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How can molecular concepts help in the development of more predictive advanced equations of state?

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Since about 1990's, advanced equations of state which incorporate the concept of association have brought a new dimension in engineering thermodynamics [1]. 30 years after these models are not just theoretical curiosity but are being implemented in simulators and also otherwise used in practice. These models perform in many cases superior over classical models and for a wider range of systems and conditions but they do require many parameters and extension to mixtures e.g. uncertainties of mixing and combining rules make their use cumbersome. On the other hand, the theoretical origin of these association theories is a strong positive feature and could imply that molecular concepts e.g. from statistical thermodynamics, quantum chemistry, spectroscopy and molecular simulation may provide valuable input in some cases. In this presentation, we will illustrate examples from recent research in our group [2-5] of how some of these molecular concepts can contribute to the development of predictive approaches, which can enhance the range of applicability of these modern approaches. But also cases where limitations exist and further studies are needed [6-11].

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