

Solvation Modeling and Computational Electrochemistry

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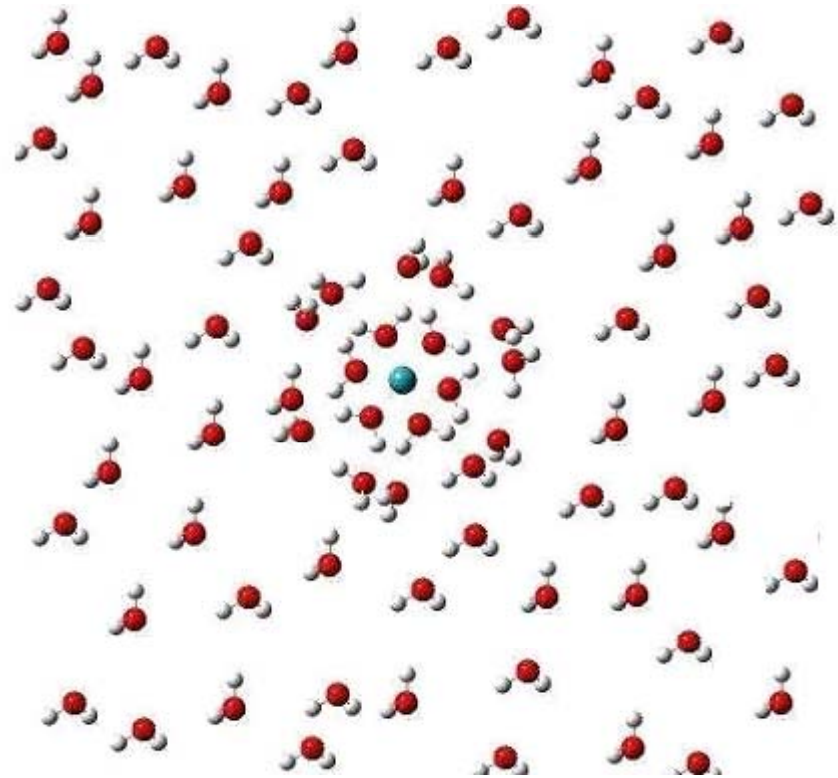
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Outline

- **Solvation and charge models**
- **Energetics and dynamics in solution**
- **Computational electrochemistry**
- **Future plans**

Solvation Modeling

- *Explicit solvation models*



- *Implicit solvation models*

- Poisson equation
- Generalized Born equation
 - ✓ Partial atomic charges

Charge Models and Classes

Class I

- *classical mechanics (e.g., for diatomics)*

Class II

- *population analysis (e.g., Löwdin)*

Class III

- *reproducing computed properties (e.g., dipole moments)*

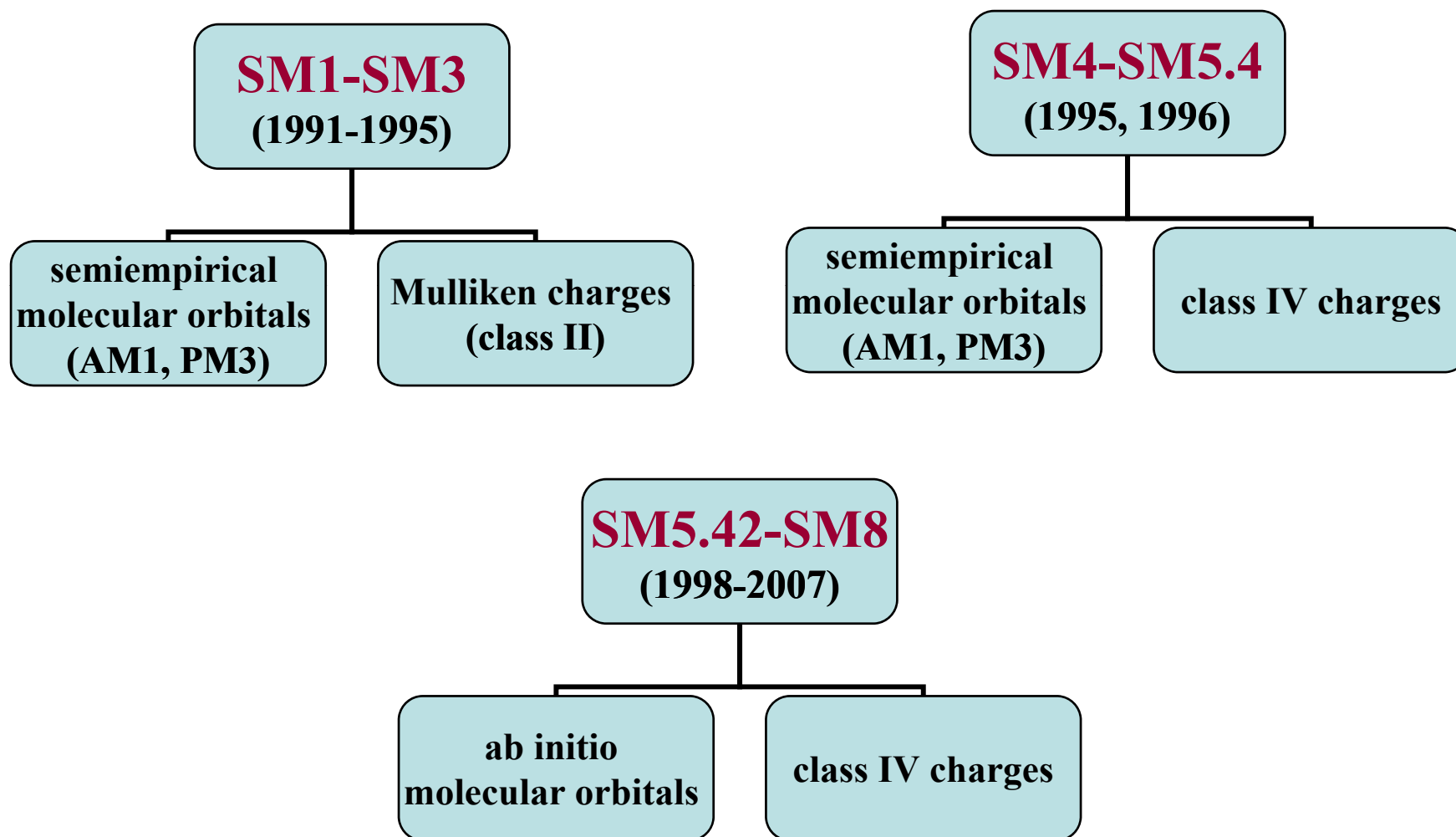
Class IV

- *reproducing observed properties (e.g., dipole moments)*

charge models

CM1, CM2, CM3, CM4

The Family History of SM_x



Recent Solvation Models

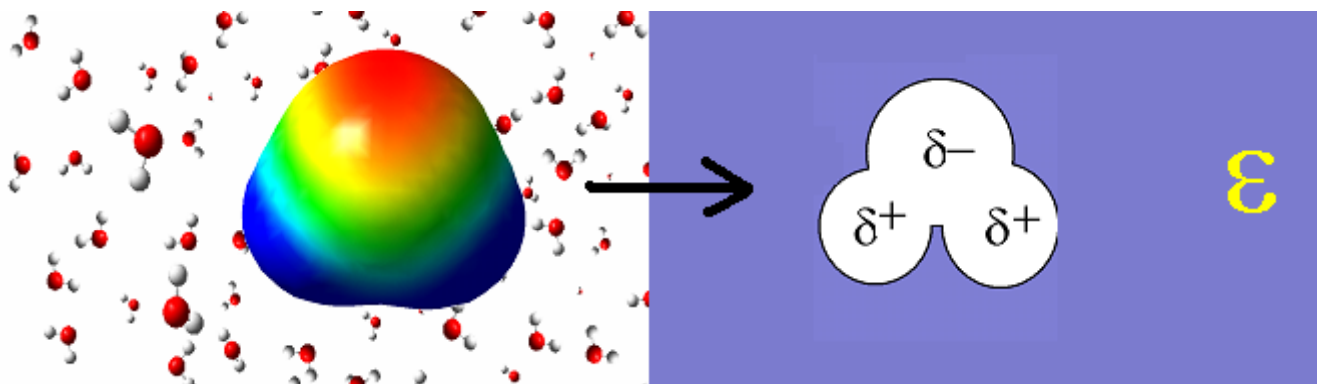
SM5.42 (aqueous, nonaqueous)
based on Charge Model 2 (**CM2**)

SM5.43 (aqueous, nonaqueous)
based on Charge Model 3 (**CM3**)

SM6 (only aqueous)
based on Charge Model 4 (**CM4**)

SM8 (aqueous, nonaqueous)
based on CM4
J. Chem. Theory Comp. 2007 (Polarization issue)
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/ct7001418>

Implicit Solvation



The free energy of solvation is a change in a solute's free energy upon passing the solute from the gas phase into solution

$$\Delta G_S^0 = \Delta E_N + \Delta E_E + G_P + G_{CDS}$$

nuclear
relaxation

electronic
reorganization

polarization
energy

cavity
dispersion
solvent structure

ΔG_{ENP} ← both long- and short-range electrostatic effects are treated as bulk electrostatics using a *self-consistent reaction field* procedure

G_{CDS} ← semiempirical correction for non-bulk electrostatic effects proportional to a solute's solvent accessible surface area (SASA)

The Generalized Born Approximation

$$G_P = -\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \right) \sum_{k, k'} q_k \gamma_{kk'} q_{k'}$$

ε is the dielectric constant of the solvent.

q_k is the partial atomic charge of atom k .

$\gamma_{kk'}$ is a Coulomb integral involving atoms k and k' . It depends on intrinsic atomic Coulomb radii.

Parametrization of SM8

- **332 solvation free energies for 223 ions in**
 - *water*
 - *acetonitrile*
 - *dimethyl sulfoxide*
 - *methanol*

- **2346 solvation free energies for 318 neutrals in**
 - *water*
 - *90 organic solvents*

- **143 transfer free energies for 93 neutrals between**
 - *water*
 - *15 organic solvents*

Parametrization of SM8

Step I

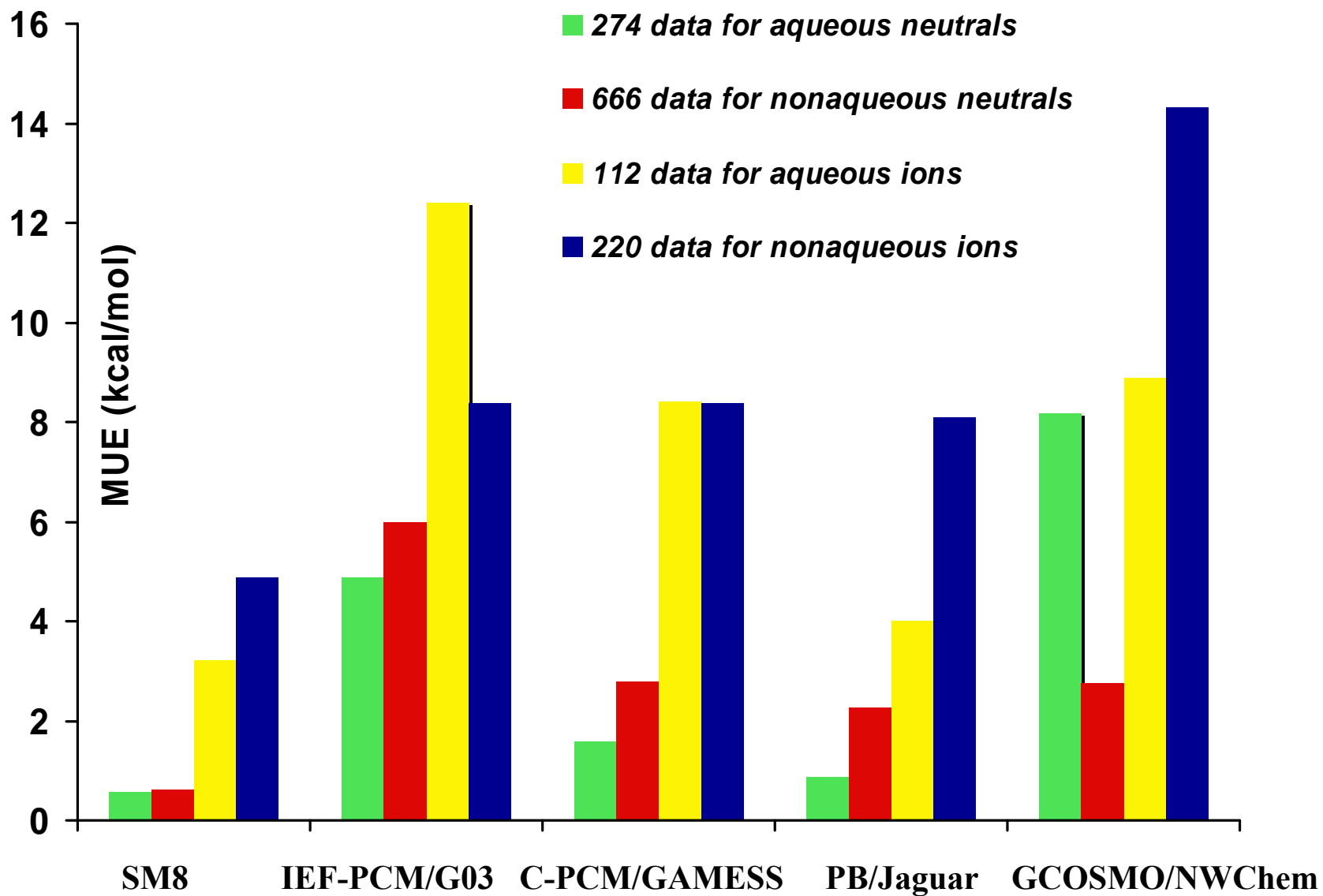
Optimization of atomic Coulomb radii that determine the bulk *electrostatic* component of ΔG_S (using ions)

- *Each radius is a function of the solvent hydrogen bond acidity parameter*

Step II

Optimization of the atomic surface tension parameters that determine the *non-bulk-electrostatic* component of ΔG_S (using neutrals)

- *54 parameters*



Conclusions on SM8

- **SM8 is a universal continuum solvation model for**
 - *Ions and neutrals in aqueous and nonaqueous solutions*
- **It is applicable to any solvent or liquid medium using a few key descriptors such as**
 - *Dielectric constant*
 - *Abraham's hydrogen bond acidity and basicity*
 - *Refractive index*
 - *Macroscopic surface tension*
 - *Carbon aromaticity and electronegative halogenicity*
- **It may be used with any level of theory as long as accurate partial charges can be computed for that level**

Applications

➤ **Electronic dynamics in solution**

- *electronic relaxation*
- *charge transfer*
- *polarization effects*

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➤ **Nuclear dynamics in solution**

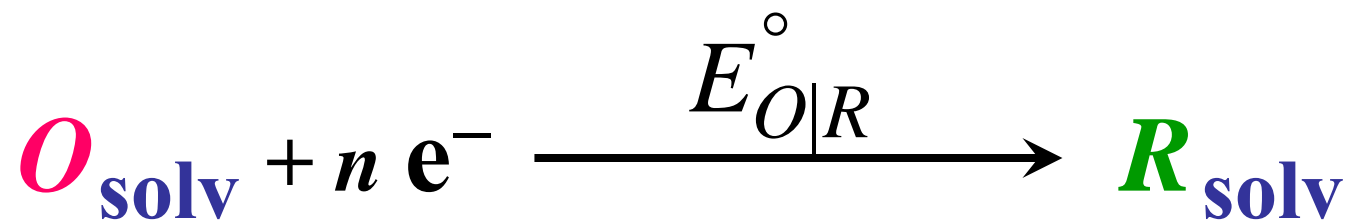
- *liquid-phase geometry optimization for reagents and transition states*

➤ **Electrochemistry**

- *computation of reduction potential in solution*

J. Phys. Chem. C 2007, 111, 5783 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1021/jp066765w>

Theoretical prediction of reduction potential in solution

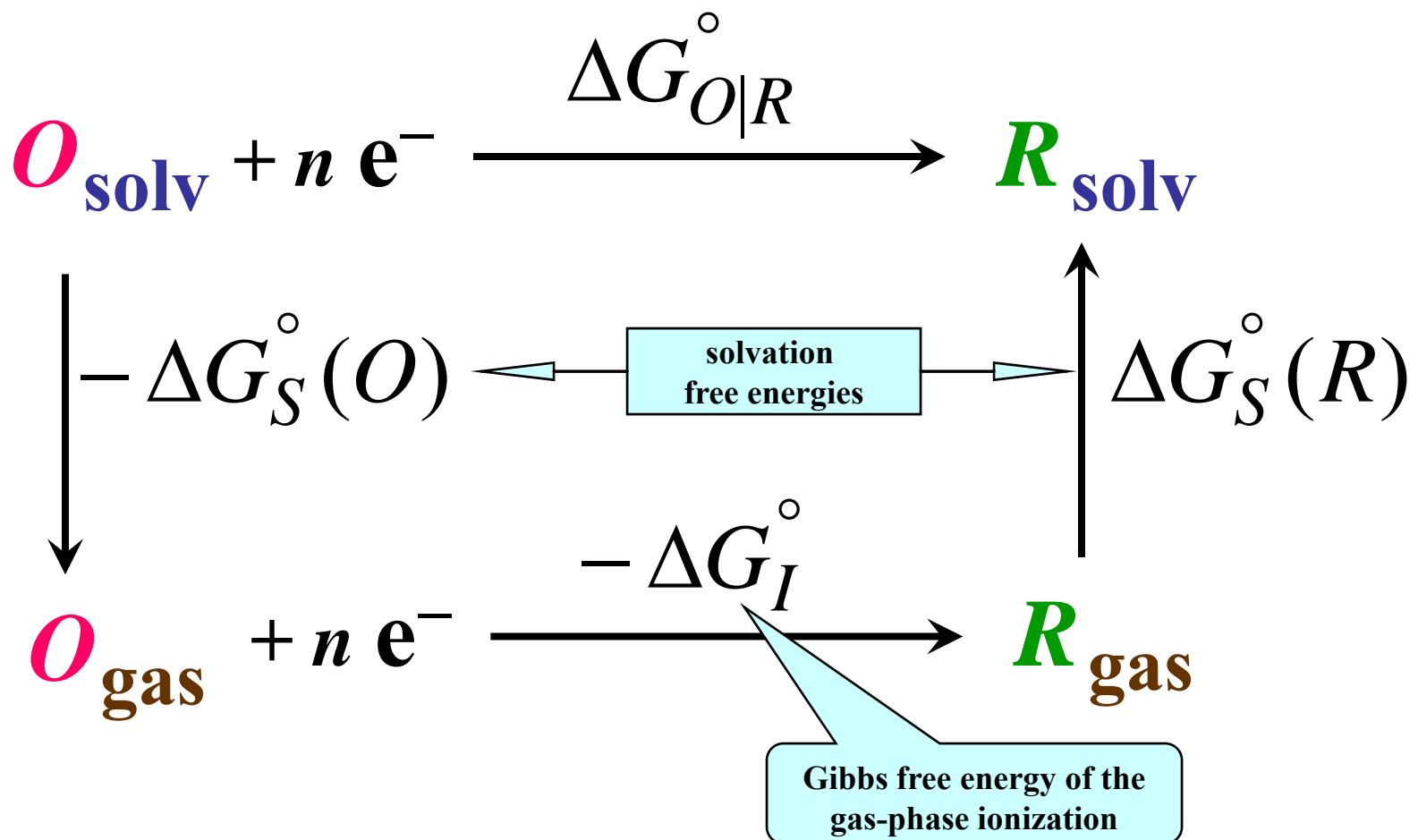


Gibbs free energy of the
reduction reaction

Gibbs free energy of the
standard hydrogen electrode

$$E_{O|R}^{\circ} = - \frac{\Delta G_{O|R}^{\circ} - \Delta G_{SHE}^{\circ}}{nF}$$

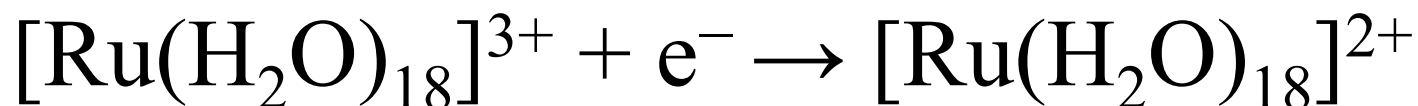
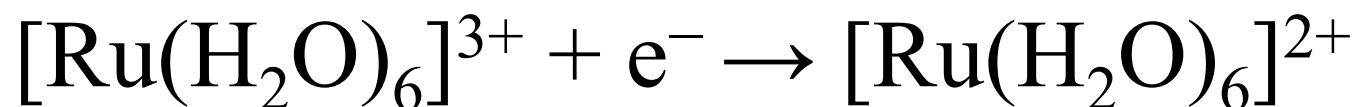
Thermochemical (Born-Haber) Cycle:



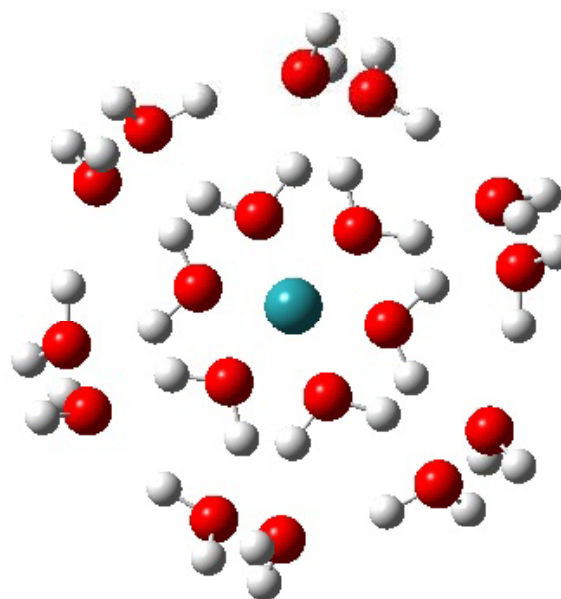
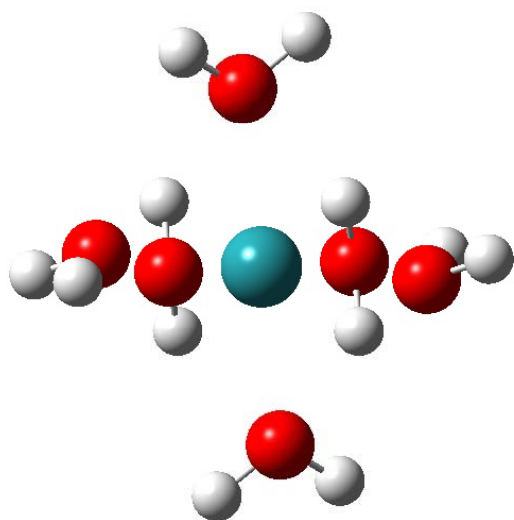
The Ru³⁺|Ru²⁺ Redox Couple in Aqueous Solution



Ru²⁺ and Ru³⁺ do not exist as bare ions.



Molecular Structures



37 Tested Density Functionals

Generalized Gradient Approximation (GGA)

Meta GGA (MGGA)

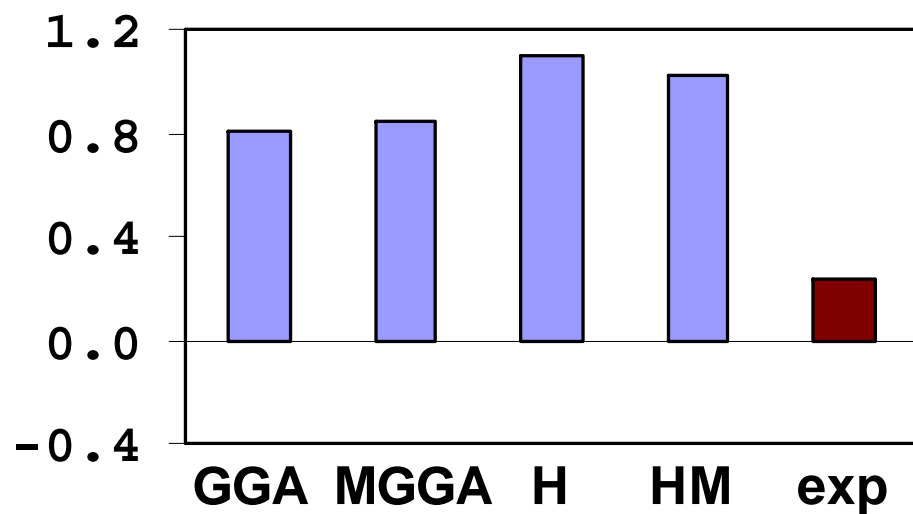
Hybrid (H)

Hybrid Meta (HM)

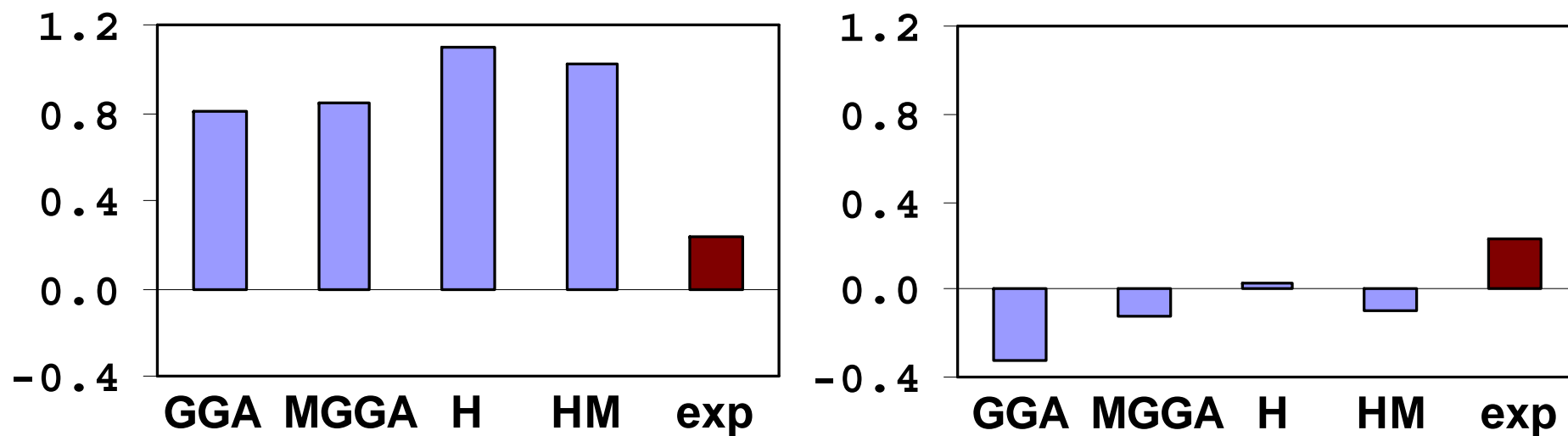
Reduction Potential E° (in volts)

calculated with

One Hydration Shell



Two Hydration Shells



Future Plans

➤ Parametrization of models based on the Poisson equation (without partial charge models)

- *Solvent-dependent intrinsic atomic radii*
- *Cavity – dispersion – solvent structure formalism*

$$\nabla \cdot [\epsilon(\vec{r}) \nabla \phi(\vec{r})] = 4\pi\rho(\vec{r})$$

solute's charge density

solute's electrostatic potential

position-dependent
dielectric constant

Future Plans

- **Extension of the generalized Born approximation to excited electronic states (e. g., for modeling *solvatochromism*)**
 - *Equilibrium solvation: fast and slow polarization energy components*
 - *Configuration interaction method*
 - *Time-dependent density functional theory*
 - *Hybrid explicit/implicit approaches*

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