

**Do we need a solvent?**

**What matters? Kinetics or thermodynamics?**

**What are acceptable (green?) solvents?**

## Monograph *Green Extraction of Natural Products* Wiley-VCH, 2014 (Chemat, Strube, Eds.).

### **Chapter 6: Panorama of sustainable solvents for green extraction processes**

- aqueous media
- organic solvents
- aqueous two-phase systems
- supercritical fluids
- Ionic liquids or Deep Eutectic Solvents

# A good solvent must

- ensure a sufficient solubility
- must be stable (chemically inert, not flammable, temperature stable, and of low or best negligible corrosiveness)
- must fulfil economic requirements
- must have a good HSE (health, safety, environment) profile
- must be easily removable

# A green solvent can be

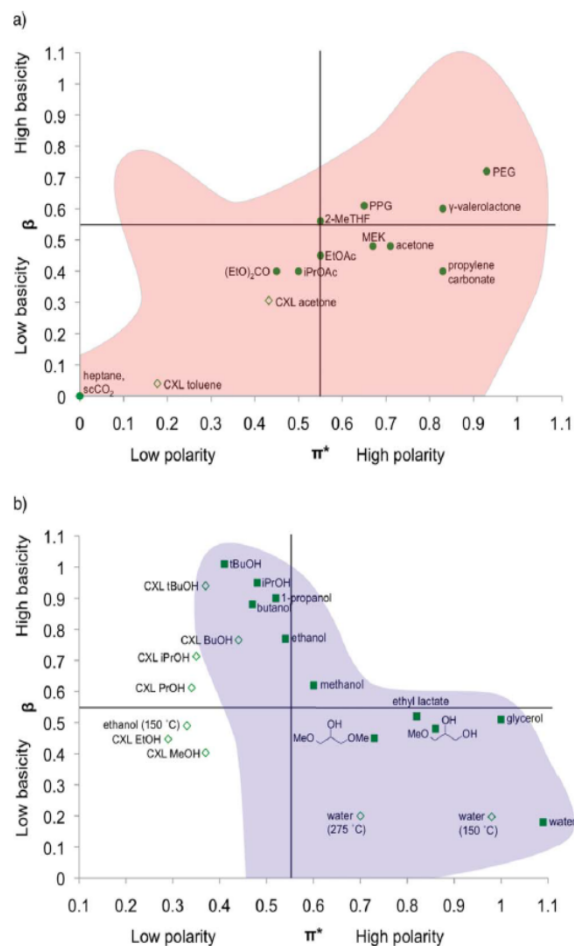
biogenic or not:

the bio-based furfuraldehyde is toxic and carcinogenic,

the petrol-based MMB (3-methoxy-3-methyl-butan-1-ol)  
is ecofriendly

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## P. G. Jessop, Searching for green solvents, Green Chemistry (2011) 13, 1391–1398.



**Fig. 4** Plots showing (a) green aprotic solvents and (b) green protic solvents as a function of their  $\pi^*$  (polarity and polarizability) and  $\beta$  (basicity or hydrogen-bond accepting ability) values. Solvents requiring pressure and/or elevated temperatures are shown as hollow symbols. Data was obtained for common solvents,<sup>3–5</sup> glycerol ethers,<sup>15</sup> liquid polymers,<sup>18</sup> valerolactone,<sup>18</sup> ethyl lactate,<sup>18</sup> cyclopentyl methyl ether,<sup>18</sup> 2-methyltetrahydrofuran,<sup>18</sup>  $\text{scCO}_2$ ,<sup>19</sup> CXLs ( $\text{CO}_2$ -expanded liquids at 50 bar, 25 °C)<sup>20</sup> and superheated water<sup>21</sup> from the specified references. The  $\beta$  values for CXLs and glycerol ethers, and the position of isopropyl acetate, are estimates because published data is unavailable. The  $\pi^*$  of heptane is slightly negative. The position of  $\text{scCO}_2$  depends on the conditions.



# General Green Solvent ranking

Laurianne Moity, Morgan Durand, Adrien Benazzouz, Christel Pierlot, Valérie Molinier and Jean-Marie Aubry, Panorama of sustainable solvents using the COSMO-RS approach, Green Chem. 2012, 14, 1132-1145

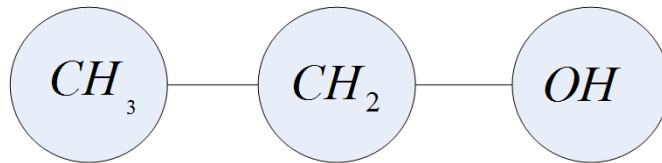
NAME	log <sub>10</sub> VOC	Fire	CAS	NAME	log <sub>10</sub> VOC	Fire	CAS	NAME	log <sub>10</sub> VOC	Fire	CAS					
<b>Cluster II: Weak electron pair donor bases</b>																
Acetone	5	-	R11	87-66-1	Methyl isocyanate	5	-	-	112-63-0	Glycerol 1,2- <i>di</i> -butyl ether	n.f.	-	-	91537-36-0		
N,N-Dimethylacetamide	4	-	-	1119-82-9	Methyl isocyanate	5	-	-	301-00-8	Glycerol 1,2- <i>di</i> -methyl ether	n.f.	-	R10	4756-20-1		
Methyl 2-(dimethylamino)acetate	4	-	-	1174827-68-0	Methyl myristate	5	-	-	124-10-7	Glycerol 1,2- <i>di</i> -methyl ether	n.f.	-	R10	40453-77-0		
2-Pyrrolidone	5	-	-	618-69-5	Methyl oleate	4	-	-	112-62-9	Glycerol 1,3- <i>di</i> -methyl ether	5	-	R10	823-69-8		
<b>Cluster III: Aprotic dipolar</b>																
Acetylbutyl citrate	5	-	-	77-90-7	Dimethyl 2-methyl glutarate	4	-	-	14095-94-0	Glycerol 1- <i>butyl</i> monoether	5	-	-	824-52-2		
Barbitol benzoate	4	-	-	120-91-4	2-Methylthioacetone	5	-	R11	95-47-9	Glycerol 1- <i>ethyl</i> monoether	4	-	-	1874-62-0		
Butyl acetate	4	-	R10	123-85-4	Methylthioacetone	5	-	R11	95-47-9	Glycerol 2- <i>ethyl</i> monoether	n.f.	-	R10	10078-36-2		
Butyl laurate	5	-	-	108-19-3	Methylthioacetone	5	-	R11	95-47-9	Glycerol 2- <i>ethyl</i> monoether	n.f.	-	R10	22599-16-9		
1,4-Dioxol	4	-	R10	470-67-7	n-Propyl acetate	5	-	R11	109-60-4	Glycofurol (=2)	5	-	-	52814-38-7		
1,8-Dioxol	4	-	R10	470-62-6	Terpineol acetate	5	-	n.f.	8007-35-0	N,N-Diethylacetamide	5	-	-	136-26-5		
Cyclopentyl methyl ether	4	-	R11	9614-37-0	Tributyl citrate	5	-	-	77-94-1	Caprylic acid diethoxycarbonate	5	-	R10	123-51-3		
Diethyl sebacate	5	-	-	109-43-3	Tributyl citrate	5	-	-	77-93-0	Isopropyl alcohol	5	-	R11	67-63-0		
Diethyl adipate	5	-	-	141-28-6	Dimethyl sulfoxide	5	-	-	67-68-5	Methyl nitroacetate	5	-	-	141-24-2		
Diethyl glutarate	4	-	-	818-38-2	2-Furfluorothiole *	3	-	-	98-01-1	Menthanol	5	-	-	498-61-7		
Diethyl phthalate	5	-	-	84-66-2	Propylene carbonate	4	-	-	108-30-7	Nopol	4	-	-	128-90-7		
Diethyl succinate	5	-	-	123-25-1	γ-Valerolactone	5	-	-	108-29-2	1-Octanol	4	-	-	111-87-6		
Diisobutyl succinate	n.f.	-	-	818-04-2	<b>Cluster V: Aprotic</b>							Octyl alcohol	5	-	-	143-29-2
Diisobutyl adipate	5	-	-	141-04-8	Butyl myristate	5	-	-	110-36-1	Poly(EthyleneGlycol 600	6	-	-	25323-88-3		
Diisobutyl glutarate	5	-	-	71185-94-7	Butyl palmitate	5	-	-	111-00-8	Sorbitol	5	-	-	100-79-8		
Diisobutyl succinate	5	-	-	925-98-4	Butyl stearate	5	-	-	123-95-5	Ricinoleic acid	5	-	-	141-22-0		
Diisobutylsuccinate	n.f.	-	-	2015-57-3	Cyclohexane	5	-	R11	110-82-7	α-Terpineol	4	-	-	98-55-6		
Dimethyl adipate	4	-	-	827-83-0	β-Cymene	4	-	R10	99-87-6	β-Terpineol	5	-	-	138-67-4		
Dimethyl glutarate	5	-	-	1119-40-0	β-Myrcene	5	-	R10	123-35-3	Tetrahydrofurfurylic alcohol	4	-	-	87-88-4		
Dimethyl phthalate	5	-	-	131-17-3	Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane	4	-	-	541-02-6	<b>Cluster VIII: Polar protic</b>						
Dimethyl succinate	5	-	-	106-85-0	Dipropylene glycol	5	-	-	170-99-5	1,3-Dioxolane-5-ol	5	-	-	4740-78-7		
N,N-Dimethylacetamide	4	-	-	1433-76-2	Ethyl acetate	5	-	-	111-62-6	1,3-Dioxolane-4-methanol	5	-	-	5494-28-8		
Dimethylsuccinate	5	-	-	3305-85-4	Ethyl palmitate	5	-	-	828-97-7	Ethylene glycol	4	-	-	107-21-1		
Dodecylsuccinate	n.f.	-	-	14491-96-8	Isopropyl palmitate	5	-	-	142-91-6	β-Farnesene	5	-	-	18794-84-9		
1,3-Dioxolane	4	-	R11	648-06-0	Isopropyl palmitate	5	-	-	142-91-6	Furfurylic alcohol *	3	-	-	98-00-0		
Ethyl acetate	5	-	R11	141-79-6	d-Limonene	4	-	R10	5889-27-5	Glycerol	5	-	-	56-81-6		
Ethyl laurate	5	-	-	106-33-2	Methyl stearate	5	-	-	112-61-8	Glycerol carbonate	5	-	-	831-49-8		
Ethyl linoleate	5	-	-	544-35-4	Isododecane	5	-	-	21807-55-3	Glycerol 1-methyl monoether	4	-	-	823-39-2		
Ethyl myristate	5	-	-	1191-41-9	Perfluorooctane	3	-	-	307-34-6	Glycerol 2-methyl monoether	5	-	R10	761-06-8		
Ethyl myristate	5	-	-	124-06-1	o-Pinene	4	-	R10	85-56-5	5-Hydroxymethylfurfural	4	-	-	67-47-0		
Geranyl acetate	5	-	-	105-87-3	β-Pinene	4	-	R10	127-91-3	3-Hydroxypropionic acid	5	-	-	503-66-2		
Glycerol stearate	4	-	-	192-76-1	Terpinene	4	-	-	586-62-9	3-Methyl-5-methyl-1-butanol	4	-	-	56539-66-3		
Glyceral 1,2,3-triethyl ether	n.f.	-	-	131570-29-1	<b>Cluster VII: Amphiprotic</b>							Poly(EthyleneGlycol 200	6	-	-	112-60-7
Glyceral 1,2,3-trimethyl ether	5	-	R10	140614-45-1	Benzyl alcohol	4	-	-	100-51-4	1,3-Propanediol	4	-	-	504-63-2		
Glycerol 1,2- <i>di</i> -methyl ether	4	-	R10	20537-46-4	1-Butanol	4	-	R10	71-36-3	Propylene glycol	6	-	-	87-65-6		
Glycerol 1,3- <i>di</i> -methyl ether	4	-	-	2216-77-5	Cyclohexane	5	-	-	2525-99-6	<b>Cluster IX: Organic acidic compounds</b>						
Isopropyl acetate	5	-	R10	123-92-2	1-Decanol	4	-	-	112-30-1	Acetic acid	4	-	R10	64-19-7		
Isobutyl acetate	5	-	R11	110-19-0	Dibutylsuccinate	4	-	-	18479-28-8	Propionic acid	4	-	-	79-09-4		
Isopropyl acetate	5	-	R11	108-21-4	1,3-Dioxolane-4-methanol	5	-	-	5050-53-7	<b>Cluster X: Polar structured</b>						
Isopropyl myristate	5	-	-	119-27-0	Ethanol	5	-	R11	64-17-5	Water	6	-	-	7732-18-5		
Isosorbide diacetate	5	-	-	6496-70-4	Ethylhexylacetate	n.f.	-	-	6253-86-9	<b>Ionic liquids</b>						
Methyl acetate	5	-	-	127-25-3	Ethyl lactate	5	-	R10	87-64-2	Choline acetate	n.f.	-	-	14688-35-7		
Methyl acrylate	5	-	R11	79-20-8	Geraniol	4	-	-	106-24-1	3-Butyl-1-methylimidazolium tetrafluoroborate	4	-	-	174501-65-6		
Methyl laurate	4	-	-	111-82-6	Glycerol 1,3- <i>di</i> -methyl ether	4	-	-	4543-59-6							

**Like dissolves (mixes with) Like  
(Qui se ressemble s'assemble)**

**What is like? -> From experiment to  
theory**

## Theoretical approaches:

- UNIFAC



- Hildebrand 1950:

$$\delta = (E_{\text{coh}}/V_m)^{1/2}$$

Cohesion energy density  $E_{\text{coh}} = \Delta H_{\text{vap}} - RT$

Gibbs energy of mixing  $\Delta G_M$

$$\Delta G_M = \Phi_1 \Phi_2 V_M (\delta_1 \delta_2)^2 - \Delta(TS)^{\text{ideal}}$$



## Theoretical approaches:

- Hansen Solubility Parameters (HSP)

$$|\delta|^2 = \delta_D^2 + \delta_P^2 + \delta_H^2$$

D: Dispersion P: Permanent Dipole H: Hydrogen Bonding

$$R_a^2 = 4 (\delta_{D2} - \delta_{D1})^2 + (\delta_{P2} - \delta_{P1})^2 + (\delta_{H2} - \delta_{H1})^2$$

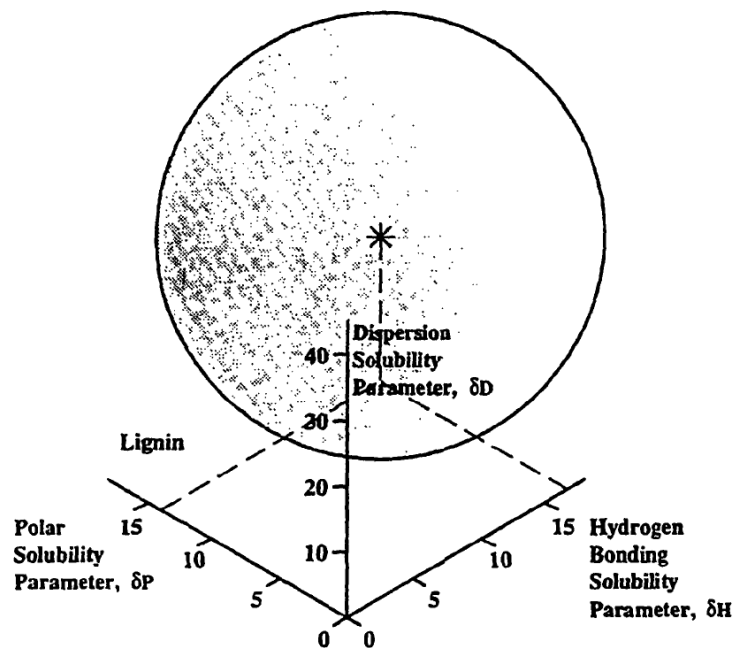
Many Experiments  $\rightarrow R_0$

the Relative Energy Difference (RED)  $RED = R_a/R_0$

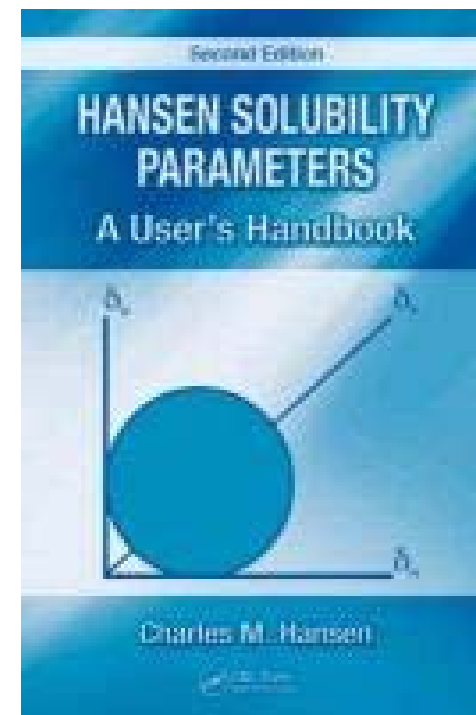
For  $RED < 1$  the compound is alike and will dissolve, for  $RED = 1$ , a partial solubility is predicted and for  $RED > 1$  “no” solubility should exist.

**Hansen Solubility Parameters**

	$\delta_D$	$\delta_P$	$\delta_H$	$R_o$
Lignin	21.9	14.1	16.9	13.7



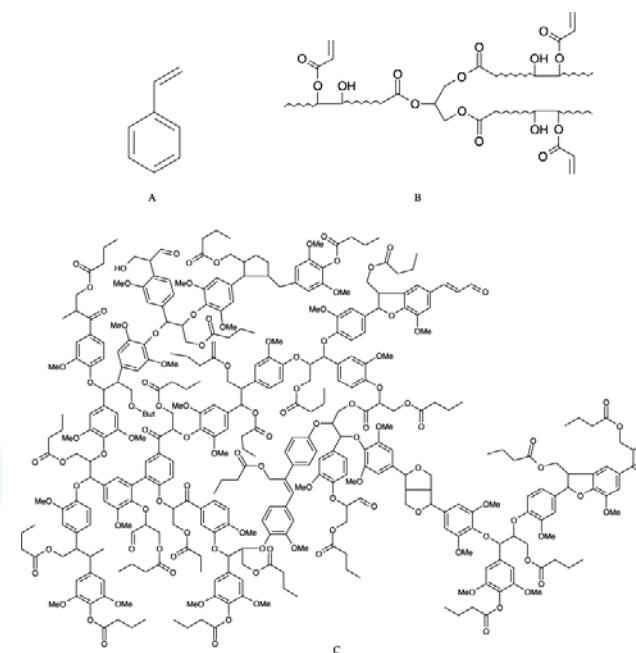
**Fig. 1.** Sketch of spherical Hansen type correlation for the solubility of lignin, whose parameters must be lower than those of cellulose but perhaps not too different.



**TABLE 15.1**  
**Hansen Solubility Parameter Correlations for Biologically Interesting**  
**Materials, MPa<sup>1/2</sup>**

Material	$\delta_D$	$\delta_P$	$\delta_H$	Ro	FIT	G/T
DNA	19.0	20.0	11.0	11.0	1.000	6/12
Cholesterol solubility	20.4	2.8	9.4	12.6	1.000	25/41
Lard 37°C solubility	15.9	1.2	5.4	12.0	1.000	29/50
Lard 23°C solubility	17.7	2.7	4.4	8.0	1.000	21/50
Olive oil solubility	15.9	1.2	5.4	12.0	1.000	29/50
Psoriasis scales swelling	24.6	11.9	12.9	19.0	0.927	35/50
Human skin — permeation	17.6	12.5	11.0	5.0	1.000	4/13
Nicotine — calculation	18.8	7.8	6.4	—	—	—
Skatole — calculation	20.0	7.1	6.2	—	—	—
Chlorophyll — solubility	20.2	15.6	18.2	11.1	0.864	7/35
Sinapyl alcohol calculation	19.2	7.3	16.1	—	—	—
Coniferyl alcohol calculation	19.0	7.0	16.3	—	—	—
<i>p</i> -Coumaryl alcohol calculation	19.1	7.0	17.3	—	—	—
Lignin — solubility	21.9	14.1	16.9	13.7	0.990	16/82
Dextran C (= amorphous cellulose) See Chapter 5	24.3	19.9	22.5	17.4	0.999	5/50
Sucrose solubility	23.4	18.4	20.8	16.0	0.981	6/50
<i>N</i> -methyl-morpholine- <i>N</i> -oxide calculation	19.0	16.1	10.2	—	—	—
Blood serum — swelling	25.5	10.3	22.1	17.8	0.980	4/51
Zein — solubility	22.4	9.8	19.4	11.9	0.964	4/50
Urea — solubility	22.9	14.9	21.3	16.2	0.984	14/50
Water — >1% soluble in	15.1	20.4	16.5	18.1	0.856	88/167
Water — totally miscible	18.1	17.1	16.9	13.0	0.880	47/166
Water — single molecule	15.5	16.0	42.3	—	—	—

Note: The units for the solubility parameters and Ro are MPa<sup>1/2</sup>. G/T represents the number of good liquids (G) and the total number of liquids (T) in the correlation.



# The best: COSMO-RS

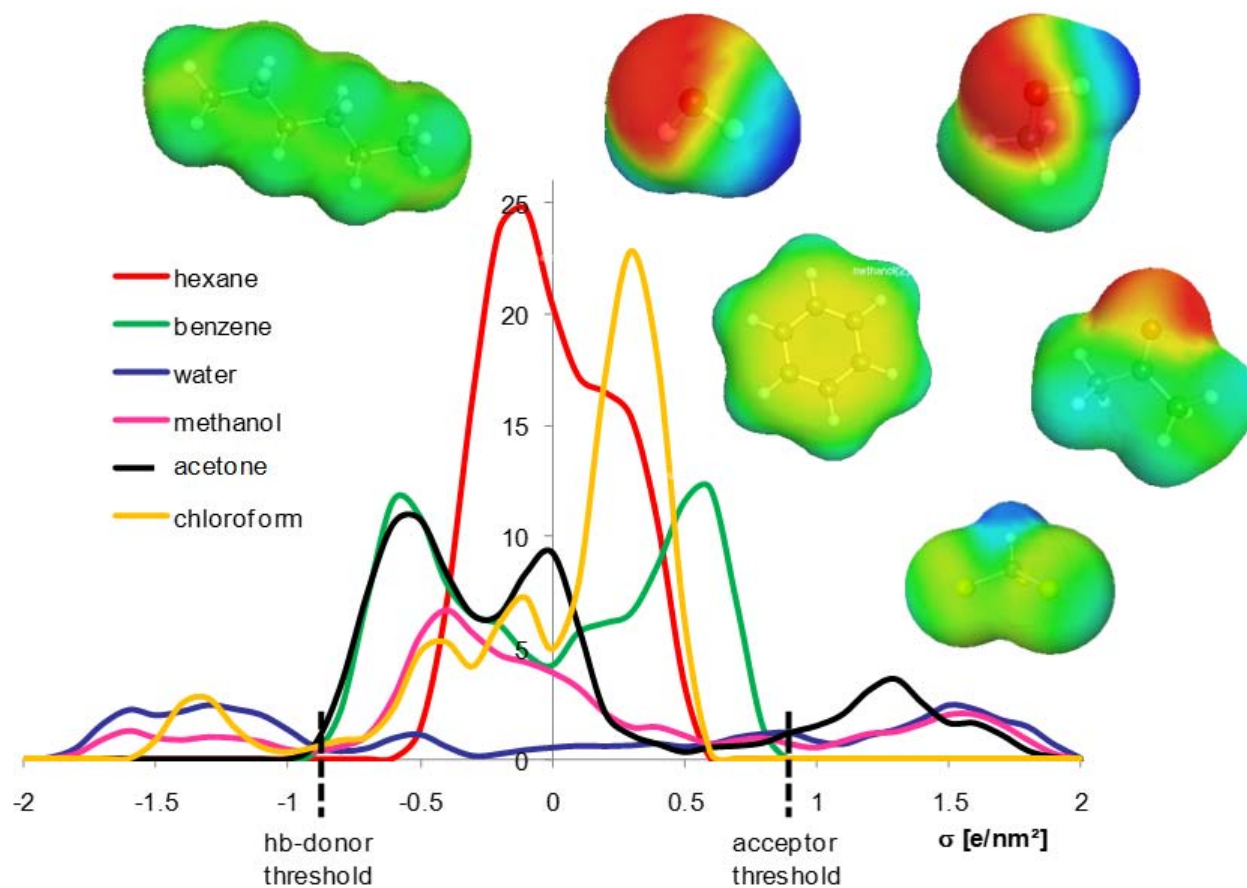


Fig. 2.1.1:  $\sigma$ -surfaces and  $\sigma$ -profiles of 6 representative molecules

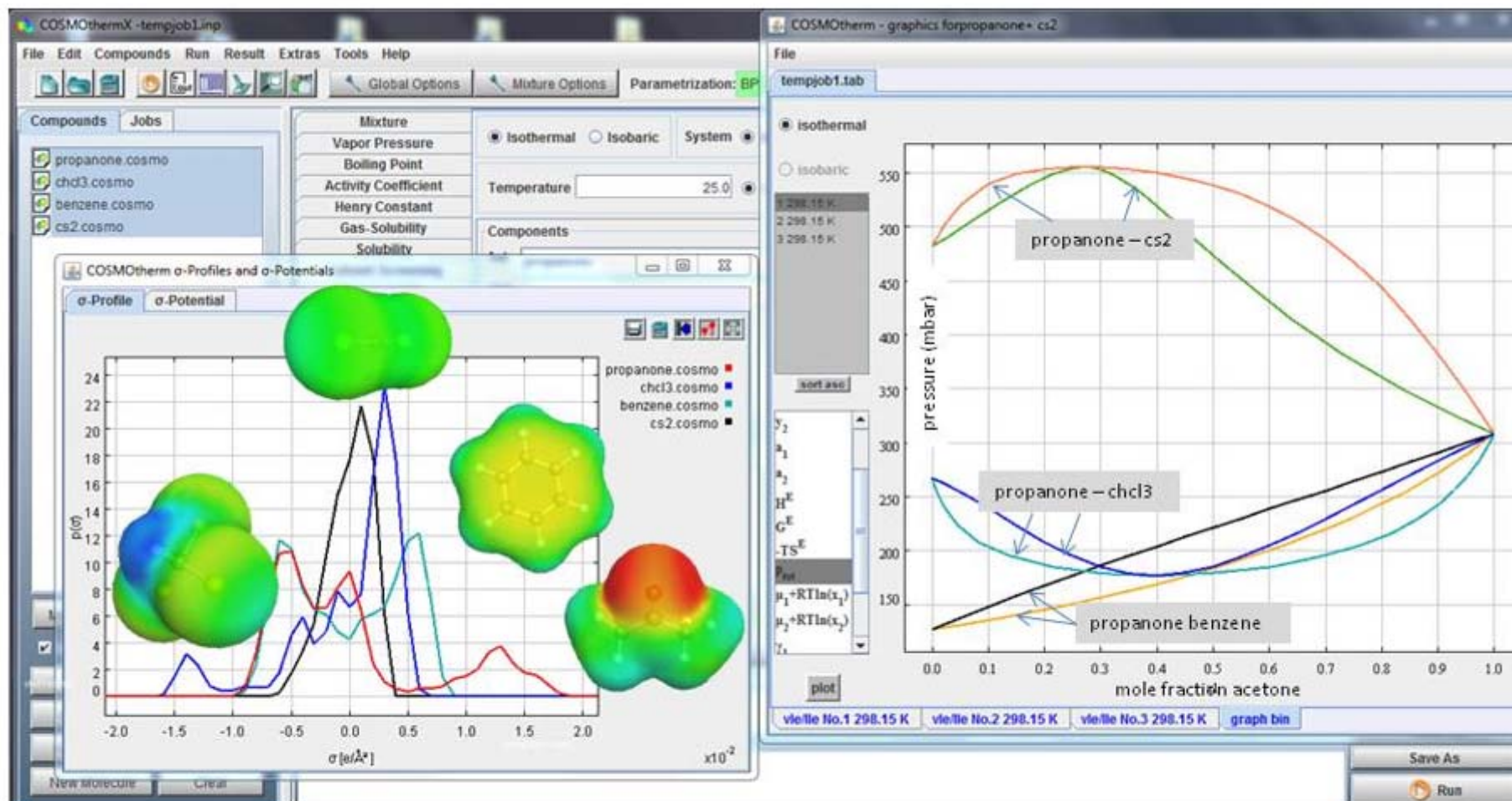
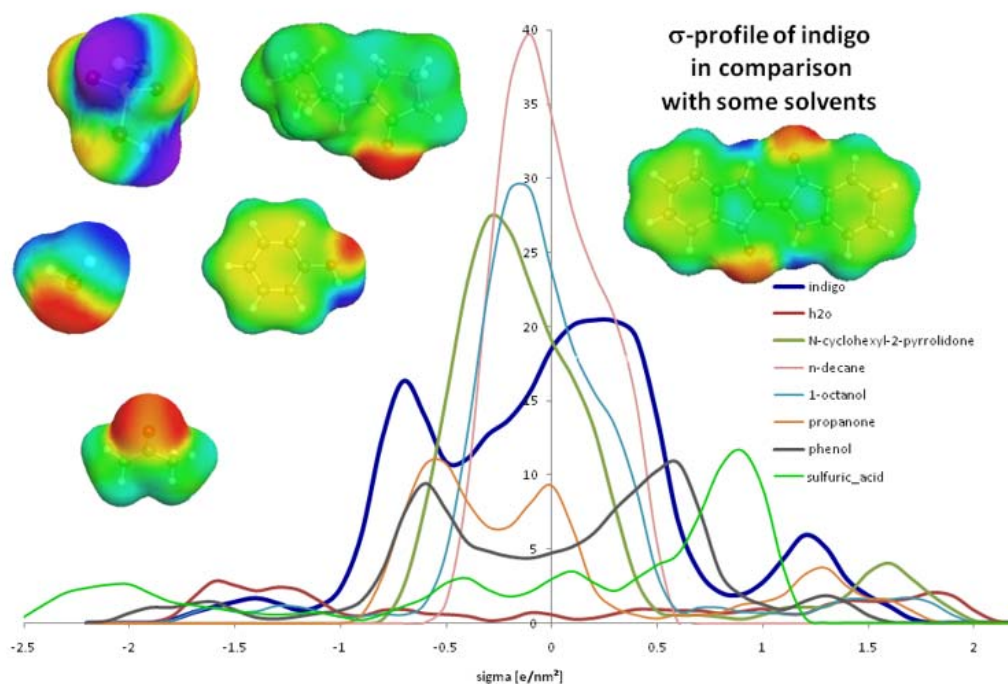
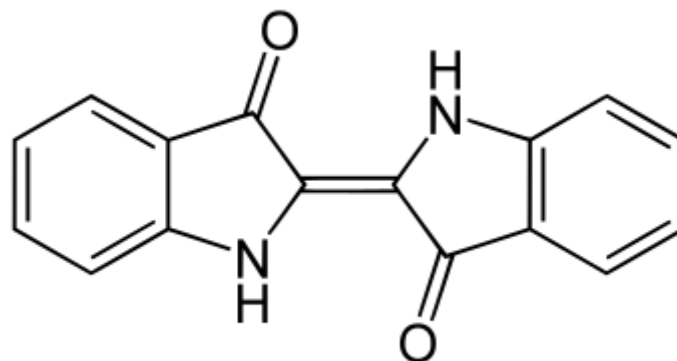


Fig. 2.1.2: Graphical visualization of the COSMOtherm workflow and results for 3

# Indigo



Rank	solvent	solubility %-wgt.
1	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	100.0000
2	dimethylsulfoxide	11.9093
3	phenol	10.4013
4	propanone	6.5225
5	pyridine	4.3329
6	pyrrole	4.1934
7	choralhydrate	2.9799
8	n-cyclohexyl-2-pyrrolidone	2.1431
9	aniline	1.7467
10	chloroform	1.6337
11	diethylether	1.4813
12	Acetic acid	1.2209
13	nitrobenzene	0.6988
14	benzene	0.5339
15	camphor	0.4953
16	ethanol	0.4694
17	liquid indigo	0.3500
18	1-pentanol	0.1523
19	1-octanol	0.0742
20	hexane	0.0140
21	n-hexadecane	0.0037
22	water	0.0001

I.1: Results of COSMO-RS solubility screening for indigo