### SAMPL5: Distribution coefficients and host-guest binding

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### In SAMPL4, the Octa Acid HG system was somewhat tractable



This year, we have "standard calculations", a new element to separate methods from setups



### At Genentech, distribution coefficients were obtained for 53 compounds

Partition coefficients and distribution coefficients are similar, but the latter includes all species:

$$P_{cyc} = \frac{[Neutral \ solute \ in \ cyclohexane]}{[Neutral \ solute \ in \ water]}$$

$$D_{cyc} = \frac{[Solute \ in \ cyclohexane]}{[Solute \ in \ water]}$$



pH dependent, so we report  $\log D_{7.4}$  at pH 7.4



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EXCEPT this set is substantially more complex/polyfunctional...

#### In reality, people do a bit worse than 1.5 log units - but not that much worse



### We use several metrics; here let's check against correlation



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### We'll hear from Andreas Klamt later about submission 16



COSMO-RS/ COSMOtherm

COSMO-RS log P calculations, adjusted to log D using proton dissociation/ protonation constants

Includes multiple tautomers (050, 056, 065, 083) and accounting for zwitterions

Andreas Klamt

#### Modified GAFF/AM1-BCC with dielectric corrections worked quite well



Christopher Fennell

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Log P calculations (deliberately) based on infinite dilution solvation free energy calculations in water and cyclohexane

GAFF+AM1-BCC

Blind predictions by Kalli Burley and Caitlin Bannan (not competing, but submitted)

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### Do the predictions suggest any issues with the experimental data? Maybe



#### SAMPL5\_074 is extremely polar and the calculated value much more strongly prefers water than experiment



Average Log D for top 6 predictions for SAMPL5\_74 is -7.5+/-0.8



No apparent pKa/tautomer issues

Cyclohexane water content could be an issue? Or dimer/oligomerization?

### The water content of cyclohexane can make a huge difference, at least in extreme cases



Black et al., (JCP 16:537 (1948)) report solubility of cyclohexane in water as 0.0449 mole fraction

We obtained: Log D (pure cyclohexane): -3.76+/-0.04 Log D (with 0.045 mf water): -1.73+/-0.04

Experiment: -1.9+/-0.03

#### Change of 2 log units based on 0.045 mole fraction water!

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# More properly, we should be handling the populations of all states based on predicted energetics



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SAMPL5\_050



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#### This means that some methods suffer from "overprediction"





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#### The challenge focused on binding of the same six guests to both hosts



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#### Submission 02



Submission 12

Jane Yin, Gilson lab, standard/reference calculation MD free energy via "attach pull release"

Florentina Tofoleanu, Brooks group, alchemical absolute calculations

### But for more typical submissions, things were a good deal worse



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### Again, the best submissions seem reasonable, but some systematic error?

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Jane Yin, Gilson lab, standard/reference calculation MD free energy via "attach pull release"

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Julien Michel group, SOMD AM1-BCC/GAFF/MBAR

### A method might be ranked "well" in OAMe and not OAH, and vise versa

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Julien Michel's group; absolute binding free energy calculations with restraints using MD (Sire/OpenMM); analyzed via MBAR

#### Attach-Pull-Release (APR) Approach

#### $\Delta G_{bind}^{0} = -(W_{attach} + W_{pull} + W_{release-conf} + W_{release-std})$

![](_page_48_Picture_2.jpeg)

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#### Structures of Octa Acid Guests

![](_page_49_Figure_1.jpeg)

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### Four Water Models Behave Differently on Binding Enthalpies, but Similarly on Binding Free Energies

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### Here, the top methods by RMS/AUE have near zero correlation

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But runners up from the Michel group achieve some correlation here (and lead on tau/R)

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