

# A Computational Viewpoint on Classical Density Functional Theory

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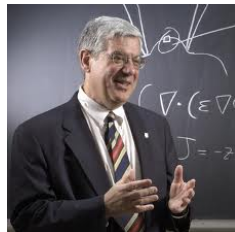


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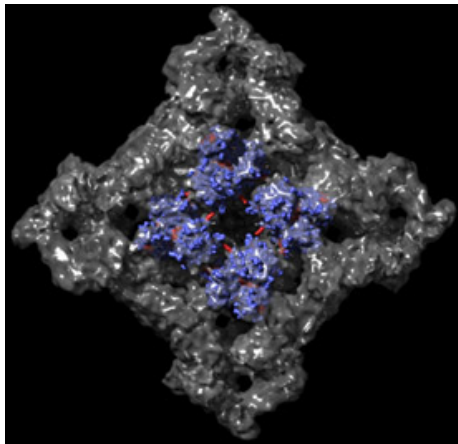


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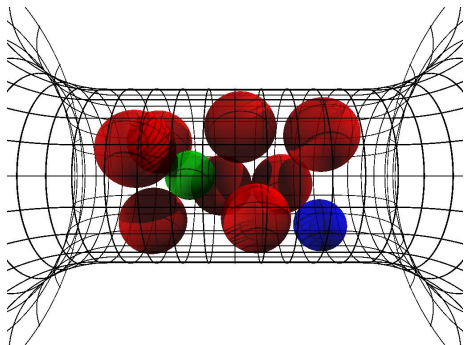


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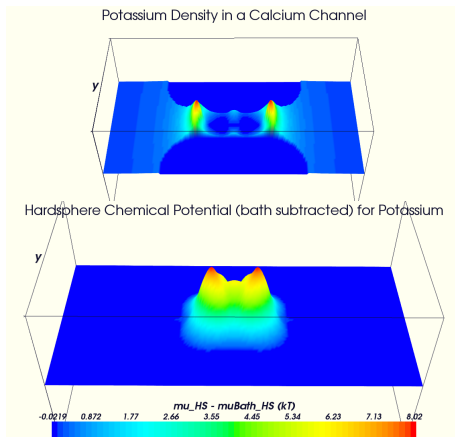
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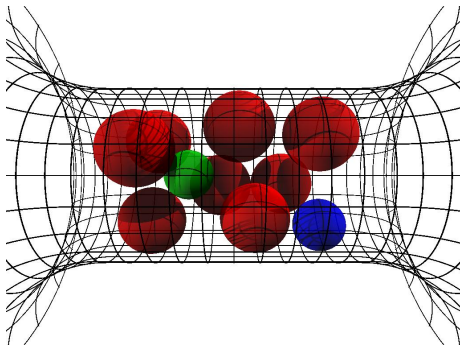


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- 1 CDFT Intro
- 2 Model
- 3 Verification

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*A fast, accurate theoretical tool to understand the fundamental physics of inhomogeneous fluids*



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$$\min_{\rho_i(\vec{x})} \Omega[\{\rho_i(\vec{x})\}]$$

where  $\Omega$  is the free energy.

Thermal Properties of the Inhomogeneous Electron Gas,  
N. David Mermin, Phys. Rev., 1965



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$$\frac{\delta\Omega}{\delta\rho_i(\vec{x})} = 0$$

which are the Euler-Lagrange equations.

# What is CDFT?

## DFT

- Computes ensemble-averaged quantities directly
- Can have physical resolution in time ( $\mu\text{s}$ ) and space ( $\text{\AA}$ )
- Requires an accurate  $\Omega$
- Requires sophisticated solver technology
- **Can predict experimental results!**

For example,

D. Gillespie, L. Xu, Y. Wang, and G. Meissner,  
J. Phys. Chem. B 109, 15598, 2005

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- Hard Sphere Repulsion
- Bulk Fluid Electrostatics
- Reference Fluid Density Electrostatics

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# Equilibrium

In equilibrium, the Euler-Lagrange equations reduce to,

$$\nabla \mu_i = 0$$

# Equilibrium

or equivalently,

$$\mu_i = \mu_i^{\text{bath}}.$$

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which, upon rearrangement, gives

$$\rho_i(\vec{X}) = \exp\left(\frac{\mu_i^{\text{bath}} - \mu_i^{\text{ext}}(\vec{X}) - \mu_i^{\text{ex}}(\vec{X})}{kT}\right)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_i^{\text{ex}}(\vec{X}) &= \mu_i^{\text{HS}}(\vec{X}) + \mu_i^{\text{ES}}(\vec{X}) \\ &= \mu_i^{\text{HS}}(\vec{X}) + \mu_i^{\text{SC}}(\vec{X}) + z_i \mathbf{e} \phi(\vec{X})\end{aligned}$$

and

$$-\epsilon \Delta \phi(\vec{X}) = \mathbf{e} \sum_i \rho_i(\vec{X})$$



# Details

The theory and implementation are detailed in

Knepley, Karpeev, Davidovits, Eisenberg, Gillespie,  
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## 2 Model

- **Hard Sphere Repulsion**
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# Hard Spheres (Rosenfeld)

$$\mu_i^{\text{HS}}(\vec{x}) = kT \sum_{\alpha} \int \frac{\partial \Phi^{\text{HS}}}{\partial n_{\alpha}}(n_{\alpha}(\vec{x}')) \omega_i^{\alpha}(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') d^3 x'$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^{\text{HS}}(n_{\alpha}(\vec{x}')) &= -n_0 \ln(1 - n_3) + \frac{n_1 n_2 - \vec{n}_{V1} \cdot \vec{n}_{V2}}{1 - n_3} \\ &+ \frac{n_2^3}{24\pi(1 - n_3)^2} \left( 1 - \frac{\vec{n}_{V2} \cdot \vec{n}_{V2}}{n_2^2} \right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

# Hard Sphere Basis

$$n_\alpha(\vec{x}) = \sum_i \int \rho_i(\vec{x}') \omega_i^\alpha(\vec{x} - \vec{x}') d^3x'$$

where

$$\omega_i^0(\vec{r}) = \frac{\omega_i^2(\vec{r})}{4\pi R_i^2}$$

$$\omega_i^1(\vec{r}) = \frac{\omega_i^2(\vec{r})}{4\pi R_i}$$

$$\omega_i^2(\vec{r}) = \delta(|\vec{r}| - R_i)$$

$$\omega_i^3(\vec{r}) = \theta(|\vec{r}| - R_i)$$

$$\vec{\omega}_i^{V1}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\vec{\omega}_i^{V2}(\vec{r})}{4\pi R_i}$$

$$\vec{\omega}_i^{V2}(\vec{r}) = \frac{\vec{r}}{|\vec{r}|} \delta(|\vec{r}| - R_i)$$

# Hard Sphere Basis

All  $n_\alpha$  integrals may be cast as convolutions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 n_\alpha(\vec{x}) &= \sum_i \int \rho_i(\vec{x}') \omega_i^\alpha(\vec{x}' - \vec{x}) d^3x' \\
 &= \sum_i \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathcal{F}(\rho_i) \cdot \mathcal{F}(\omega_i^\alpha)) \\
 &= \sum_i \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\hat{\rho}_i \cdot \hat{\omega}_i^\alpha)
 \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$\mu_i^{\text{HS}}(\vec{x}) = kT \sum_\alpha \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial \hat{\Phi}^{\text{HS}}}{\partial n_\alpha} \cdot \hat{\omega}_i^\alpha \right)$$

# Hard Sphere Basis

## Spectral Quadrature

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$$\hat{\omega}_i^2(\vec{k}) = \frac{4\pi R_i \sin(R_i |\vec{k}|)}{|\vec{k}|}$$

$$\hat{\omega}_i^{V1}(\vec{k}) = \frac{\hat{\omega}_i^{V2}(\vec{k})}{4\pi R_i}$$

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$$\hat{\omega}_i^3(\vec{k}) = \frac{4\pi}{|\vec{k}|^3} \left( \sin(R_i |\vec{k}|) - R_i |\vec{k}| \cos(R_i |\vec{k}|) \right)$$

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# Hard Sphere Basis

## Numerical Stability

Recall that

$$\Phi^{\text{HS}}(n_\alpha(\vec{x}')) = \dots + \frac{n_2^3}{24\pi(1 - n_3)^2} \left( 1 - \frac{\vec{n}_{V2} \cdot \vec{n}_{V2}}{n_2^2} \right)^3$$

and note that we have analytically

$$\frac{|n^{V2}(x)|^2}{|n^2(x)|^2} \leq 1.$$

However, discretization errors in  $\rho_i$  near sharp geometric features can produce large values for this term, which prevent convergence of the nonlinear solver. Thus we **explicitly** enforce this bound.

# Outline

## 2 Model

- Hard Sphere Repulsion
- **Bulk Fluid Electrostatics**
- Reference Fluid Density Electrostatics

# Bulk Fluid (BF) Electrostatics

$$\mu_i^{\text{SC}} = \mu_i^{\text{ES,bath}} - \sum_j \int_{|\vec{x}-\vec{x}'| \leq R_{ij}} \left( c_{ij}^{(2)}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') + \psi_{ij}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \right) \Delta \rho_j(\vec{x}') d^3 x'$$

Using  $\lambda_k = R_k + \frac{1}{2\Gamma}$ , where  $\Gamma$  is the MSA screening parameter, we have

$$c_{ij}^{(2)}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') + \psi_{ij}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \frac{z_i z_j e^2}{8\pi\epsilon} \left( \frac{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}{2\lambda_i \lambda_j} - \frac{\lambda_i + \lambda_j}{\lambda_i \lambda_j} + \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \left( \frac{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2}{2\lambda_i \lambda_j} + 2 \right) \right)$$

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It's a convolution too!

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$$\mathcal{F}(\Delta\rho_j) = \mathcal{F}(\rho_j - \rho_{\text{bath}}) = \mathcal{F}(\rho_j) - \mathcal{F}(\rho_{\text{bath}})$$

- $\mathcal{F}(\rho_j)$  was already calculated
- $\mathcal{F}(\rho_{\text{bath}})$  is constant
- $\mathcal{F}\left(c_{ij}^{(2)}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') + \psi_{ij}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')\right)$  is constant

so we only calculate the inverse transform on each iteration.

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FFT is also inaccurate!

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$$\hat{c}_{ij}^{(2)} + \hat{\psi}_{ij} = \frac{z_i z_j e^2}{\epsilon |\vec{k}|} \left( \frac{1}{2\lambda_i \lambda_j} I_1 - \frac{\lambda_i + \lambda_j}{\lambda_i \lambda_j} I_0 + \left( \frac{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2}{2\lambda_i \lambda_j} + 2 \right) I_{-1} \right)$$

where

$$I_{-1} = \frac{1}{|\vec{k}|} \left( 1 - \cos(|\vec{k}|R) \right)$$

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# Reference Fluid Density (RFD) Electrostatics

Expand around  $\rho_i^{\text{ref}}(\vec{x})$ , an inhomogeneous reference density profile:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_i^{\text{SC}}[\{\rho_k(\vec{y})\}] &\approx \mu_i^{\text{SC}}[\{\rho_k^{\text{ref}}(\vec{y})\}] \\ &- kT \sum_i \int \mathbf{c}_i^{(1)}[\{\rho_k^{\text{ref}}(\vec{y})\}; \vec{x}] \Delta\rho_i(\vec{x}) d^3x \\ &- \frac{kT}{2} \sum_{i,j} \iint \mathbf{c}_{ij}^{(2)}[\{\rho_k^{\text{ref}}(\vec{y})\}; \vec{x}, \vec{x}'] \Delta\rho_i(\vec{x}) \Delta\rho_j(\vec{x}') d^3x d^3x' \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\Delta\rho_i(\vec{x}) = \rho_i(\vec{x}) - \rho_i^{\text{ref}}(\vec{x})$$

# Reference Fluid Density (RFD) Electrostatics

$$\rho_i^{\text{ref}} [\{\rho_k(\vec{x}')\}; \vec{x}] = \frac{3}{4\pi R_{\text{SC}}^3(\vec{x})} \int_{|\vec{x}' - \vec{x}| \leq R_{\text{SC}}(\vec{x})} \alpha_i(\vec{x}') \rho_i(\vec{x}') d^3x'$$

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# Consistency checks

- Check  $n_\alpha$  of constant density against analytics
- Check that  $n_3$  is the combined volume fraction
- Check that wall solution has only 1D variation

# Sum Rule Verification

## Hard Spheres

$$\beta P_{\text{bath}}^{HS} = \sum_i \rho_i(R_i)$$

where

$$P_{\text{bath}}^{HS} = \frac{6kT}{\pi} \left( \frac{\xi_0}{\Delta} + \frac{3\xi_1\xi_2}{\Delta^2} + \frac{3\xi_2^3}{\Delta^3} \right)$$

using auxiliary variables

$$\xi_n = \frac{\pi}{6} \sum_j \rho_j^{\text{bath}} \sigma_j^n \quad n \in \{0, \dots, 3\}$$

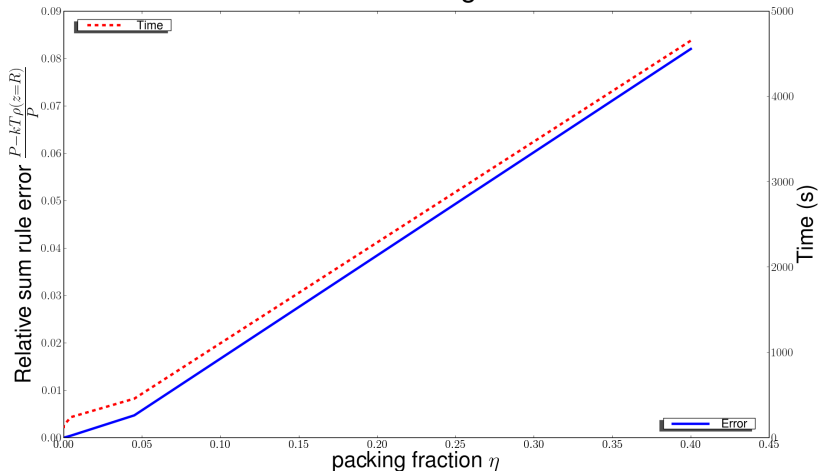
$$\Delta = 1 - \xi_3$$

# Sum Rule Verification

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Relative accuracy and Simulation time for  $R = 0.1$  nm

### Sum Rule Verification against Hard Wall

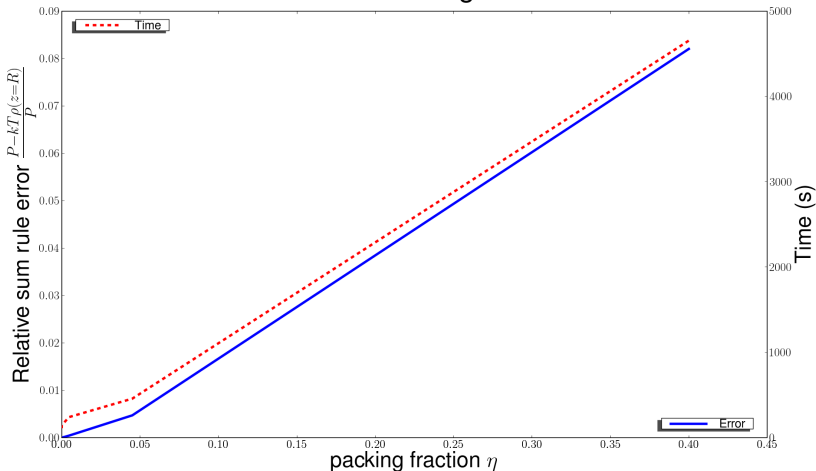


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Volume fraction ranges from  $10^{-5}$  to 0.4 (very difficult for MC/MD)

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# Ionic Fluid Verification

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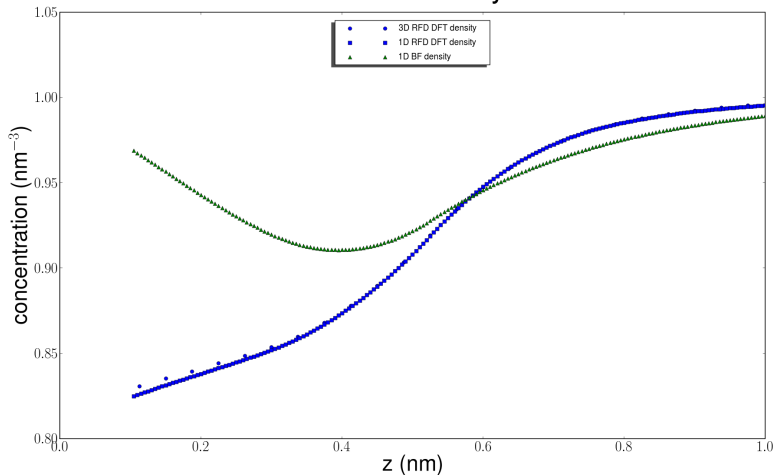
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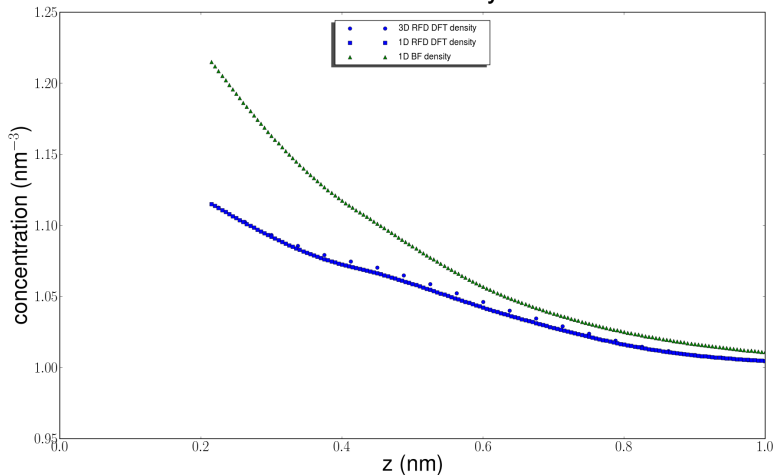




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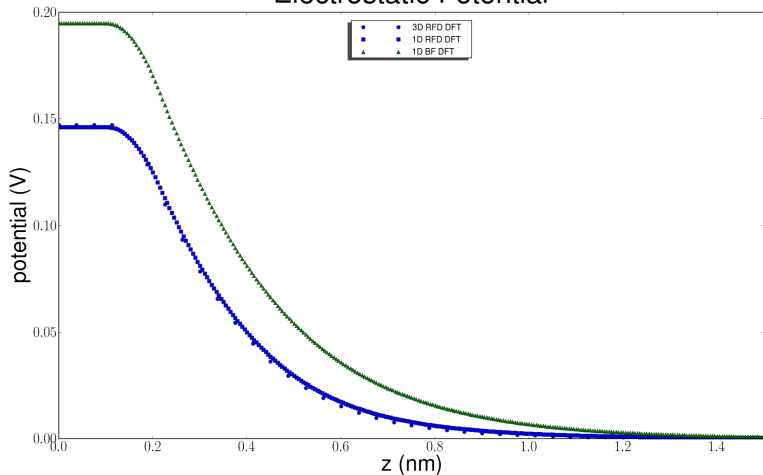


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## Charged Hard Spheres

Mean Electrostatic Potential for 1M concentration

Electrostatic Potential



# Ionic Fluid Verification

## Charged Hard Spheres

These results were first reported in 1D in  
**Density functional theory of the electrical double  
layer: the RFD functional,**  
J. Phys.: Condens. Matter 17, 6609, 2005.

# Main Points

## Real Space vs. Fourier Space

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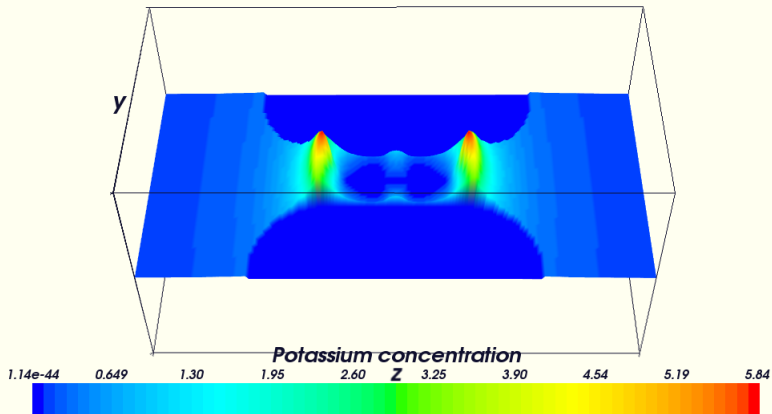
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Potassium Density in a Calcium Channel

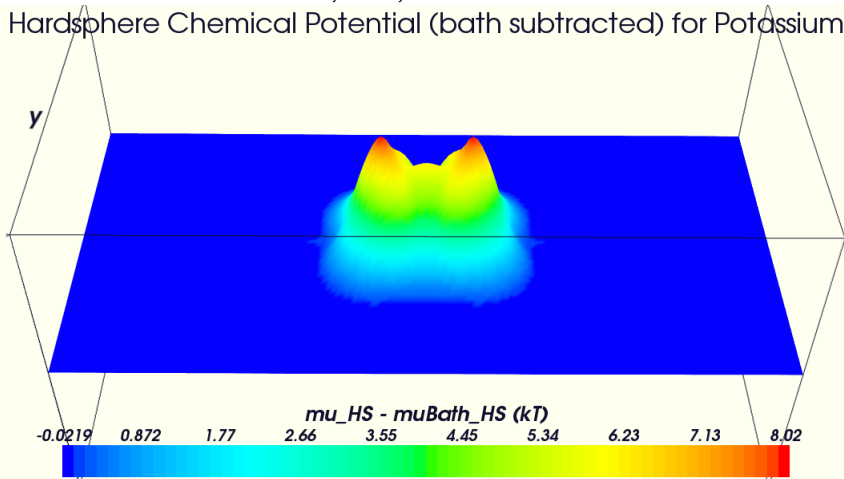


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Hardsphere Chemical Potential (bath subtracted) for Potassium





# Hydrodynamics

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for the interaction kernel

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|}$$

# Hydrodynamics

A similar expression for hydrodynamics would have the same form

$$\mu_i^{\text{HSC}} = \mu_i^{\text{HD,bath}} - \sum_j \int_{|\vec{x}-\vec{x}'| \leq R_{ij}} \left( c_{ij}^{(2)}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') + \psi_{ij}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') \right) \Delta \rho_j(\vec{x}') d^3 x'$$

where now

$$c_{ij}^{(2)}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') + \psi_{ij}(\vec{x}, \vec{x}') = \frac{1}{8\pi} \sum_k \frac{C_k(\vec{x}, \vec{x}')}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|^k}$$

for the interaction kernel

$$\frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|} \left( 1 + \frac{\vec{x}\vec{x}'}{|\vec{x} - \vec{x}'|^2} \right)$$