

Supporting Information for: Interaction energies in Complexes of Zn and Amino-Acids: a Comparison of Ab-Initio and Force Field based calculations

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Table S1: Charges and atom types used in calculation with Amber99SB, OPLS-AA and CHARMM27 for acetate. For O1, O2 and C1, the charges were selected to be the same as for ASP and GLU in Gromacs/aminoacids.rtp for the respective force field. The three hydrogens were set to have equal charges; for OPLS-AA according to atom type HC, and for Amber99SB according to the HC in GLU. For CHARMM the atom type HA was used, but the charge for the HA was modified from +0.09 to +0.06, in order to avoid a large negative charge on the C2 carbon. The rows in which the Zn interacting atoms are described are marked in gray.

| Atom | Amber99SB Atomtype | charge | OPLS-AA Atomtype | charge | CHARMM27 Atomtype | charge |
|------|-----------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
| O1 | O2 | -0.8188 | O2 (opls-272) | -0.8000 | OC | -0.7600 |
| O2 | O2 | -0.8188 | O2 (opls-272) | -0.8000 | OC | -0.7600 |
| C1 | C | +0.8054 | C_3 (opls-271) | +0.7000 | CC | +0.6200 |
| C2 | CT | -0.1159 | CT (opls-135) | -0.2800 | CT3 | -0.2800 |
| H1 | HC | -0.0173 | HC (opls-140) | +0.0600 | HA | +0.0600 |
| H2 | HC | -0.0173 | HC (opls-140) | +0.0600 | HA | +0.0600 |
| H3 | HC | -0.0173 | HC (opls-140) | +0.0600 | HA | +0.0600 |

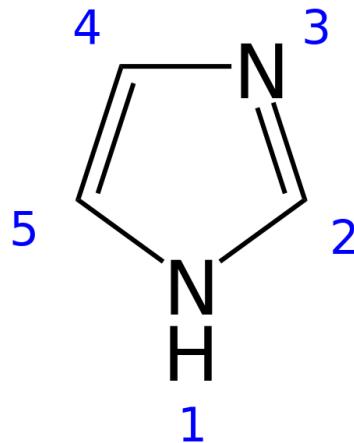


Figure S1: Numbering of atoms in imidazole

Table S2: Charges and atom types used in calculation with Amber99SB, OPLS-AA and CHARMM27 for imidazole. The Amber99SB charges follows HID in aminoacids.rtp, except for the H2 where the charge was +0.01 higher to enforce an overall neutral charge for imidazole. For OPLS-AA, the parameters optimised by McDonald and Jorgensen¹ were used. For CHARMM27 the atomtypes and the charges were according to Gromacs/aminoacids.rtp,^{2,3} for all atoms except for C4, where +0.21 was added to the atom charge. The row in which the Zn interacting atom is described is marked in gray.

| Atom | Amber99SB | | OPLS-AA | | CHARMM27 | |
|------|-----------|---------|---------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Atomtype | charge | Atomtype | charge | Atomtype | charge |
| N1 | NA | -0.3811 | NA (opls-557) | -0.2570 | NR1 | -0.3600 |
| C2 | CV | +0.1292 | CR (opls-558) | +0.2750 | CPH2 | +0.2500 |
| N3 | NB | -0.5727 | NB (opls-559) | -0.5630 | NR2 | -0.7000 |
| C4 | CR | +0.2057 | CV (opls-560) | +0.1850 | CPH1 | +0.1600 |
| C5 | CC | -0.0266 | CW (opls-561) | -0.2860 | CPH1 | -0.0500 |
| H1 | H | +0.3649 | H (opls-562) | +0.3060 | H | +0.3100 |
| H2 | H4 | +0.1247 | HA (opls-563) | +0.0780 | HR1 | +0.1300 |
| H4 | H5 | +0.1392 | HA (opls-564) | +0.0750 | HR1 | +0.1300 |
| H5 | H5 | +0.0167 | HA (opls-565) | +0.1870 | HR1 | +0.1300 |

Table S3: Charges and atomtypes used in calculation with Amber99SB, OPLS-AA and CHARMM27 for methoxide. The charges were calculated with the CHarges from EElectrostatic Potentials using a Grid (CHELPG)⁴ method at the M06/def2TZVP-level. The row in which the Zn interacting atom is described is marked in gray.

| Atom | Amber99SB | | OPLS-AA | | CHARMM27 | |
|------|-----------|---------|---------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Atomtype | charge | Atomtype | charge | Atomtype | charge |
| C1 | CT | +0.5280 | CT (opls-157) | +0.5280 | CT3 | +0.5280 |
| H1 | H1 | -0.1800 | HC (opls-156) | -0.1800 | HA | -0.1800 |
| H2 | H1 | -0.1800 | HC (opls-156) | -0.1800 | HA | -0.1800 |
| H3 | H1 | -0.1800 | HC (opls-156) | -0.1800 | HA | -0.1800 |
| O1 | OH | -0.9880 | OH (opls-154) | -0.9880 | OC | -0.9880 |

Table S4: Distances (Å) between Zn and liganding atoms for the model systems (S1-S10) with Stote and Karplus⁵ parameters for Zn and different force fields.

| Zn systems | | | | QM | | MM | | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-----|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Name | Ligands | Atom | n | MP2 | OPLS-AA | Amber99SB | CHARMM27 | |
| S1 | Imi ₄ | N (Imi) | 4 | 2.01(0.0) | 2.03(0.01) | 2.10(0.01) | 2.10(0.00) | |
| S2 | Imi ₃ Ace | N (Imi) | 3 | 2.01, 2.03, 2.06 | 2.07, 2.07, 2.08 | 2.12, 2.13, 2.14 | 2.12, 2.12, 2.14 | |
| | | O (Ace) | 1-2 | 1.96, 2.57 | 1.92, 1.95 | 1.94, 1.95 | 1.98, 1.99 | |
| S3 | Imi ₃ Meo | N (Imi) | 3 | 2.03, 2.03, 2.04 | 2.03, 2.04, 2.04 | 2.10, 2.11, 2.12 | 2.11, 2.12, 2.12 | |
| | | O (Meo) | 1 | 1.87 | 1.91 | 1.89 | 1.85 | |
| S4 | Imi ₃ Water | N (Imi) | 3 | 1.97, 1.98, 1.98 | 2.02, 2.03, 2.03 | 2.09, 2.10, 2.10 | 2.09, 2.10, 2.10 | |
| | | O (Wa) | 1 | 2.13 | 1.98 | 2.04 | 2.05 | |
| S5 | Imi ₂ Ace | N (Imi) | 2 | 2.03, 2.03 | 2.03, 2.04 | 2.10, 2.10 | 2.10, 2.10 | |
| | | O (Ace) | 2 | 1.97, 1.97 | 1.90, 1.91 | 1.92, 1.92 | 1.95, 1.96 | |
| S6 | Imi ₂ Water ₂ | N (Imi) | 2 | 1.97, 1.97 | 2.03, 2.04 | 2.10, 2.10 | 2.10, 2.10 | |
| | | O (Wa) | 2 | 2.09, 2.10 | 1.97, 1.98 | 2.04, 2.04 | 2.05, 2.05 | |
| S7 | AceWater ₂ | O (Wa) | 2 | 2.02, 2.03 | 1.97, 1.98 | 2.04, 2.05 | 2.04, 2.05 | |
| | | O (Ace) | 2 | 2.00, 2.00 | 1.91, 1.92 | 1.93, 1.93 | 1.94, 1.94 | |
| S8 | AceWater ₄ | O (Wa) | 4 | 2.14(0.07) | 2.05(0.02) | 2.10(0.01) | 2.10(0.01) | |
| | | O (Ace) | 2 | 2.03, 2.09 | 1.96, 1.97 | 1.96, 1.96 | 1.98, 1.98 | |
| S9 | AceWater ₅ | O (Wa) | 5 | 2.17(0.02) | 2.07(0.01) | 2.17(0.04) | 2.16(0.01) | |
| | | O (Ace) | 1-2 | 1.97, 2.97 | 1.93, 2.87 | 2.04, 2.04 | 2.07, 2.07 | |
| S10 | Water ₆ | O (Wa) | 6 | 2.12(0.00) | 2.06(0.01) | 2.11(0.01) | 2.10(0.00) | |

Table S5: Interaction energies ($\Delta E^{int,shell}$, see Eq. 1) calculated with and without BSSE (CP) correction in vacuum for the Zn model systems (S1-S10). Interaction energies where the ligands were in the same geometry as in the complex ($\Delta E^{int,a}$) rather than at the optimal isolated ligand geometries (ΔE^{int} , Eq. 2) were calculated for complexes S2, S6, and S10. Interaction energies were calculated with MP2 and the aug-cc-pTZV basis set unless otherwise stated.

| Zn systems | | $\Delta E^{int,shell}$ | without BSSE corr. | | |
|------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Name | Ligands | | ΔE^{int} | $\Delta E^{int,a}$ | |
| S1 | Imi ₄ | -438 | -444 | -428 | |
| S2 | Imi ₃ Ace | -606 | -612* | -586 | -596* |
| S3 | Imi ₃ Meo | -619 | | -600 | |
| S4 | Imi ₃ Wa | -409 | -412 | -399 | |
| S5 | Imi ₂ Ace | -571 | -568 | -568 | |
| S6 | Imi ₂ Wa ₂ | -376 | -376 | -366 | -372 |
| S7 | AceWa ₂ | -513 | -506 | -496 | |
| S8 | AceWa ₄ | -555 | -548 | -537 | |
| S9 | AceWa ₅ | -554 | -567 | -553 | |
| S10 | Wa ₆ | -357 | -347 | -342 | -343 |

*Acetate atoms were calculated at the MP2/aug-cc-pDZV level.

Table S6: Distances between Zn and its liganding atoms for the model system S9 with different LJ-parameters (Stote and Karplus (Stote),⁵ Li *et al.* (Li),⁶ Sakharov and Lim (Sak.)⁷) for Zn.

| Zn systems | | | | | MM (OPLS-AA) |
|------------|------------------------|--------------|---------|---|------------------|
| Name | Ligands | LJ | Atom | n | Bond length (Å) |
| S1 | Imi ₄ | Stote CHARMM | N (Imi) | 4 | 2.10(0.00) |
| | | Li Amber | N (Imi) | 4 | 1.88(0.01) |
| | | Sak CHARMM27 | N (Imi) | 4 | 1.92(0.01) |
| S2 | Imi ₃ Ace | Stote CHARMM | N (Imi) | 3 | 2.12, 2.12, 2.14 |
| | | | O (Ace) | 2 | 1.98, 1.99 |
| | | Li Amber | N (Imi) | 3 | 1.94, 1.94, 2.00 |
| | | | O (Ace) | 2 | 1.75, 1.76 |
| | | Sak CHARMM | N (Imi) | 3 | 1.96, 1.97, 2.00 |
| | | | O (Ace) | 2 | 1.81, 1.84 |
| S3 | Imi ₃ Meo | Stote CHARMM | N (Imi) | 3 | 2.11, 2.12, 2.12 |
| | | | O (Meo) | 1 | 1.85 |
| | | Li Amber | N (Imi) | 3 | 1.89, 1.89, 1.90 |
| | | | O (Meo) | 1 | 1.70 |
| | | Sak CHARMM | N (Imi) | 3 | 1.93, 1.93, 1.94 |
| | | | O (Meo) | 1 | 1.69 |
| S6 | Imi ₃ Water | Stote CHARMM | N (Imi) | 3 | 2.09, 2.10, 2.10 |
| | | | O (Wa) | 1 | 2.05 |
| | | Li Amber | N (Imi) | 3 | 1.88, 1.88, 1.89 |
| | | | O (Wa) | 1 | 1.82 |
| | | Sak CHARMM27 | N (Imi) | 3 | 1.91, 1.92, 1.92 |
| | | | O (Wa) | 1 | 1.88 |
| S9 | AceWater ₅ | Stote CHARMM | O (Wa) | 5 | 2.16(0.01) |
| | | | O (Ace) | 2 | 2.07, 2.07 |
| | | Li Amber | O (Wa) | 5 | 1.97(0.01) |
| | | | O (Ace) | 2 | 1.79, 2.81 |
| | | Sak CHARMM27 | O (Wa) | 5 | 1.98(0.00) |
| | | | O (Ace) | 2 | 1.80, 2.90 |

Table S7: Interaction energies divided into components according to the LMOEDA-scheme in vacuum and in PCM (water and THF). All values are in kcal/mol. Interaction energies, ΔE^{int} , were calculated using MP2/aug-cc-pTZV on Zn and MP2/aug-cc-pDZV on all other atoms unless otherwise stated. Interaction free energies, ΔG^{int} , were calculated using MP2/aug-cc-pDZV on all atoms.

| a) | Imi ₄ | ZnImi ₃ Ace | Imi ₃ Meo | Imi ₃ Wa | Imi ₂ Ace | Imi ₂ Wa ₂ | AceWa ₂ | AceWa ₄ | AceWa ₅ | Wa ₆ |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Vacuum | S1 | S2 | S3 | S4* | S5* | S6 | S7* | S8* | S9* | S10* |
| Electrostatic | -317 | -481 | -526 | -316 | -478 | -287 | -453 | -466 | -462 | -270 |
| Exchange | -84 | -72 | -99 | -92 | -80 | -79 | -69 | -59 | -59 | -54 |
| Repulsion | 211 | 181 | 251 | 235 | 202 | 197 | 172 | 144 | 145 | 129 |
| Polarisation | -218 | -208 | -218 | -208 | -194 | -186 | -149 | -164 | -168 | -154 |
| MP2 Dispersion | -26 | -18 | -20 | -23 | -22 | -22 | -15 | -11 | -9 | -8 |
| Total ΔE^{int} | -433 | -600 | -613 | -405 | -571 | -376 | -513 | -555 | -554 | -357 |
| b) | | | | | | | | | | |
| PCM water | S1 | S2 | S3 | S4 | S5 | S6 | S7 | S8 | S9 | S10 |
| Electrostatic | -343 | -539 | -572 | -345 | -547 | -319 | -489 | -487 | -478 | -275 |
| Exchange | -85 | -74 | -99 | -95 | -94 | -81 | -73 | -59 | -59 | -54 |
| Repulsion | 213 | 185 | 252 | 240 | 236 | 204 | 181 | 145 | 146 | 129 |
| Polarisation | -192 | -153 | -173 | -180 | -143 | -155 | -115 | -140 | -150 | -146 |
| MP2 Dispersion | -25 | -20 | -21 | -23 | -21 | -18 | -13 | -10 | -8 | -6 |
| Desolvation | 61 | 234 | 225 | 74 | 271 | 81 | 286 | 221 | 202 | 13 |
| Total ΔG^{int} | -371 | -368 | -388 | -330 | -297 | -290 | -223 | -332 | -349 | -339 |
| c) | | | | | | | | | | |
| PCM THF | S1 | S2 | S3 | S4 | S5 | S6 | S7 | S8 | S9 | S10 |
| Electrostatic | -339 | -530 | -565 | -341 | -538 | -314 | -484 | -484 | -476 | -274 |
| Exchange | -85 | -74 | -99 | -94 | -93 | -81 | -72 | -59 | -59 | -54 |
| Repulsion | 213 | 185 | 252 | 239 | 234 | 203 | 180 | 145 | 146 | 129 |
| Polarisation | -195 | -161 | -179 | -184 | -151 | -160 | -119 | -143 | -152 | -147 |
| MP2 Dispersion | -25 | -20 | -21 | -23 | -21 | -18 | -13 | -9 | -8 | -5 |
| Desolvation | 53 | 204 | 197 | 65 | 237 | 71 | 251 | 194 | 177 | 11 |
| Total ΔG^{int} | -379 | -397 | -416 | -339 | -330 | -300 | -258 | -358 | -373 | -340 |

*aug-cc-pTZV on all atoms

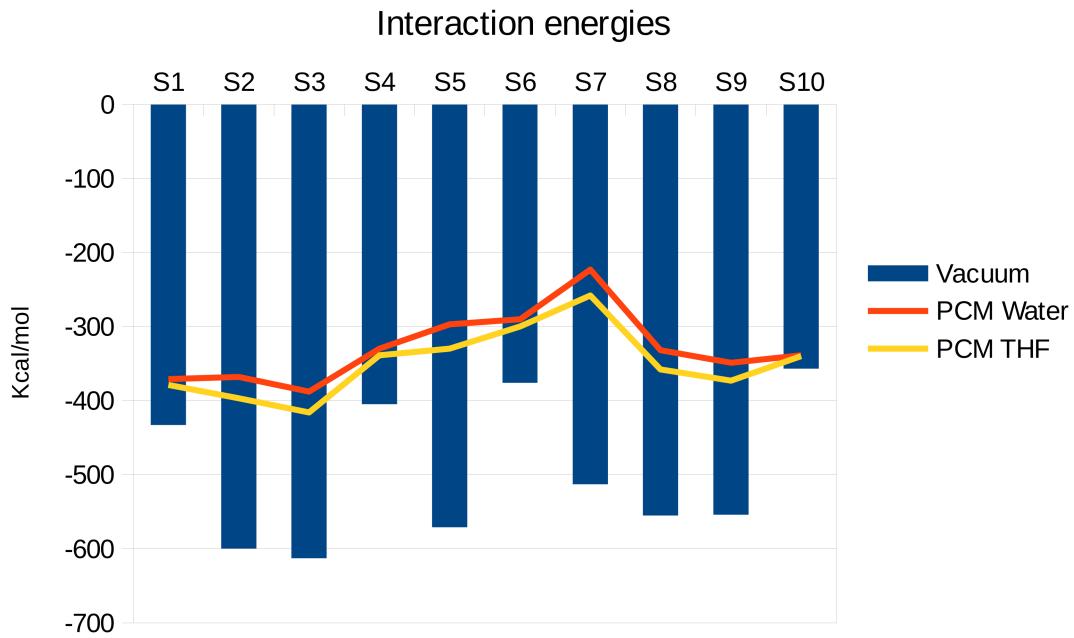


Figure S2: Visualisation of interaction energies, ΔE^{int} , and interaction free energies, ΔG^{int} , as presented in Table S7.

Table S8: Partial atomic charges calculated with the MKS and Mulliken methods at the MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ level on the optimized Zn systems S1-S10.

| a) MKS | Wa ₆ S10 | AceWa ₅ S9 | AceWa ₄ S8 | AceWa ₂ S7 | Imi ₂ Wa ₂ S6 | Imi ₂ Ace S5 | Imi ₃ Wa S4 | Imi ₃ Meo S3 | Imi ₃ Ace S2 | Imi ₄ S1 |
|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Zn | +2.33 | +1.08 | +1.26 | +1.17 | +0.79 | +0.83 | +0.19 | +0.24 | +0.50 | -0.42 |
| Ligands | -1.17 | -0.76 | -0.82 | -0.75 | -0.12 | -0.11 | +0.22 | -0.03 | -0.08 | +0.27 |
| | -1.16 | -0.69 | -0.75 | -0.77 | -0.08 | -0.12 | +0.08 | +0.09 | -0.11 | +0.30 |
| | -1.17 | -0.71 | -0.72 | -0.67 | -0.74 | -0.69 | +0.11 | +0.05 | +0.10 | +0.29 |
| | -1.17 | -0.79 | -0.78 | -0.66 | -0.87 | -0.71 | -0.74 | -0.56 | -0.75 | +0.32 |
| | -1.11 | -0.70 | -0.75 | | | | | | | -0.73 |
| | -1.17 | -0.74 | -0.76 | | | | | | | |
| S ₀ | | | | | -0.70 | | | | | |
| b) Mulliken | S10 | S9 | S8 | S7 | S6 | S5 | S4 | S3 | S2 | S1 |
| Zn | +1.86 | +2.16 | +1.97 | +1.49 | +1.48 | +1.74 | +1.00 | +1.60 | +1.17 | +1.17 |
| Ligands | -0.30 | -0.86 | -0.88 | -0.74 | -0.32 | -0.31 | +0.05 | -0.45 | -0.15 | +0.22 |
| | -0.30 | -0.73 | -0.84 | -0.76 | -0.19 | -0.19 | -0.10 | -0.39 | -0.14 | +0.07 |
| | -0.30 | -0.40 | -0.38 | -0.46 | -0.42 | -0.88 | -0.01 | -0.37 | +0.48 | -0.01 |
| | -0.30 | -0.61 | -0.46 | -0.48 | -0.37 | -0.85 | -0.40 | -0.77 | -0.90 | +0.16 |
| | -0.30 | -0.38 | -0.47 | | | | | | | -0.65 |
| | -0.30 | -0.45 | -0.28 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | -0.62 | | | | | |

Colour codes: imidazole N, acetate O, methoxide O, water O.

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