Screened potential constraint in a Reverse Monte Carlo (RMC) modeling

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To explore a certain number of structural features of an aqueous electrolyte LiCl-6H₂O type, a Reverse Monte Carlo (RMC) modeling is applied [1, 2]. This is based essentially on neutron scattering data [3, 4] consisting of four partial distribution functions issue from the technique of the isotopic substitution. Instead of introducing the interaction potential as in the classical methods (MD, MC), one computes a parameter χ^2 representing the difference between the calculated structure function and that are of the experiment within standard deviation.

One examines the system at glassy (120K) and liquid (300K) state compared to pure water at room temperature. The chlorine and lithium ions charged -1 and +1, respectively, the water molecule is represented by a flexible model [8] charged as -0.8476 for the oxygen and +0.4238 for each hydrogen atom [7, 8]. The results one obtains could include some artifacts [5, 6]. To remedy for this, we could make a propose choice of screened potential model.

In conclusion, we could suggest that the choice of the interaction model as a function of atomic or molecular properties forming the system could bring a meaningful improvement to the results. An improvement in the coordination of this function is noticed. RMC is generally limited to explore structural property of a system with or without interaction model. Introducing potential as constraint in RMC simulation suggests a useful test of an interaction potential model for classical methods as Monte Carlo (MC) and Molecular Dynamic (MD) with which one can compute thermodynamic

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