorithm is not robust

- No built-in diagnostics
- Additional free energy calculation may be required to check the result