Group Contribution and Machine Learning Approaches to Predict Abraham Solute Parameters, Solvation Free Energy, and Solvation Enthalpy

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Abstract

We present a group contribution method (SoluteGC) and a machine learning model (SoluteML) to predict the Abraham solute parameters, as well as a machine learning model (DirectML) to predict solvation free energy and enthalpy at 298 K. The proposed group contribution method uses atom-centered functional groups with corrections for ring and polycyclic strain whilst the machine learning models adopt a directed message passing neural network. The solute parameters predicted from SoluteGC and SoluteML are used to calculate solvation energy and enthalpy via linear free energy relationships.

Extensive data sets containing 8366 solute parameters, 20253 solvation free energies, and 6322 solvation enthalpies are compiled in this work to train the models. The three models are each evaluated on the same test sets using both random and substructure-based solute splits for solvation energy and enthalpy predictions. The results show that the DirectML model is superior to the SoluteML and SoluteGC models for both predictions and can provide accuracy comparable to that of advanced quantum chemistry methods. Yet, even though the DirectML model performs better in general, all three models are useful for various purposes. Uncertain predicted values can be identified by comparing the 3 models, and when the 3 models are combined together, they can provide even more accurate predictions than any one of them individually. Finally, we present our compiled solute parameter, solvation energy, and solvation enthalpy databases (SoluteDB, dGsolvDBx, dHsolvDB) and provide public access to our final prediction models through a simple web-based tool, software package, and source code.

1 Introduction

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Information on solvation free energy aids in the selection of viable solvents in chemical processes such as the synthesis of organic molecules, 1,2 optimization of purification processes, and pollutant level management. The solvation Gibbs free energy ($\Delta G_{\rm solv}$) of a solute in a solvent is directly related to that solute's partition coefficient between the gas and solvent phase. This property is typically reported at room temperature and can be a valuable feature for the prediction of the solute's liquid-liquid partition coefficient and solid solubility in organic solvents. For process optimization, $\Delta G_{\rm solv}$ is required at the specified process temperature and in a variety of solvents. Recently, we reported a strategy to calculate $\Delta G_{\rm solv}$ of a dilute neutral solute in organic solvents at different temperatures. Using only the solvation free energy and solvation enthalpy at 298 K and solvent's temperature-dependent density, $\Delta G_{\rm solv}$ for temperatures between 298 K and the solvent's critical temperature can be calculated along the solvent's saturation curve in a fast and automated manner. For this work, we aim to provide improved predictions of $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298 \, {\rm K})$ and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298 \, {\rm K})$, which can be used for the calculation of $\Delta G_{\rm solv}$ at elevated temperatures.

The interest in solvation free energies dates back many years 6 and has led to the development of numerous predictive methods. These range from molecular dynamics and quantum chemistry methods to empirical or data-driven approaches. Commonly used quantum chemistry methods are based on the implicit polarizable continuum model for solvent representation, such as the SMx methods developed by Cramer, Truhlar, and coworkers $^{7-9}$ and the COSMO(-RS) models proposed by Klamt and coworkers. $^{10-12}$ These first-principle methods are useful for the calculation of solvation properties of new solvent-solute combinations, but they are computationally expensive and require comprehensive and challenging searches for all relevant conformers of the considered solvent and solute molecules. Empirical or data-driven approaches, on the other hand, allow for the fast prediction of solvation properties. The main bottleneck for these methods is the scarcity and quality of available experimental

data. As more data become available, more studies focus on the application of empirical and data-driven models to the prediction of solvation-related properties such as $\Delta G_{\rm solv}$. In this study, we focus on improving predictions for $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ with several empirical and data-driven models, more specifically using the commonly employed linear solvation energy relationship (LSER), a group contribution method, and state-of-the-art graph-convolutional message passing neural networks.

The LSER equation used in this work is the one developed by Abraham et al. 13,14 The equation is built based on earlier attempts to relate the free energy of solvation to molecular descriptors by quantitative structure-property relationships (QSPR), for example the solvatochromic comparison method by Kamlet and Taft. 15 The relationship developed by Abraham and coworkers is given in Eq. 1. It combines Abraham solute (E, S, A, B, L) and solvent (c, e, s, a, b, l) parameters through a linear equation for the determination of the gas-liquid partition coefficient K. The Gibbs free energy of solvation can be directly calculated from the partition coefficient through Eq. 2

$$\log K(298 \,\mathrm{K}) = c + eE + sS + aA + bB + lL \tag{1}$$

$$\Delta G_{\text{solv}} = -RT \ln K \tag{2}$$

where R is the gas constant, T is temperature, and log and ln are common (base 10) and natural logarithm, respectively. The LSER is further explored by Mintz et al. ¹⁶ for the prediction of $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ as shown in Eq. 3. The solute parameters in Eq. 3 are the same Abraham solute parameters as those used in the Abraham LSER in Eq. 1, while new solvent parameters (c', e', s', a', b', l') are used.

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$$\frac{\Delta H_{\text{solv}}(298 \text{ K})}{1 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}} = c' + e'E + s'S + a'A + b'B + l'L$$
(3)

Each of the solute parameters used in the LSER is related to the physical property of a solute and can be either determined experimentally or regressed from experimental values of partition coefficients. E is the solute excess molar refractivity, S is the solute dipolarity/polarizability, A and B are the overall hydrogen bond acidicity and basicity, respectively, and E is the logarithm of the gas-hexadecane partition coefficient. The solute parameters can be also used to estimate liquid-liquid partition coefficients, solid solubilities, heat capacities, enthalpies of sublimation, and liquid phase hydrogen abstraction reaction rates. E The solvent parameters, on the other hand, are largely treated as empirical parameters and obtained from fitting to experimental data.

Several methods have been proposed to estimate some or all of the solute parameters from molecular structure, $^{22-30}$ among which the group contribution (GC) approach is widely used. Platts et al. 24,25 were the first to devise the group contribution scheme that can predict all solute parameters. They developed 81 functional group fragments for predicting E, S, B, and

L and 51 fragments for predicting A. The ACD/Absolv software³¹ adopted the Platts-type fragments and further optimized the fragments for their module. ACD/Absolv has shown to give reasonably good estimates for many compounds, but it had large prediction errors for certain classes of molecular structure, such as highly halogenated compounds, triazoles, and bridged ring structures.³² Brown et al. developed a different set of fragments or substructures using the iterative fragment selection approach, in which the fragments are selected by using k-fold cross validation.^{33,34} They used solute parameter data of around 3700 compounds and built an open-access GC model that is available through the UFZ-LSER database.²⁹ Their model showed good predictive performance for the L parameter,³⁴ but the performance on the other solute parameters has not been reported.

As more comprehensive databases become available, researchers have started exploring the use of machine learning (ML) for the prediction of $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$. Initially, these efforts focused on hydration free energies using the FreeSolv database.³⁵ This database is often used as a benchmark to compare model architectures in chemical property prediction. ^{36,37} The Minnesota solvation database (MNSol)³⁸ contains solvation free energies for a wide range of solvents. Hutchinson and Kobayashi³⁹ were the first to use this database to account for different solvents in a neural network by using the DeepChem framework 40 with functional class fingerprints that have solvent-specific features. More recent works have been published based on a larger database Solv@TUM. 41 Pathak et al. 42 proposed a chemically interpretable graph interaction network model comprised of a message passing, an interaction, and a prediction phase using 6239 unique solvent-solute combinations extracted from Solv@TUM and FreeSolv data sets. Lim and Jung⁴³ used the same data sets and developed MLSolvA. a ML architecture that computes pairwise atomic interactions from the solvent and solute atomistic feature vectors and makes prediction by summing up the interactions. As part of our previous work, Vermeire and Green⁴⁴ presented a transfer learning approach in which the model was pre-trained on 1 million quantum calculations and further fine-tuned on 10145 solvation free energy experimental data. The main purpose of that work was to demonstrate how transfer learning from quantum chemical data improves performance on small dataset sizes and on out-of-range sample predictions. Overall, the model achieves a mean absolute error of 0.21 kcal/mol on a random test split.

In this work, we adopt three different approaches to predict $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$, two of which predict Abraham solute parameters and then calculate solvation properties using the LSERs. The third approach obtains $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ directly for the specified solvent-solute pair. For the prediction of $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ we chose not to make use of our previously published transfer learning model, since the purpose of this work is to extensively compare different approaches to experimental data-driven methods. Extensive databases of the solute parameters, $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$, and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ have been compiled for this work and all models are trained on experimental data. The performance of the three approaches is assessed for solvent-solute combinations that are considered out-of-sample with respect to the training data. We specifically use the random and substructure-based solute splits such that none of the solutes or selected solute substructures in the test sets appear in

the training sets. One of the novelties of this work is that the performance of all the methods is evaluated on exactly the same test sets for different splits. For the final prediction of solvation properties, we advise to combine all three methods as they provide a different level of accuracy and interpretation of the contribution of several physical phenomenon to the calculated values. We also provide an easy-accessible tool for our predictive models that can be used to calculate the solute parameters, $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$, and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$. Lastly, we provide new databases for the solute parameters, $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$, and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$ compiled and curated from different sources.

2 Methods – Databases and Data Split

Three different approaches are used to predict $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$: (1) a GC method for the solute parameters in the Abraham and Mintz LSER equations (SoluteGC), (2) ML for the prediction of the same solute parameters (SoluteML), and (3) ML for the direct prediction of solvation properties (DirectML). The advantage of using these three different methods for the prediction of solvation properties is that they each provide a different level of information on the physical contributions to the calculated values. Whereas the DirectML method is a black-box, the SoluteML model provides solute parameters with physical meaning, and the SoluteGC model relates those parameters to chemical substructures.

The three approaches start from two different experimental data sets: one with solute molecules and their solute parameters (SoluteDB), and one with solvent-solute pairs and values for $\Delta G_{\text{solv}}(298 \text{ K})$ and $\Delta H_{\text{solv}}(298 \text{ K})$ (dGsolvDBx, and dHsolvDB). The SoluteGC and SoluteML methods predict the solute parameters from SMILES⁴⁵ of the solute compounds. The solvation free energy and enthalpy are subsequently computed from the predicted solute parameters and empirically fitted solvent parameters through the LSERs (Eqs. 1 and 3). The DirectML method takes SMILES of the solvents and solutes as input and predicts the solvation free energy and enthalpy. Figure 1 depicts the prediction flowchart of the three models starting from the two data sets. The details on the individual models and information on the construction and splitting of the data sets are given below.

2.1 Database Summary

The experimental data for the solute parameters (E, S, A, B, L), $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$, and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$ are collected from various sources. All data except those collected from the Minnesota solvation database are open-source and published as a part of this work. The data are limited to neutral solute compounds containing H, C, N, O, S, P, F, Cl, Br, or I atoms and nonionic liquid solvents in this work. The standard state of 1 mol L⁻¹ gas phase and 1 mol L⁻¹ liquid phase is used for $\Delta G_{\rm solv}$ and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}$. The details on the data compilation can

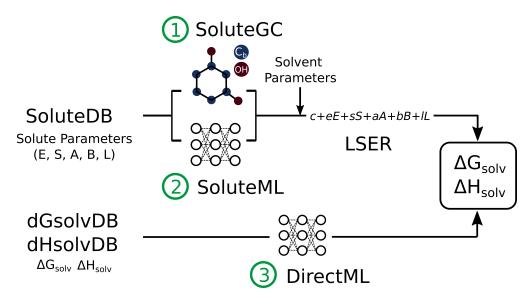


Figure 1: Schematic overview of $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ prediction with the three methods (SoluteGC, SoluteML, and DirectML) starting from the three data sets (SoluteDB, dGsolvDB, and dHsolvDB)

be found in the Supporting Information.

The data statistics of the in-house Abraham solute parameter database (SoluteDB) are summarized in Table 1. The number of data points per parameter varies as some solutes have missing parameters. The number of Abraham and Mintz solvent parameters used in this study are provided in the table as well. These solvent parameters are empirically fitted based on the collected solute parameters, $\Delta G_{\text{solv}}(298 \,\text{K})$, and $\Delta H_{\text{solv}}(298 \,\text{K})$ data. The errors of the LSER estimations calculated using the experimental solute parameters and the fitted solvent parameters are also reported in the table.

Table 1: Data summary for the in-house Abraham solute parameter database (SoluteDB), the number of fitted solvent parameters, and the errors of the LSER estimates. The total number of data points (N total), mean values, standard deviations (std. dev.), and minimum and maximum (min, max) values of the solute parameters are presented. All solute parameters are unitless. The mean absolute error (MAE) and root mean square error (RMSE) of the LSER estimates are calculated using the experimental solute parameters and the fitted solvent parameters.

solute parameter	N total	mean	std. dev.	min	max
E	8163	0.97	0.81	-1.51	6.87
S	7654	1.14	0.78	-1.60	10.97
A	8159	0.21	0.35	0.00	6.80
В	7395	0.66	0.61	0.00	7.97
L	7038	6.77	3.79	-1.20	49.98

Total number of solutes	8366
Number of solvents with fitted Abraham	195
solvent parameters $(e, s, a, b, l, c \text{ for } \Delta G_{\text{solv}})$	
Number of solvents with fitted Mintz	66
solvent parameters $(e', s', a', b', l', c' \text{ for } \Delta H_{\text{solv}})$	
MAE & RMSE of the Abraham LSER	0.17 &
$\Delta G_{\rm solv}$ estimations (kcal/mol)	0.46
MAE & RMSE of the Mintz LSER	0.42 &
$\Delta H_{\rm solv}$ estimations (kcal/mol)	0.70

A summary and analysis of the compiled solvation free energy and enthalpy data sets are given in Table 2. The solvation free energy data are acquired from the Minnesota solvation database (MNSol), ³⁸ CompSol database, ⁴⁶ FreeSolv database, ³⁵ and published work by Abraham, Acree and coworkers ^{47–78} and compiled together as a dGsolvDB1 data set. Additionally, we have nearly 4000 gas-water partition coefficient data (log $K_{\rm w}$) from the in-house database. While adding these data significantly increases the size of the data set and the number of solute compounds considered, it also causes the solvation free energy data to be more heavily biased towards water as a solvent. Therefore, a separate data set, dGsolvDB2, is prepared that includes the dGsolvDB1 data and the aqueous solvation free energy data converted from the in-house log $K_{\rm w}$ data set.

We also convert octanol-water partition coefficient data ($\log P_{\rm ow}$) from the in-house database and solvent-water partition coefficient ($\log P$) data from OCHEM, ⁷⁹ DrugBank, ⁸⁰ PHYSPROP, ⁸¹ and published work by Abraham, Acree, and coworkers ^{47,48,52–70,73–77,82} to solvation free energies by assuming that $\log P$ is measured in dry solvents, *i.e.* the solvents do not dissolve into one another while in contact. This approximation would introduce an additional uncertainty to the data set, especially for polar solvents in contact with water. Moreover, including the in-house $\log P_{\rm ow}$ data causes the data set to be biased toward 1-octanol as a solvent. Thus, another separate data set, dGsolvDB3, is prepared that includes the dGsolvDB2 data and the solvation free energy data converted from the $\log P_{\rm ow}$ and $\log P$ data. All three solvation energy data sets (dGsolvDB1 - dGsolvDB3) are used separately to build DirectML models, and the test set errors are compared to determine which data set gives the best prediction.

Solvation enthalpy data are collected from Acree Enthalpy of Solvation data set 83 and Comp-Sol database. 46 Self-solvation data (solvation of a compound in itself) are included in both solvation energy and enthalpy data sets. It can be seen from Table 2 that the majority of the solvents in the data sets only have a single entry that corresponds to the self-solvation datum in the final database. As a result, if self-solvation data are excluded, the number of solvents would reduce to 302 and 142 solvents in the solvation free energy and enthalpy data sets, respectively. More details regarding the databases, including the fitting of the solvent parameters, the conversion between log P and $\Delta G_{\rm solv}$, and the data distribution, can

be found in the Supporting Information.

Table 2: Summary of the data sets for solvation free energy (dGsolvDB) and enthalpy (dHsolvDB), including the total number of data points (N total), the number of solutes (N solutes), the number of solvents with and without solvents that only appear in self-solvation (N solvents, excl. self-solv), and a list of the most commonly found solvents. (CCl4: carbon tetrachloride, DMF: dimethylformamide.)

data set	N total	N solutes	N solvents	top 5 solvents
(included data)			(excl. self-solv)	(% data)
dGsolvDB1	12202	2387	1459	water (11.6 %)
$(\Delta G_{ m solv}^{35,38,46-78})$			(302)	1-octanol (3.2 %)
				hexadecane (2.1 %)
				heptane (1.7%)
				hexane (1.7 %)
dGsolvDB2	16180	5991	1459	water (33.3 %)
$(\Delta G_{ m solv}, ^{35,38,46-78})$			(302)	1-octanol (2.4 %)
in-house $\log K_{\rm w}$ data)				hexadecane (1.6 %)
				heptane (1.3%)
				hexane (1.3 %)
dGsolvDB3	20253	5991	1459	water (26.6 %)
$(\Delta G_{ m solv}, ^{35,38,46-78})$			(303)	1-octanol (21.1 %)
in-house $\log K_{\rm w}$ data,				hexadecane (1.3%)
in-house $\log P_{\text{ow}}$ data,				ethanol (1.1 %)
$\log P^{47,48,52-70,73-77,79-82})$				heptane (1.1 %)
dHsolvDB	6322	1665	1432	cyclohexane (3.5 %)
$(\Delta H_{ m solv}^{46,83})$			(142)	methanol (3.2%)
				benzene (3.1%)
				CCl4 (2.8 %)
				DMF (2.8 %)

2.2 Data Split for Model Comparison

As summarized in Tables 1 and 2, a total of four data sets are prepared for the prediction of solvation free energy: (1) SoluteDB, (2) dGsolvDB1, (3) dGsolvDB2, and (4) dGsolvDB3. The final SoluteGC, SoluteML, and DirectML models that are available through the easy-access tool are trained on all of the data available. However, to evaluate and compare the performance of the models, each data set is split into a ~90 % training/validation and a ~10 % carefully selected test set. The test set is constructed such that the solute compounds from the test set do not overlap with any of the solutes in the training and validation set. The test set solutes are selected in a (1) random and (2) substructure-based manner. The substructure-based splits are employed to test the out-of-range performance of

the models on new classes of solute molecules. All solute compounds that contain any of the selected functional groups and scaffolds are included in the test set for our substructure splits. Those splits are comparable to the Murcko scaffold-based splits that are commonly used in molecular property predictive models for drug discovery. ^{36,37} The substructures are manually selected to maintain a ~90/10 % split for all data sets. The substructures are represented in SMARTS, ⁸⁴ and substructure search on solute compounds is done using RDKit. Examples of chosen substructures are benzoic acid, adamantane and phenanthrene scaffolds, and a trifluoromethyl group. The list of the chosen substructures is presented in the Supporting Information Section 4.3. The data sets used for the prediction of solvation enthalpy (SoluteDB and dHsolvDB) are split in the same fashion.

The training and testing sets we have prepared so far are designed for evaluating the model performance on unseen solutes. To investigate the performance of the DirectML models on unseen solute and unseen solvent pairs, 10 and 8 solvents are removed from the training sets of dGsolvDB and dHsolvDB, respectively, and placed in the test sets. The list of excluded solvents is provided in the Supporting Information Section 4.4, and detailed data statistics of all training and test sets used in this study is presented in the Supporting Information Section 4.5.

3 Methods – Models

3.1 SoluteGC: Group Contribution Method for Abraham Solute Parameter Prediction

The SoluteGC model is built as part of Reaction Mechanism Generator (RMG), ^{85,86} open source chemical kinetic modeling software package. RMG uses the Benson-type ⁸⁷ group contribution method for gas phase thermochemistry estimations and has over 2000 groups in the database. For the SoluteGC model, RMG's gas phase group contribution scheme is adopted to include the Abraham solute parameters, and missing groups that are important to the solvation data sets are added.

RMG's GC method estimates thermochemistry by dividing a molecule into atom-centered (AC) functional groups and summing the contribution from all groups. Additionally, RMG implements ring strain correction (RSC) and long distance interaction (LDI) groups to account for more advanced structural effects that cannot be captured by the atom-based approach. The SoluteGC model follows the same scheme to calculate the solute parameters as shown in Eq. 4

$$E, S, A, B, \text{ or } L = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{atom}}} AC_i + \sum_{j=1} RSC_j + \sum_{k=1} LDI_k$$
 (4)

where N_{atom} is the number of heavy atoms in a molecule and RSC and LDI corrections

are applied for each ring cluster and long distance interaction group found in a molecule, respectively. For more details on the GC scheme, the reader is referred to the dedicated work by Gao et al. 85 and Han et al. 88 as well as the RMG documentation. 89

While most molecules follow Eq. 4, halogenated molecules are treated differently in the SoluteGC model: all halogen atoms are first replaced by hydrogen atoms, then the GC estimate is made on the replaced structure, and halogen corrections are lastly added for each halogen atom to get the final GC prediction as shown in Eq. 5

$$E, S, A, B, \text{ or } L = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{atom}}*} AC_i + \sum_{j=1} RSC_j + \sum_{k=1} LDI_k + \sum_{l=1}^{N_{\text{halogen}}} Halogen_l$$

$$= (E, S, A, B, \text{ or } L)_{\text{replaced compound}} + \sum_{l=1}^{N_{\text{halogen}}} Halogen_l$$
(5)

where the subscript 'replaced compound' denotes the compound whose halogen atoms are replaced by hydrogen atoms, and $N_{\text{atom}*}$ and N_{halogen} represent the number of non-halogen heavy atoms and the number of halogen atoms in a molecule, respectively. The halogen groups are halogen-centered functional groups and defined by neighboring atoms including other halogens that are bonded to the same atom. We take this unique approach because it allows one to use the experimental solute parameter data of a replaced compound and simply apply halogen corrections to get more accurate estimates for a halogenated compound. While this approach is inspired by various works, 90,91 it is primarily based on the hydrogen bond increment (HBI) method devised by Lay et al., 90 in which a radical correction is applied to a saturated compound datum to get a thermochemistry estimate for a radical compound.

Table 3: Description and the number of groups used for the SoluteGC model.

Group Category	Number of Groups	Description		
AC-regular	729	Atom-centered functional groups.		
		Applied for each non-halogen heavy atom		
AC-halogen	193	Halogen correction		
		(halogen-centered functional groups)		
RSC-ring	116	Monocyclic ring strain correction		
RSC-polycyclic	179	Polycyclic ring strain correction		
LDI-cyclic	29	Aromatic ortho, meta, para correction		
LDI-noncyclic	16	Gauche interaction correction		

The functional groups created for the final SoluteGC model is listed in Table 3. The group definitions and the number of data used to fit each group can be found on GitHub as part of the RMG-database at https://github.com/ReactionMechanismGenerator/RMG-database/tree/master/input/solvation/groups. Additional information on the SoluteGC method

3.2 SoluteML and DirectML: Machine Learning for Solute Parameters, Solvation Free Energy, and Enthalpy Prediction

Two machine learning models are developed for the prediction of solvation free energy and enthalpy. The first deep neural network ensemble (SoluteML) is trained on the database with the Abraham solute parameters (SoluteDB). The average prediction of this ensemble of neural networks is combined with the solvent parameters through the LSER (Eqs. 1 and 3) to calculate $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$. The second ensemble of deep neural networks (DirectML) is trained on dGsolvDB and dHsolvDB and used to predict the solvation properties directly. The model architecture for both models used in this work are based on the state-of-the-art chemical property prediction software Chemprop. ³⁷ This software uses a directed message passing neural network (D-MPNN), a type of graph convolutional neural network, to convert atom and bond feature vectors to a molecular latent representation. The embedded molecule is subsequently sent through a second neural network for the property prediction task. For more details on the D-MPNN, the reader is referred to the dedicated work by Yang et al. ³⁷ Specifics related to this work are discussed below.

For the SoluteML model, the training set consists of solute SMILES as input and their corresponding solute parameters as output to the neural network. Minor adjustments are made compared to the original version of Chemprop to include atom, bond, and molecular features specific to solvation. A summary of the used atom and bond features is given in Table 4. Different sets of additional molecular descriptors are tested for training the neural network. These are concatenated with the molecular latent representation generated by the D-MPNN. We find that using all the available 2D-RDKit molecular descriptors (a vector of 200 features automatically generated by RDKit³⁷) yields overall the best performance for the SoluteML model, and therefore they are chosen as the additional molecular features.

For the DirectML model, the original version of Chemprop is adapted to the application of multiple input molecules, a solvent-solute pair. The solvent and solute SMILES strings are each converted to a latent representation by a separate D-MPNN, after which the embeddings are concatenated prior to the second neural network for property prediction. The same atom and bond features are used for the D-MPNN as for the SoluteML model (see Table 4). Similar to SoluteML, different sets of additional molecular descriptors are tested to improve the performance of the model. In this case, the selected molecular features are the RDKit-calculated octanol-water partitioning coefficient and van der Waals surface area combined in RDKit's SlogP_VSA_ descriptor. The molecular feature vectors for a solute and a solvent are concatenated with the latent representation after the D-MPNN and prior to the second neutral network for property prediction.

Table 4: Atom and bond features used for the directed message passing neural network. Type refers to the type of encoding used for each feature. One-hot encoding converts a categorical variable into a vector of multiple binary variables and numeric encoding represents the feature as a numeric value.

Atom features	Type	Bond features	Type
Atomic number	One-hot	Bond type	One-hot
Number of bonds	One-hot	Conjugation	One-hot
Formal charge	One-hot	In ring	One-hot
Connected hydrogen atoms	One-hot	Stereo	One-hot
Hybridization	One-hot		'
Lone pairs	One-hot		
H-bond donor	One-hot		
H-bond acceptor	One-hot		
Ring size	One-hot		
Aromaticity	One-hot		
Electronegativity	Numeric		
Molar mass	Numeric		

Different hyperparameters are used for the SoluteML and the DirectML models, and both models are trained with 5-fold cross-validation. More details on hyperparameter optimization and the neural networks are included in the Supporting Information.

3.3 Prediction Using Existing Methods

The performance of our models is compared to the following quantum chemistry (QM), ML, and GC methods from literature: SMD, 9 COSMO-RS, 12 the solvation free energy ML model by Lim and Jung (MLSolvA), 43 the transfer learning model by Vermeire and Green⁴⁴ (transfer learning), the solvation enthalpy ML model by Jacquis et al., ⁹² and the solute parameter GC method from the UFZ-LSER database (UFZ-LSER). 29 The COSMO-RS calculations are performed in-house at the BP86/TZVPD-FINE level of theory using the software COSMO therm. 93 These calculations are done for the solvent-solute pairs whose pre-calculated quantum chemical COSMO data are available in the COSMO base database. 94 For the COSMO-RS method, the solvation enthalpy at 298 K is computed by calculating solvation free energies at 297, 298, 299 K, estimating the temperature gradient at 298 K from the three data points, and using the relationship $\Delta H = \Delta G - T \frac{d\Delta G}{dT}$. The GC method from the UFZ-LSER database²⁹ is used to predict the solute parameters. These predicted parameters are combined with our in-house solvent parameters to compute the prediction errors of the UFZ-LSER GC method. Since the training data used for the regression of the solute parameters in the UFZ-LSER database are unknown, the errors are evaluated using all of our data. Only the solute molecules with more than two heavy atoms are used to evaluate the UFZ-LSER GC method as the GC method is not suitable for small molecules. For the remaining methods, SMD⁹ and the ML models, ^{43,44,92} the reported errors from literature are used for comparison.

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4 Results and Discussion

In the subsequent section, we evaluate the performance of the three models (SoluteGC, SoluteML, and DirectML) on 10 % test sets for both random and substructure-based solute splits that are prepared as detailed in Section 2.2. The comparison is done for the test splits with unseen solutes, and additionally for the DirectML model, on unseen solute and unseen solvent pairs. Because the size of the test set is different for each model, only overlapping test data of the compared models are considered in our comparison. For the comparison of the three models, the test solvents are limited to those with Abraham or Mintz solvent parameters since the SoluteGC and SoluteML models can be evaluated on only those solvents (see Table 1). Furthermore, only the prediction of the solvation free energy and enthalpy is discussed in the main text. The results on the entire test set data of each model and on the individual solute parameters can be found in the Supporting Information Section 8.

The model performance is analyzed by comparing parity plots, the coefficient of determination (R^2) , and the mean absolute error (MAE) and the root-mean-square error (RMSE), both in kcal/mol. Because the scale of the solvation free energies and their errors differ between some of the compared test sets, we also compare the relative error using the percent MAE (PMAE) defined as:

$$PMAE = \left| \frac{MAE}{\text{test mean}} \right| \cdot 100 \% \tag{6}$$

The test mean represents the average experimental value in the test set. PMAE is used instead of the mean relative error, which is a mean of the individual absolute errors divided by their experimental values, because several solvation free energy and enthalpy have experimental values close to zero. This leads to inflation of the mean relative error, which would not be representative of the model performance.

4.1 Comparison of the DirectML Models Trained on Different Solvation Free Energy Data Sets

Before comparing the performance of the different models (SoluteGC, SoluteML, and DirectML), the performance of the DirectML models that are trained and validated on three different solvation free energy data sets (dGsolvDB1, dGsolvDB2, dGsolvDB3) are compared to determine which model gives the best prediction. As explained in Section 2.1, the data sets differ in what kind of solvation data is included (ΔG_{solv} , in-house log K_{w} data, and log P data). The performance of the three DirectML models are compared and analyzed in details in the Supporting Information Section 6. In summary, the performance of the three models is very similar for the random split, with the model trained on dGsolvDB3 giving the

lowest MAE of 0.29 kcal/mol, which is only 0.02 kcal/mol lower than the model trained on dGsolvDB1. The difference between the models is a bit more pronounced in the substructure split. The model trained on dGsolvDB3 gives the lowest MAE of 0.81 kcal/mol, which is 0.06 kcal/mol lower than the model trained on dGsolvDB1. The result indicates that adding both $\log K_{\rm w}$ and $\log P$ data to the training and validation data set slightly improves solvation energy predictions compared to training and validating the models on only solvation free energy data. It is also found that having data bias towards two opposing solvents like water and 1-octanol does not cause any particularly high errors in other solvents for the DirectML model trained using the dGsolvDB3.

10 4.2 Comparison of the Three Prediction Approaches

4.2.1 Performance on Unseen Solutes

The SoluteGC, SoluteML, and DirectML models are tested on unseen solutes using the 10 % test sets prepared based on the random and substructure splits. The test set errors for the solvation free energies $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ predicted by the three models are presented in Figure 2. Only overlapping test data of the three models are compared in the figure. All solvents in the overlapping test data appear in the training set of the DirectML model, and the SoluteGC and SoluteML models use the empirical solvent parameters, and therefore, the results shown in Figure 2 can be considered as the predictive performance on pairs of unseen solutes and trained solvents. The DirectML model is trained and validated using the data set dGsolvDB3 (including $\Delta G_{\rm solv}$ data, in-house log $K_{\rm w}$ data, and log P data), which is selected based on earlier results from Section 4.1.

For both the random and substructure solute splits, the DirectML model achieves the best predictions and the SoluteGC model gives the highest error. While the DirectML model performs better than the SoluteML model, there is no significant difference; the MAE differs less than 0.1 kcal/mol for both splits. The SoluteML and DirectML models have likely reached close to the aleatoric limit of the experimental data in the random split, and we believe that the relative underperformance of the SoluteML model in comparison to the DirectML model is due to the inherent error caused by the linearity the LSER as discussed in the Supporting Information Section 2. Even though the SoluteML model has about 2100 more solutes in the training set than the DirectML model has, the additional solute data are not able to compensate for the underlying error.

The three models are compared for the prediction of solvation enthalpies $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ on unseen solutes in Figure 3. Again, all solvents in the overlapping test data appear in the training set of the DirectML model, and hence, the figure reflects the results on pairs of unseen solutes and trained solvents. The DirectML model is trained using much fewer data that contain only about 1500 solutes due to the limited availability of data on solvation enthalpies. Nevertheless, the DirectML model achieves a similar accuracy as the SoluteML

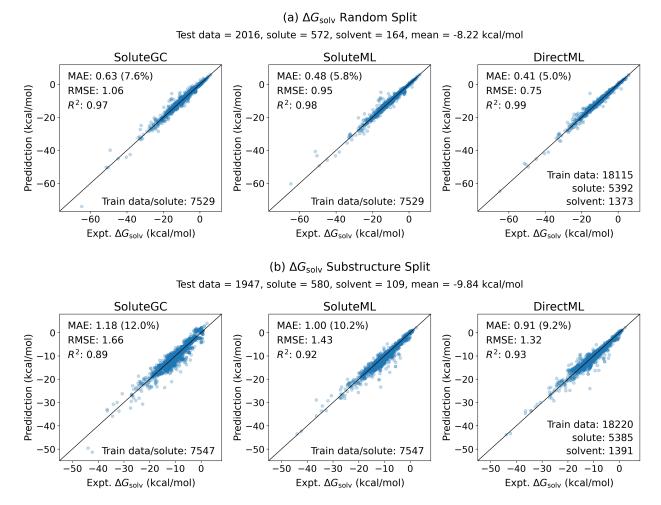


Figure 2: Parity plots for experimental and predicted $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ on the 10 % test sets. The plots only show the overlapping test data in each split type. The three different models are tested on pairs of unseen solutes and trained solvents for the random and substructure solute splits. The MAE and RMSE are in kcal/mol, and the PMAE is given in parenthesis. Information on the training and test data are given on the figures together with the overall errors.

model on a random split and outperforms the SoluteML model on the substructure split.

The MAE of each substructure used for the substructure splits is compared for the three models in Figure 4. The SMARTS strings and drawings of the substructures can be found in Section 4.3 of the Supporting Information. The three models have errors of similar magnitudes for many substructures, but they have very different levels of accuracy for some substructures. For example, for the $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ predictions, the solutes containing methanesulfonamide functional group are the main outliers of the SoluteGC and SoluteML models whereas the solutes with cyclopentene scaffold give the highest error for the DirectML model. The difference between the key outliers is more pronounced for the $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ predictions.

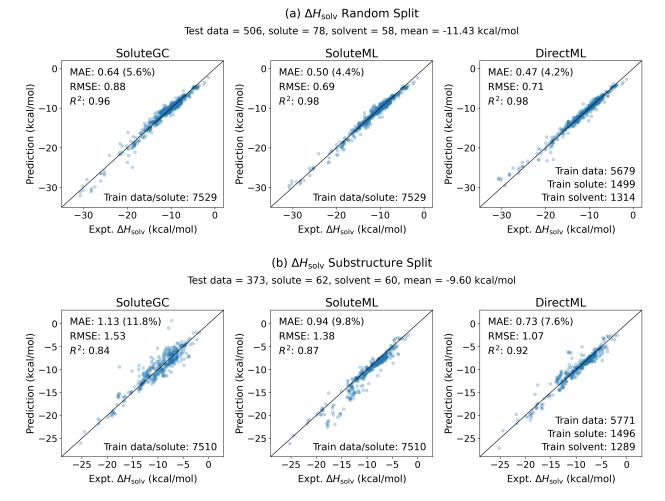


Figure 3: Parity plots for experimental and predicted $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ on the 10 % test sets. The plots only show the overlapping test data in each split type. The three different models are tested on pairs of unseen solutes and trained solvents for the random and substructure splits. The MAE and RMSE are in kcal/mol, and the PMAE is given in parenthesis. Information on the training and test data are given on the figures together with the overall errors.

tions; here, the SoluteML model has much higher MAE than the other two models for the solutes containing adamantane scaffold while it has much lower error for imidazole scaffold, which is the main outlier of the other two models. In the random splits, the common outliers of the three models are cyclic or polycyclic solute compounds such as guanabenz, galantamine, methotrexate, and colchicine for $\Delta G_{\rm solv}$ predictions and salicylamide, pyrene, 1,4-diphenylbenzene, and benzo-15-crown-5 for $\Delta H_{\rm solv}$ predictions. However, the majority of the main outliers are found to be different for each model.

Overall, the DirectML model outperforms the SoluteML model despite having fewer solute data. The SoluteGC model gives the highest error but also contains the most useful information that relates physical contributions to the solvation properties to chemical substructures

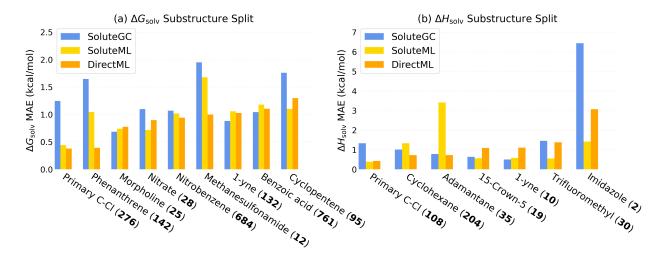


Figure 4: The MAE of each substructure for the prediction of $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ in the substructure split. Only the overlapping test data of the three models in each split type are compared in the plots. The number of solute data containing the corresponding substructure in each test set is given in parenthesis in bold.

in the solutes. The underperformance of the SoluteML and the SoluteGC models are most likely related to the approximation of using the linear relationships for the calculation of energy-related solvation properties. For the SoluteGC model, an additional error comes from limiting most of the groups to the nearest neighboring atom interaction, which does not account for more complex effects such as intramolecular hydrogen bonds and hydrophobic collapses. The graph convolutional neural networks in the ML methods, on the other hand, allow the information of each atom to propagate into further-distanced atoms within the molecule and hence can include complex long-distance atom interactions that cannot be captured by the GC method.

Yet, as can be concluded from Figures 4, there is not one model that outperforms the others on all substructures. The solvent-wise errors of the three models are also compared in the Supporting Information, and it is found that while the DirectML generally gives lower errors, there are some solvents for which the other two models provide better predictions. Based on the observation that the three methods have different levels of accuracy for various solute substructures and solvents and have different outliers, we expect that using the average predictions of the different models may be able to give better predictions by suppressing the large errors from outliers. To test this, we compare the average predictions of the SoluteML and DirectML models (2 model average) and of the SoluteGC, SoluteML, and DirectML models (3 model average) with the experimental data. The resulting error summary is shown in Table 5 and the resulting parity plots are provided in the Supporting Information. The average predictions indeed lead to slight improvements for most test sets compared to the single predictions from the DirectML model. More significant improvements are observed for some of the main outliers of the DirectML model where the other models had better performance.

Table 5: Test set error summary of the SoluteGC, SoluteML, and DirectML models and the average predictions of multiple models on unseen solute and trained solvent pairs. "Avg. 2Models" represents the average predictions of the SoluteML and DirectML models, and "Avg. 3Models" represents the average predictions of the SoluteGC, SoluteML, and DirectML models. The MAE and RMSE are reported in kcal/mol. The lowest errors in each test set are marked in bold. The table shows the results on the overlapping test data, and therefore the test data are identical to those in Figures 2 and 3.

Model	$\Delta G_{\rm solv}$ Random		$\Delta G_{\rm solv}$ Substr.		$\Delta H_{\mathrm solv}$ Random		$\Delta H_{\mathrm solv}$ Substr	
	MAE	RMSE	MAE	RMSE	MAE	RMSE	MAE	RMSE
SoluteGC	0.63	1.06	1.18	1.66	0.64	0.88	1.13	1.53
SoluteML	0.48	0.95	1.00	1.43	0.50	0.69	0.93	1.37
DirectML	0.41	0.75	0.91	1.32	0.47	0.71	0.73	1.07
Avg. 2Models	0.40	0.76	0.91	1.29	0.42	0.60	0.75	1.01
Avg. 3Models	0.42	0.77	0.91	1.31	0.44	0.61	0.73	0.94

In summary, the three models as a whole can be used to further improve the predictions of $\Delta G_{\rm solv}$ and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}$ and identify errors or outliers in any of the models. However, users of these models should still be cautious even when using the average values of the three models since it is possible that the particular solute-solvent pair of greatest interest to a user would be one that is significantly mis-predicted by all three models. We also caution that while the models work very well overall, this is not a guarantee that all the model parameters have been well-determined. In particular for the SoluteGC model, as is typical with large linear models, some linear combinations of group contribution values may have not been very well determined or tested by our data set. Therefore, it would be inadvisable to combine these group values with other group values determined some other way, without validating the newly formed combined model on independent data.

4.2.2 Performance on Unseen Solutes and Unseen Solvents

To test the predictive performance of the DirectML model on pairs of unseen solutes and unseen solvents, 10 solvents and 8 solvents are excluded from the training and validation sets of dGsolvDB3 and dHsolvDB, respectively. New DirectML models are trained and validated on these reduced data sets, and their performance on the excluded solvents are compared with the baseline DirectML models trained using all solvents. The SoluteGC and SoluteML models from the earlier section are also compared to see whether the new DirectML models can still outperform them on the unseen solvents. The results on the random and substructure splits for $\Delta G_{\text{solv}}(298 \text{ K})$ and $\Delta H_{\text{solv}}(298 \text{ K})$ are presented in Figure 5.

For the majority of the out-of-sample solvents for $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$ prediction, the DirectML

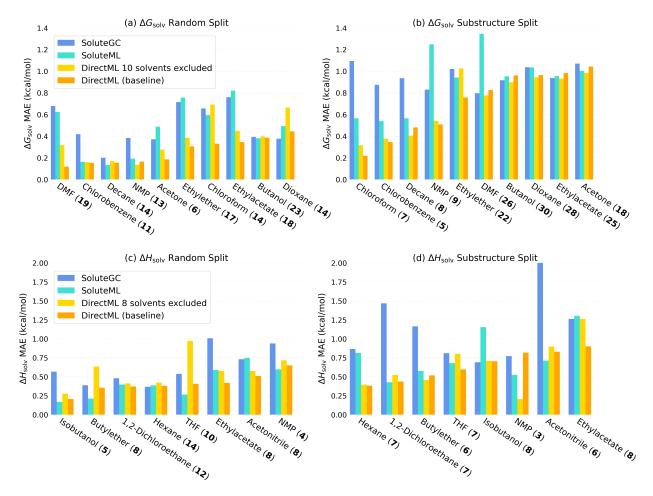


Figure 5: The MAE for the prediction of $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ on the solvents excluded from the DirectML training and validation sets. The performance of the different models is compared using only the overlapping test data. The number of solvent data in the test set is given in parenthesis in bold. (DMF: dimethylformamide, NMP: N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, THF: tetrahydrofuran)

models trained on the reduced data set still outperform the SoluteGC and SoluteML models. Compared to the baseline case, the new DirectML model has on average a higher error for the random split as expected, but achieves comparable or even better performance on some solvents for the substructure split. Most likely, this is because the prediction error of the substructure split is predominantly caused by the lack of solute substructures in the training set rather than missing solvent information. Moreover, the training set still includes solvents with similar structures to the excluded solvents. For example, even though decane is excluded, the training set still contains a series of other alkanes. Similar results are observed for the prediction of $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$. Even though the DirectML model for the prediction of $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$ is trained using much fewer data points (142 solvents when excluding the solvents that are only present in self-solvation data) compared to the $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$ model trained on 303 solvents, the error increase for the excluded solvents is similar to that of the $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$ prediction.

Overall, the prediction error of the DirectML on out-of-sample solvents increases in the random splits by 0.1 - 0.2 kcal/mol on average and by 0.4 - 0.5 kcal/mol at most. On the contrary, a lack of solvent information does not affect the predictive performance of the DirectML model much in the substructure splits where the error is primarily caused by a lack of solute substructures in the training sets. The DirectML model can still provide better or similar predictions for most of the out-of-sample solvents compared to the SoluteML model, which uses empirical solvent parameters. However, caution should be made when applying the DirectML model to a solvent with a foreign structure or characteristic that is vastly different from the solvents in the training set as the error is usually much larger for a compound with a unique substructure.

4.3 Comparison to Existing Methods

The prediction errors of our models on unseen solutes that are presented in Section 4.2 are summarized in Table 6. In the table, the prediction errors of our models are reported using the entire 10 % test set data of each model while smaller common test sets were used in the previous sections for model comparison. All DirectML models in the table are trained, validated, and tested using the dGsolvDB3 data set for the solvation free energy prediction.

The prediction errors of the selected existing models from Section 3.3 are also included in Table 6. Lim and Jung⁴³ reported results on multiple split types for their MLSolvA model, but only the results on solute clustering are included in the table as this is most similar to the random and substructure-based solute splits used throughout our work. Similarly, for the transfer learning model by Vermeire and Green,⁴⁴ the results on element-based solute splits are used for comparison. To the best of our knowledge, there is no ML model that can predict solvation enthalpies in a variety of solvents. One model reported by Jaquis et al.⁹² is used for comparison, but it only considers ethanol as a solvent. Note that the size and the nature of the training and test sets used for each method varies, and therefore the relative ranking of these methods could change when evaluated on different data sets.

For both $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ predictions, our ML models achieve a similar or even better accuracy than the QM methods on random split but have higher errors on the substructure split. MLSolvA gives lower error than the DirectML and SoluteML models for the solute substructure splits. Nevertheless, it is difficult to draw a solid conclusion without knowing what substructures are found in MLSolvA's solute clustering. The transfer learning model by Vermeire and Green⁴⁴ yields relatively low error for the element-based solute splits, which are considered more challenging than the substructure-based splits. Their transfer learning model, however, is pre-trained on 1 million quantum calculations (including estimates of 3D geometries of the million molecules) while the new models reported here used only experimental data and 2D SMILES for training. For the solvation enthalpy prediction, our models are more accurate than the ML model by Jaquis et al., ⁹² even though their model is limited to ethanol as a solvent.

The performance of the SoluteGC model on random solute split is similar to or better than that of the UFZ-LSER GC model evaluated on all solvation free energy and enthalpy data. Nevertheless, the reported errors of the UFZ-LSER in Table 6 are not true test errors since the training set of the UFZ-LSER is unknown. A considerable portion of its training set solutes are expected to overlap with the test set solutes used in the work, and hence we are unable to test the performance of the UFZ-LSER model on any solute splits.

Because of the paucity of experimental data, often all or nearly all data are used for training with no or a very small independent test set as it is done for our final models. The resulting final DirectML and SoluteML models achieve very low training and testing errors similar to the expected experimental error bars as shown in Table S8 of the Supporting Information. The final SoluteGC model has larger training errors, likely because the true solvation energies are not exactly linear in the functional groups. All of our final models can be accessed through various ways described in Section 6.

Table 6: Comparison of various QM, ML, and GC methods for solvation energy and enthalpy prediction at 298 K. The MAE and RMSE are in kcal/mol, and the number of each test set data (N_{test}) is presented. Our model results are written in bold. The results here for each of our models use its own full test set. In the comparisons in the text, a smaller common test set was used for all the models.

target	method	method	test set split type	MAE	RMSE	$N_{ m test}$	Ref.
		type					
$\Delta G_{ m solv}$	SMD/IEF-PCM/	QM	-	0.63	0.86	2346	9 a
	M05-2X/6-31G*						
	COSMO-RS/	QM	-	0.46	0.77	14236	ь
	BP86/TZVPD-FINE						
	MLSolvA	ML	K-mean solute cluster CV	0.62	1.15	6239	43
			using scaffold-based split				
	Transfer learning	ML	element-based solute split	0.52	0.91	4684	44
			(O excluded)				
	Transfer learning	ML	element-based solute split	0.45	0.63	1124	44
			(Cl excluded)				
	$\operatorname{DirectML}$	\mathbf{ML}	random solute	0.40	0.73	2138	
	$\operatorname{DirectML}$	\mathbf{ML}	substructure solute	0.89	1.32	2033	
	${f DirectML}$	\mathbf{ML}	random solute	0.40	0.75	2138	c
			(10 solvents excluded)				
	$\operatorname{DirectML}$	\mathbf{ML}	substructure solute	0.89	1.32	2033	c
			(10 solvents excluded)				
	${f Solute ML}$	\mathbf{ML}	random solute	0.48	0.95	2016	
	${f Solute ML}$	\mathbf{ML}	substructure solute	1.01	1.45	1948	
	UFZ-LSER	GC	evaluated on	0.78	1.42	16878	e
			all $\Delta G_{ m solv}$ data d				
	SoluteGC	GC	random solute	0.63	1.06	2016	
	SoluteGC	GC	substructure solute	1.18	1.66	1947	
$\Delta H_{ m solv}$	COSMO-RS/	QM	-	0.69	1.06	6058	ь
	BP86/TZVPD-FINE						
	Jaquis et al.	ML	random solute	-	1.58	35	92
	(only solvent ethanol)						

$\operatorname{DirectML}$	\mathbf{ML}	random solute	0.50	0.80	643	
$\operatorname{DirectML}$	ML	substructure solute	0.78	1.13	551	
$\operatorname{DirectML}$	ML	random solute	0.51	0.80	643	c
		(8 solvents excluded)				
$\operatorname{DirectML}$	\mathbf{ML}	substructure solute	0.78	1.12	551	c
		(8 solvents excluded)				
${f Solute ML}$	ML	random solute	0.50	0.69	506	
${f Solute ML}$	ML	substructure solute	0.94	1.38	373	
UFZ-LSER	GC	evaluated on	0.59	0.98	4099	e
		all $\Delta H_{ m solv}$ data d				
SoluteGC	GC	random solute	0.64	0.88	506	
${f Solute GC}$	GC	substructure solute	1.13	1.53	373	
		random solute				

 a The original authors used IEF-PCM protocol implemented in Gaussian03 for the SMD calculations. The errors were reported separately for neutral solutes in aqueous and non-aqueous solvents in the original paper, and we calculated the errors for all solvents based on the reported errors and number of data points. b The COSMO-RS calculations are performed in this work using COSMO therm 93 and COSMO base. 94 c These refer to the DirectML models from Section 4.2.2 for which 10 and 8 solvents are excluded from the training and validation sets of dGsolvDB3 and dHsolvDB, respectively. d Note that these are not true test errors since the training set of the UFZ-LSER is unknown and its training set solutes are expected overlap with the test set solutes used in these error calculations. e The UFZ-LSER GC calculations are done in this work through the UFZ-LSER database 29 using in-house solvent parameters. The UFZ-LSER calculation is only available for molecular weight less than 1000 g/mol, and therefore, a few solute compounds could not be evaluated for $\Delta G_{\rm solv}$ predictions.

5 Conclusions

A group contribution method (SoluteGC) and a machine learning model (SoluteML) are constructed for the Abraham solute parameter prediction that are used to estimate solvation free energy and enthalpy via the LSERs. Additionally, a machine learning model (DirectML) is developed for the direct prediction of the solvation free energy and enthalpy for a given solvent-solute pair. The predictive performance of the three models is evaluated on common test sets of the solvation free energy and enthalpy for out-of-sample solute compounds prepared using a random and substructure-based split. The results show that the DirectML model is superior to the SoluteGC and SoluteML models for both solvation energy and enthalpy predictions on all data splits. The SoluteML model performs similarly with the MAEs around 0.1 kcal/mol higher than those of the DirectML. The SoluteGC model underperforms with the MAEs about 0.2 - 0.3 kcal/mol higher than those of the DirectML.

The present models and some other recently developed models 43,44 trained with large data sets are all accurate enough that they give $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ predictions close to the aleatoric uncertainties for random-split test data sets. Each model's predictions for solutes and solvents that are very different from those in its training data are less reliable, and hence an aver-

aging or consensus-of-models approach is recommended. Here we provide a convenient set of 3 rather different models for $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$ and also provide 3 models for $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,\mathrm{K})$. Together these models provide good inputs for predicting the solvation thermodynamics of a very large range of solutes and solvents at temperatures up to each solvent's critical point.⁵

Finally, we present our compiled solute parameter (SoluteDB), solvation free energy (dG-solvDBx), and solvation enthalpy (dHsolvDB) databases and provide public access to our final prediction models through a simple web-based tool, software package, and GitHub. A web-based tool is designed for quick calculations and others are more suited for bulk, automated calculations.

10 6 Data and Software Availability

All data sets used in this work are provided as a part of the Supplementary Information and are also available through this Zenodo link: https://zenodo.org/record/5792296. The data sets are open access and distributed under the terms and conditions of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY 4.0) license (https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/). Citations should refer directly to this manuscript. The data sets include the in-house Abraham solute parameter database (SoluteDB), the in-house log $K_{\rm w}$ and log $P_{\rm ow}$ database, and the publicly available $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$ and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$ data sets. The $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$ data from the Minnesota solvation database are excluded as they are not open-source. For each entry of a solute-solvent pair, the list of all individual data points, mean value, and standard deviation are tabulated. Although we limit our work to the solute compounds containing H, C, N, O, S, P, F, Cl, Br, or I atoms, the open-source solute parameter, $\Delta G_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$, and $\Delta H_{\rm solv}(298\,{\rm K})$ data that contain the elements out of our scope are also provided.

The final SoluteGC, SoluteML, and DirectML models that are constructed using all data are made publicly available through GitHub, conda software package, and web-based search tool. The web-based tool is available on https://rmg.mit.edu/database/solvation/search/ and is the simplest way to search for solute parameters, solvation free energies, and solvation enthalpies. Temperature-dependent ΔG_{solv} calculation based on our earlier work⁵ is also available through the web-based tool for the solvents whose temperature-dependent densities can be computed by a free fluid modeling software CoolProp. ⁹⁵ For bulk queries, one can download the source code using GitHub or install a conda package. The SoluteGC model can be accessed by installing the source code from RMG-Py and RMG-database git repositories (https://github.com/ReactionMechanismGenerator) with a sample code located at https://github.com/ReactionMechanismGenerator/RMG-Py/blob/master/ipython/estimate_solvation_thermo_and_search_available_solvents.ipynb. The SoluteML and DirectML models can be downloaded as a conda package from https://anaconda.org/fhvermei/chemprop_solvation. The source code for the ML models can be found from chemprop_solvation

git repository (https://github.com/fhvermei/chemprop_solvation).

7 Supporting Information

Supporting Information 1 (pdf): Additional information on data compilation, methods, and results including the performance of the three DirectML models trained using dGsolvDB1 - 3, the comparison of the solvent-wise errors, and the prediction of individual solute parameters.

Supporting Information 2 (zip): Data sets used in this work as described in Section 6, the fitted Abraham and Mintz solvent parameters, and the list of the test set solvent-solute pairs.

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