



Users' Manual

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ParaSurf'05 Users' Manual

1 INTRODUCTION

ParaSurf™ is a program to generate isodensity or solvent-excluded surfaces from the results of semiempirical molecular orbital calculations, either from VAMP [1] or a public-domain version of MOPAC modified and made available by Cepos InSilico. [2] The surface may be generated by shrink-wrap [3] or marching-cube [4] algorithms and the former may be fit to a spherical harmonic series. [5] The principles of these two techniques are explained below, but for comparison figure 1 shows default isodensity surfaces calculated by ParaSurf™ for a tetracycline derivative. The surfaces are color-coded according to the electrostatic potential at the surface.

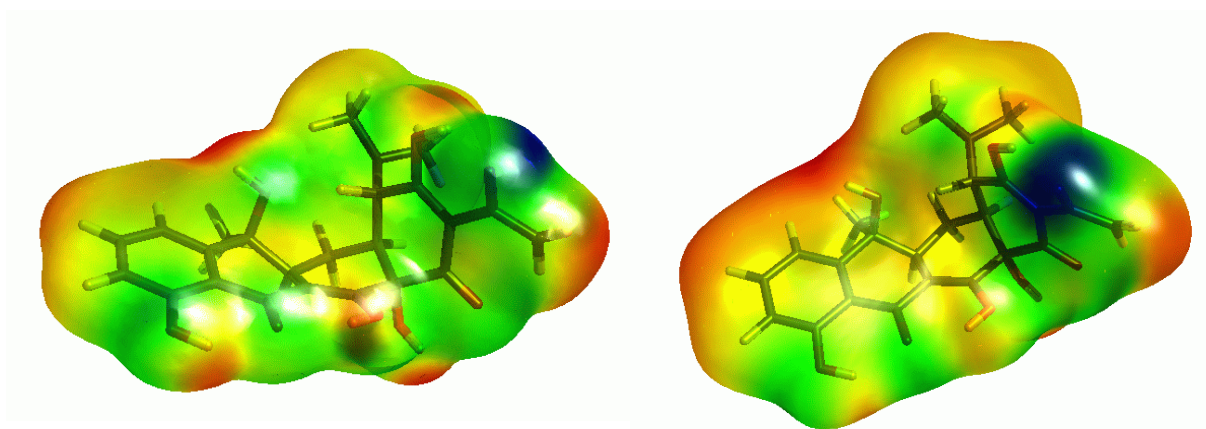


Figure 1: Marching-cube (left) and shrink-wrap (right, fitted to a spherical-harmonic approximation) isodensity surfaces calculated with ParaSurf™ using the default settings.

Four local properties, the molecular electrostatic potential (MEP), [6] the local ionization energy (IE_L), [7] the local electron affinity (EA_L), [8] and the local polarizability (α_L) [8] are calculated at the points on the surface. Two further properties, the local hardness (η_L), [8] and the local electronegativity (χ_L) [8] can be derived from IE_L and EA_L .

The local properties can be used to generate a standard set of 40 descriptors [9] appropriate for quantitative structure-property relationships (QSPRs) for determining physical properties.

ParaSurf™ can also generate local enthalpies and free energies of solvation [10] and integrate them over the entire molecular surface to give the enthalpy or free energy of solvation. ParaSurf™ can read so-called *Surface-Integral Model* (SIM) files that allow it to calculate properties such as, for instance, the enthalpy and free energy of hydration and the free energies of solvation in *n*-octanol and chloroform. The surface-integral models are expressed as summations of local solvation energies over the molecular surface. These local solvation energies can be written to the ParaSurf™ surface file.

ParaSurf™ is the first program to emerge from the ParaShift project, a collaboration between the Universities of Erlangen, Portsmouth, Southampton, Oxford and Aberdeen. It is intended to provide the molecular surfaces for small molecules (i.e. non-proteins) for subsequent quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR), QSPR, high-throughput virtual screening (HTVS), docking and scoring, pattern-recognition and simulation software that will be developed in the ParaShift project.

1.1 Isodensity surfaces

Isodensity surfaces [11] are defined as the surfaces around a molecule at which the electron density has a constant value. Usually this value is chosen to approximate the van der Waals' shape of the molecule. ParaSurf™ allows values of the isodensity level down to $0.00001 \text{ e}^{-\text{\AA}^{-3}}$. Lower values than this may result in failures of the surface algorithms for very diffuse surfaces.

1.2 Shrink-wrap surface algorithm

Shrink-wrap surface algorithms [3] are used to determine single-valued molecular surfaces. Single-valued in this case means that for any given radial vector from the center of the molecule the surface is only crossed once (vectors **A** and **B** in figure 2) and not multiply (vectors **C** and **D** in figure 2):

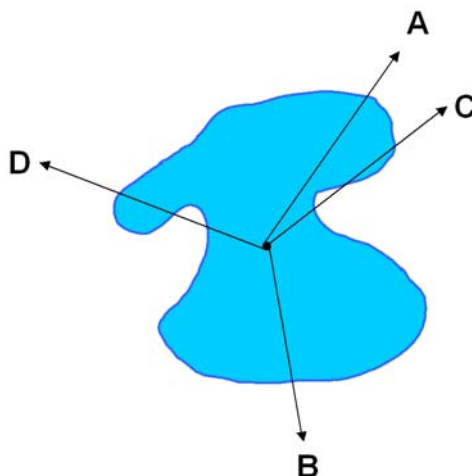


Figure 2: 2D-representation of a molecular surface with single-valued (**A** and **B**) and multiply valued (**C** and **D**) radial vectors from the center

Single-valued surfaces are necessary for spherical-harmonic fitting (see 1.4). Thus, spherical-harmonic fitting is only available for shrink-wrap surfaces in ParaSurf™. The shrink-wrap algorithm works by starting outside the molecule (point **a** in figure 3) and moving inwards along the radial vector until it finds the surface (in our case defined by the predefined level of the electron density, point **b** in figure 3). Thus, the shrink-wrapped surface may contain areas (marked by dashed lines in figure 3) for which the surface deviates from the true isodensity surface.

These areas of the surface, however, often have little consequence as they are situated above indentations in the molecule that are poorly accessible to solvents or other molecules. The shrink-wrapped surfaces generated by ParaSurf™ should normally be fitted to a spherical-harmonic series for use in HTVS, similarity, pattern-recognition or high-throughput docking applications. The default

molecular center in Parasurf™ is the center of gravity (CoG). In special cases in which the CoG lies outside the molecule, another center may be chosen.

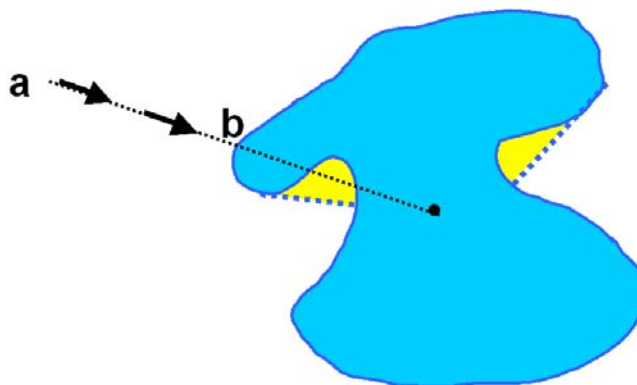


Figure 3: 2D-representation of the shrink-wrap algorithm. The algorithm scans along the vector from point **a** towards the center of the molecule until the electron density reaches the preset value (point **b**). The algorithm results in enclosures (marked yellow) for multi-valued radial vectors.

Figure 4 shows a spherical-harmonically fitted shrink-wrap surface for a difficult molecule. The areas shown schematically in figure 3 are clearly visible.

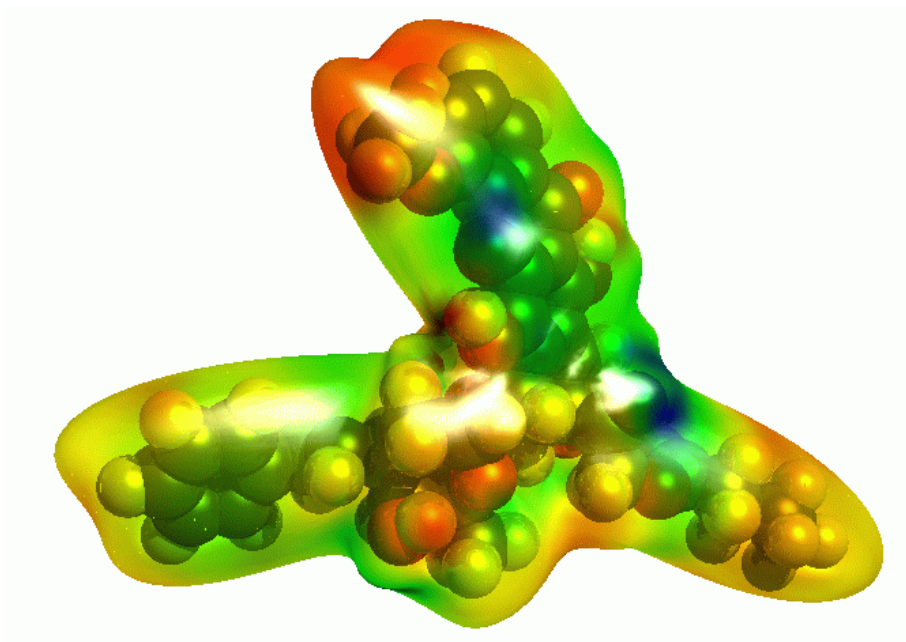


Figure 4: Spherical-harmonic approximation of a shrink-wrap isodensity surface. Note the areas where the surface does not follow the indentations of the molecule.

1.3 Marching-cube algorithm

The marching-cube algorithm [4] implemented in Parasurf™ does not have the disadvantage of being single-valued like the shrink-wrap surface. It cannot, therefore, be fitted to a spherical harmonic series and is used as a purely numerical surface primarily for QSPR applications or surface-integral models. [10] The algorithm works by testing the electron density at the corners of cubes on a cubic lattice laid out through the molecular volume. The corners are divided into those “inside” the molecule (i.e. with a higher electron density than the preset value) and those “outside”. The surface triangulation is then generated for each surface cube and the positions of the surface points corrected to the preset electron density.

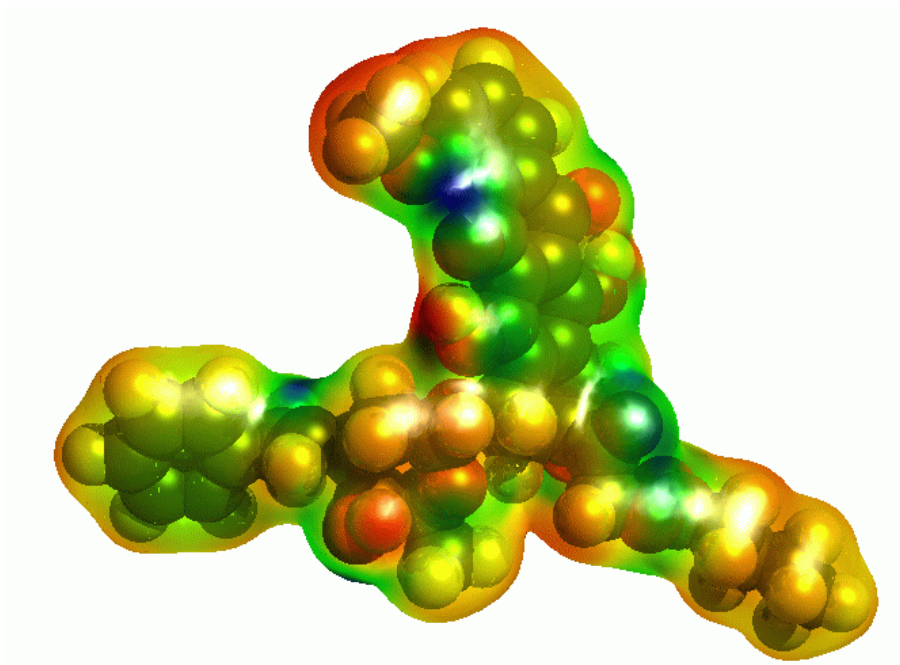


Figure 5: Marching-cube isodensity surface for the molecule shown in figure 4. This surface is better suited for QSPR and surface-integral models

1.4 Spherical-harmonic fitting

Complex surfaces can be fitted to spherical harmonic series to give analytical approximations of the surface. [5] The surfaces are fit to a series of distances $r_{\alpha,\beta}$ from the center along the radial vector defined by the angles α and β as:

$$r_{\alpha,\beta} = \sum_{l=0}^N \sum_{m=-l}^l c_l^m Y_l^m \quad (1)$$

Where the distances $r_{\alpha,\beta}$ are linear combinations of spherical harmonics Y_l^m defined as:

$$Y_l^m(\alpha, \beta) = \sqrt{\frac{(2l+1)(l-m)!}{4\pi(l+m)!}} P_l^m(\cos \alpha) e^{im\beta} \quad (2)$$

where $P_l^m(\cos \alpha)$ are associated Legendre functions and l and m are integers such that $-l \leq m \leq l$. In the above form, spherical harmonics are complex functions. Olson *et al.* [13] have used the real functions

$$Y_l^m(\alpha, \beta) = N_{lm} P_l^m(\cos \alpha) \cos|m|\beta \quad (3)$$

where N_{lm} are normalization factors, to describe molecular surfaces using spherical harmonics.

Parasurf™ not only fits the surface itself (i.e. the radial distances) to spherical harmonic expansions, but also the four local properties (see 1.5). In this way, a completely analytical description of the shape of the molecule and its intermolecular binding properties is obtained. [12] This description can be truncated at different orders l depending on the application and the precision needed. Thus, a simple description of the molecular properties (shape, MEP, IE_L, EA_L and α_L) to order 2 consists of only five sets of nine coefficients each, or 45 coefficients. These coefficients can be rotated, overlaps calculated etc. [5] to give fast scanning of large numbers of compounds.

Note that, because of the approximate nature of the spherical-harmonic fits, the default isodensity level for the shrink-wrapped surface ($0.0003 \text{ e}^- \text{Å}^{-3}$) is lower than that ($0.008 \text{ e}^- \text{Å}^{-3}$) appropriate for an approximately van der Waals' surface using the marching-cube algorithm. The lower value avoids the surface coming too close to atoms. Note also that the fits are incremental, which means that the order chosen for a given application can be obtained by ignoring coefficients of higher order in the spherical-harmonic series.

1.5 Local Properties

The local properties calculated by Parasurf™ are those related to intermolecular interactions. Local properties, sometimes inaccurately called fields in QSAR work, are properties that vary in space around the molecule and therefore have a distribution of values at the molecular surface. The best known and most important local property in this context is the molecular electrostatic potential, which governs Coulomb interactions, but the MEP only describes a part of the intermolecular interaction energy, so that further local properties are needed.

1.5.1 Molecular electrostatic potential

The MEP is defined in Parasurf™ as the energy of interaction of a single positive electronic charge at the position r with the molecule. Within quantum mechanical (semiempirical or *ab*

initio molecular orbital (MO) theory, density functional theory (DFT)) the MEP is described [6] as:

$$MEP(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{Z_i}{|\mathbf{R}_i - \mathbf{r}|} - \int \frac{\rho(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}'}{|\mathbf{r}' - \mathbf{r}|} \quad (4)$$

where n is the number of atoms in the molecule, Z_i is the nuclear charge of atom i located at \mathbf{R}_i and $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ is the electron-density function of the molecule. This expression, however, involves integrating the electron density, a time-consuming calculation. Parasurf™ therefore uses two different approximate models for calculating the MEP.

1.5.1.1 The natural atomic orbital/PC (NAO-PC) model

The NAO-PC model [14,15] uses a total of nine point charges, one positive charge at the nucleus and eight negative ones distributed around it, to describe the electrostatics of a non-hydrogen atom with a valence-only s - and p -basis set for the semiempirical Hamiltonians MNDO, [16] AM1 [17] and PM3. [18] The negative charges are located at the charge centers of each lobe of the natural atomic orbitals, which are obtained by diagonalizing the one-atom blocks of the density matrix. [14] The NAO-PC charges are calculated by VAMP and output in the .sdf file for use in Parasurf™. The NAO-PC model is therefore only available when using Parasurf™ with VAMP .sdf input. NAO-PC charges are also not available for semiempirical Hamiltonians such as MNDO/d [18] or AM1* [19] that use d -orbitals in the basis set.

1.5.1.2 The multipole model

The integrals needed to evaluate **equation (4)** in MNDO-type methods use a multipole approximation [16,18] that extends to quadrupoles. We can therefore also use this approximation to calculate atom-centered monopoles, dipoles and quadrupoles for each atom in the molecule. [20] This multipole model is applicable to all methods, including those with d -orbitals, and can be used with MOPAC output files as input to Parasurf™.

1.5.2 Local ionization energy, electron affinity, hardness and electronegativity

The local ionization energy $IE_L(\mathbf{r})$ is defined [7] as a density-weighted Koopmans' ionization potential at a point \mathbf{r} near the molecule:

$$IE_L(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{-\sum_{i=1}^{HOMO} \rho_i(\mathbf{r}) \varepsilon_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{HOMO} \rho_i(\mathbf{r})} \quad (5)$$

where $HOMO$ is the number of the highest occupied MO, $\rho_i(\mathbf{r})$ is the electron density at point \mathbf{r} due to MO i and ε_i is its Eigenvalue. The local ionization energy describes the

tendency of the molecule to interact with electron acceptors (Lewis acids) in a given region in space. [7, 8]

The definition of the local electron affinity is a simple extension of **equation (5)** to the virtual MOs: [8]

$$EA_L(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{-\sum_{i=LUMO}^{norbs} \rho_i(\mathbf{r})\varepsilon_i}{\sum_{i=LUMO}^{norbs} \rho_i(\mathbf{r})} \quad (6)$$

The local electron affinity is the equivalent of the local ionization energy for interactions with electron donors (Lewis bases). [8]

Two further, less fundamental local properties have been defined. [8] These are the local hardness, η_L :

$$\eta_L = \frac{(IP_L - EA_L)}{2} \quad (7)$$

and the local electronegativity, χ_L :

$$\chi_L = \frac{(IP_L + EA_L)}{2} \quad (8)$$

1.5.3 Local polarizability

Within the NDDO, the molecular electronic polarizability is easily accessible using the parameterized version [21] of the variational technique introduced by Rivail, [22] which can also be partitioned into an additive polarizability scheme. [23] This allows us to define the local polarizability, α_L , at a point near the molecule as

$$\alpha_L(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{norbs} \rho_j^1(\mathbf{r})q_j\bar{\alpha}_j}{\sum_{j=1}^{norbs} \rho_j^1(\mathbf{r})q_j} \quad (9)$$

where q_j is the Coulson occupation and $\bar{\alpha}_j$ the isotropic polarizability attributed to atomic orbital j . The density ρ_j^1 is defined as the electron density at the point in question due to an exactly singly occupied atomic orbital j . The sum is now over atomic orbitals, rather than MOs as for the other local properties. Thus, the local polarizability is a simple occupation-weighted

sum of the orbital polarizabilities in which the contribution of each AO is determined by the density of the individual AO at the point being considered.

1.6 Descriptors

A set of 40 molecular descriptors derived from the MEP, local ionization energy, IE_L , electron affinity, EA_L , electronegativity, χ_L , hardness, η_L , and polarizability, α_L has been defined for QSPR-studies. [9] These and several related descriptors calculated and output by ParaSurf™ are defined in the following table.

Table 1: The descriptors calculated by Parasurf™.

Descriptor	Description	Formula/Reference
μ	Dipole moment	
μ_D	Dipolar density	[24]
α	Molecular electronic polarizability	[21]
MW	Molecular weight	
G	Globularity	[25]
A	Molecular surface area	
VOL	Molecular volume	
V_{\max}	Maximum (most positive) MEP	[26]
V_{\min}	Minimum (most negative) MEP	[26]
\bar{V}_+	Mean of the positive MEP values	[26]
\bar{V}_-	Mean of the negative MEP values	[26]
\bar{V}	Mean of all MEP values	[26]
ΔV	MEP-range	[26]
σ_+^2	Total variance in the positive MEP values	[26]
σ_-^2	Total variance in the negative MEP values	[26]
σ_{tot}^2	Total variance in the MEP	[26]
v	MEP balance parameter	[26]
$\sigma_{tot}^2 v$	Product of the total variance in the MEP and the balance parameter	[26]
IE_L^{\max}	Maximum value of the local ionization energy	
IE_L^{\min}	Minimum value of the local ionization energy	
$\overline{IE_L}$	Mean value of the local ionization energy	$\overline{IE_L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N IE_L^i$

Descriptor	Description	Formula/Reference
ΔIE_L	Range of the local ionization energy	$\Delta IE_L = IE_L^{\max} - IE_L^{\min}$
σ_{IE}^2	Variance in the local ionization energy	$\sigma_{IE}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[IE_L^i - \overline{IE_L} \right]^2$
EA_L^{\max}	Maximum of the local electron affinity	
EA_L^{\min}	Minimum of the local electron affinity	
$\overline{EA_{L+}}$	Mean of the positive values of the local electron affinity	$\overline{EA_{L+}} = \frac{1}{N^+} \sum_{i=1}^{N^+} EA_{L+}^i$
$\overline{EA_{L-}}$	Mean of the negative values of the local electron affinity	$\overline{EA_{L-}} = \frac{1}{N^-} \sum_{i=1}^{N^-} EA_{L-}^i$
$\overline{EA_L}$	Mean value of the local electron affinity	$\overline{EA_L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N EA_L^i$
ΔEA_L	Range of the local electron affinity	$\Delta EA_L = EA_L^{\max} - EA_L^{\min}$
σ_{EA+}^2	Variance in the local electron affinity for all positive values	$\sigma_{EA+}^2 = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[EA_i^+ - \overline{EA^+} \right]^2$
σ_{EA-}^2	Variance in the local electron affinity for all negative values	$\sigma_{EA-}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[EA_i^- - \overline{EA^-} \right]^2$
$\sigma_{EA_{tot}}^2$	Sum of the positive and negative variances in the local electron affinity	$\sigma_{EA_{tot}}^2 = \sigma_{EA+}^2 + \sigma_{EA-}^2$
v_{EA}	Local electron affinity balance parameter	$v_{EA} = \frac{\sigma_{EA+}^2 \cdot \sigma_{EA-}^2}{\left[\sigma_{EA}^2 \right]^2}$
δA_{EA}^+	Fraction of the surface area with positive local electron affinity	$\delta A_{EA}^+ = \frac{A_{EA}^+}{A}$, A = total surface area
$\overline{\chi_L}$	Mean value of the local electronegativity	$\overline{\chi_L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \chi_L^i$
α_L^{\max}	Maximum value of the local polarizability	
α_L^{\min}	Minimum value of the local polarizability	
$\overline{\alpha_L}$	Mean value of the local polarizability	$\overline{\alpha_L} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \alpha_L^i$
$\Delta \alpha_L$	Range of the local polarizability	$\Delta \alpha_L = \alpha_L^{\max} - \alpha_L^{\min}$
σ_{α}^2	Variance in the local polarizability	$\sigma_{\alpha}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\alpha_L^i - \overline{\alpha_L} \right]^2$

1.7 Surface-integral models

The surface-integral models that can be calculated by ParaSurf™ are defined [10] using the expression

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^{ntri} f(V^i, IE_L^i, EA_L^i, \alpha_L^i, \eta_L^i) \cdot A^i \quad (1)$$

where P is the target property, usually a free energy, f is a non-linear function of the electrostatic potential V , the local ionization energy, IE_L , the local electron affinity, EA_L , the local polarizability, α_L and the local hardness, η_L . A^i is the area of the surface triangle i .

The molecular property P is printed to the output file and to the `<filename>_p.sdf` ParaSurf™ output SD-file. The individual values of the function f are added to the list of local properties written for each surface point to the .psf file if the surface details are output.

The surface-integral models themselves are not implemented directly in ParaSurf™, but are read in general form from the SIM file, whose format is given in 3.9. Thus, the users' own surface-integral models can be added to ParaSurf™. Data for generating surface-integral models can be derived simply from the .psf surface output for a normal ParaSurf™ run. Note that the program options given in the SIM file must be the same for all the models included in the file and that they override conflicting command-line options.

1.8 Spherical Harmonic “Hybrids”

Once the molecular shape or a local property have been fitted to a spherical-harmonic expansion, [11] the shape or property can be described succinctly as a series of spherical-harmonic “hybridization” coefficients analogous to the concept of hybrid atomic orbitals. Thus, for each value of l in equation (11) the “hybridization” coefficient H_l is given by:

$$H_l = \sum_{i=-m}^m (c_i^m)^2 \quad (11)$$

The hybridization coefficients H_l can be used as additional descriptors for fast QSPR screening.

2 PROGRAM OPTIONS

ParaSurf™ program options are given as command-line arguments. Arguments are separated by blanks, so that no single argument may contain a blank character. Arguments may be written in any combination of upper and lower case. The options are:

Table 2: ParaSurf™ command-line options

<name>		Base name for the input file (must be the first argument) Using this option, the input file is assumed to be <name>_v.sdf if a file with this name exists. Otherwise the file <name>.sdf will be used as input. If neither of these files are found, the program will use an .sdf file written by the Cepas version of Mopac 6. These files are called <name>_m.sdf The output files are <name>_p.out <name>_p.sdf <name>.psf (optional) <name>.asd (optional) <name>_p.vmp (optional)
surf=	wrap cube	Shrink-wrap surface (default) Marching-cube surface
contour=	isoden solvex	The surface is defined by the electron density A solvent-excluded surface is used (only active for surf=wrap in this version)
fit=	sphh isod none	Spherical-harmonic fitting (default for surf=wrap) Smooth to preset isodensity value (default for surf=cube) No fitting
iso=	n.nn	Isodensity value set to n.nn e^{-Å⁻³} (default for shrink-wrap surface = 0.0002 ; default for marching-cube surface = 0.003 ; minimum possible value = 0.00001)
estat=	naopc multi	Use NAO-PC electrostatics Use multipole electrostatics (default)
psf=	on off	Write .psf surface file Do not write .psf surface file (default)
asd=	on off	Write anonymous SD (.asd) file Do not write .asd file (default)

vmp=	on off mep iel eal pol har eng <MOD>	Write .vmp file for debugging. Map the MEP onto the surface Do not write .vmp file (default) Write .vmp file for debugging. Map the MEP onto the surface Write .vmp file for debugging. Map IE_L onto the surface Write .vmp file for debugging. Map EA_L onto the surface Write .vmp file for debugging. Map α_L onto the surface Write .vmp file for debugging. Map η_L onto the surface Write .vmp file for debugging. Map χ_L onto the surface Write .vmp file for debugging. Map the local property with the three-character designator <MOD> defined in the SIM file onto the surface
grid=	<filename>	Read the Cartesian coordinates at which to calculate a grid of the four properties (MEP, IE_L , EA_L , α_L). See 3.8
sim=	<filename>	One or more surface-integralmodels will be read from the file <filename>.sim in the ParaSurf™ executable directory. <filename> can be upper or lower case or any mixture but must be exactly three characters long.

Examples:

```
parasurf test surf=wrap fit=sph iso=0.03 psf=on estat=naopc
```

Use the input file **est_v.sdf**, **test.sdf** or **test_m.sdf** to calculate a shrink-wrap surface with an isodensity value of $0.03 \text{ e}^{-\text{\AA}^{-3}}$, perform a spherical-harmonic fit, use NAO-PC electrostatics and write the spherical-harmonic coefficients to **test_p.sdf** and the entire surface to **test_p.psf**.

```
parasurf test surf=cube fit=none
```

Use the file **test_v.sdf**, **test.sdf** or **test_m.sdf** as input to perform a marching-cube surface determination without fitting and to calculate the descriptor set.

3 INPUT AND OUTPUT FILES

ParaSurf™ uses the following files for input and output:

Table 3: ParaSurf™ input and output files

File	Name	Description
Input	<filename>_v.sdf or <filename>.sdf (if available) or <filename>.m.sdf	VAMP .sdf file output. VAMP must be run with the ALLVECT option to be able to calculate all the properties. The VAMP version used must be able to calculate AO-polarizabilities. If no VAMP .sdf file is found, ParaSurf™ defaults to a Cepas Mopac 6 .sdf file. It is strongly recommended to use the EF option for geometry optimizations in Mopac.
Hamiltonian	Vhamil.par	The VAMP parameters file (found in the VAMP executable directory). This file must be copied to the ParaSurf™ executable directory.
Output	<filename>_p.out	Always written.
SD-file	<filename>_p.sdf	Always written.
ASD-file	<filename>.asd	Anonymous SD-file. Requested by the option asd=on
PSF-file	<filename>.psf	ParaSurf™ surface file. Requested by the option psf=on
VMP-file	<filename>_p.vmp	Debug file.
SIM-file	<filename>.sim	Surface-integral model definition. <filename> must have exactly three characters and the file must reside in the ParaSurf™ executable directory.

3.1 The VAMP .sdf file as input

VAMP .sdf files, an extension of the MDL .sdf file format, [24] are the primary communication channel between VAMP and ParaSurf™. The atomic coordinates and bond definitions are given in the MDL format as shown in **figure 6**. The remaining fields are indicated by tags with the form:

<FIELD_NAME>

Where FIELD_NAME is a predefined text tag used to locate the relevant data within the .sdf file.

Only the important fields for a ParaSurf™ calculation will be described here:

<HAMILTONIAN>

The Hamiltonian field defines the semiempirical Hamiltonian (model and parameters) used for the calculation. The Hamiltonian must be defined for ParaSurf™ to be able to calculate the electrostatics and the local polarizabilities. NAO-PC electrostatics and the local polarizability are not available for all

methods. Quite generally, the multipole electrostatics model is to be preferred over the NAO-PC model, which can only be used if the VAMP .sdf file contains a block with the tag:

<NAO-PC>

NAO-PCs cannot be calculated for methods with *d*-orbitals. The local polarizability calculation has not yet been extended to these methods, but will be in a future release.

```

1-Bromo-3,5-difluorobenzene
OMVAMP81A04250313563D 1 0.00000 0.00000 0

12 12 0 0 0 0 1 V2000
-2.6274 0.2410 0.0003 F
-1.2738 0.2410 0.0003 C
-0.5810 1.4623 0.0003 C
0.8231 1.4389 0.0003 C
1.5096 2.6055 0.0004 F
1.5266 0.2198 0.0001 C
0.8142 -0.9793 0.0001 C
1.7431 -2.6055 -0.0004 Br
-0.5805 -0.9840 0.0002 C
-1.1264 2.4167 -0.0003 H
2.6274 0.2339 0.0003 H
-1.1515 -1.9253 0.0001 H
1 2 1
2 3 4
3 4 4
4 5 1
4 6 4
6 7 4
7 8 1
2 9 4
7 9 4
3 10 1
6 11 1
9 12 1
M END
  
```

Figure 6: The headers and titles, atomic coordinates and bond definitions from a VAMP .sdf file. The format follows the MDL definition. [29]

The following table gives an overview of the methods and their limitations:

Table 4: Hamiltonians and the available electrostatic and polarizability models.

Hamiltonian	Reference	Electrostatics		Local Polarizability
		NAO-PC	Multipole	
MNDO	[16]	YES	YES	YES
AM1	[17]	YES	YES	YES
PM3	[18]	YES	YES	YES
MNDO/c	[27]	YES	YES	NO
MNDO/d	[28]	NO	YES	NO
AM1*	[19]	NO	YES	NO

<VAMPBASICS>

The VAMPBASICS block contains the following quantities (FORTRAN format 6f13.6):

Heat of Formation	kcal mol ⁻¹
HOMO energy	eV
LUMO energy	eV
Dipole moment	
x-component	Debye
y-component	Debye
z-component	Debye

<TOTAL COULSON CHARGE>

The total charge of the molecule.

<DENSITY MATRIX ELEMENTS>

The DENSITY MATRIX ELEMENTS block contains the one-atom blocks of the density matrix for the non-hydrogen atoms. For an *sp*-atom, there are ten elements, for an *spd*-atom 45. The squares of the diagonal elements for hydrogen atoms are included in the <CHARGE ON HYDROGENS> block that follows the density matrix. The density-matrix elements are used in ParaSurf™ to calculate the local properties and are essential.

<ORBITAL VECTORS>

The ORBITAL VECTORS block contains the MO-eigenvecxtors and related information and is essential for calculating the local properties. VAMP must be run with the keyword **ALLVECT** in order to write all the MO vectors to the SDF file.

The entire SDF input file is echoed to the <filename>_p.sdf output file and the properties calculated by ParaSurf™ are added in additional blocks at the end.

3.2 The Cepas MOPAC 6.sdf file as input

Cepas Mopac 6 writes an .sdf file containing the above blocks with the exception that the MOPACBASICS block replaces VAMPBASICS. No additional keywords are required to request the correct .sdf output for ParaSurf™.

3.3 The Vhamil.par file

The file Vhamil.par is used by VAMP to define the available Hamiltonians and elements and supply the parameters. This file is also used by ParaSurf™ for the same purpose. A Vhamil.par file for standard Hamiltonians and elements is supplied with the ParaSurf™ program. In order to be sure that all Hamiltonians and elements available to VAMP can also be handled by ParaSurf™, however, the

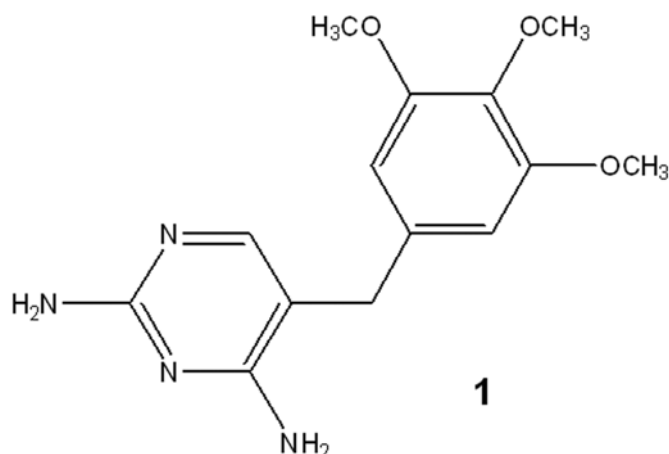
Vhamil.par file from the VAMP executable directory should be copied into the ParaSurf™ executable directory.

3.4 The ParaSurf™ output file

The ParaSurf™ output file provides the user with information about the calculation and the results. It is, however, not intended as the primary means of communication between ParaSurf™ and other programs. Thus, the essential information contained in the output file is also available from the ParaSurf™ output .sdf file.

3.4.1 For a spherical-harmonic surface

Figure 7 shows the output for a calculation using the options `surf=wrap fit=sphh` for trimethoprim, 1.



```

<> ParaSurf'05 : Input = trimethoprim.sdf

<> Program options :
  Using shrink-wrap isocontour surface
  Fitting surface to spherical harmonics
  Using an isodensity surface contour
  Isodensity value = 0.2000E-04 electrons/Angstrom**3
  Using multipole electrostatics

<> AM1 calculation for trimethoprim
<> Fitting surface to spherical harmonics
  
```

Figure 7: ParaSurf® output for trimethoprim, 1, using a spherical-harmonic surface.

```
<> Order (l)    RMSD

      0      1.95263386
      1      2.00052993
      2      1.57640277
      3      1.13683010
      4      0.95340420
      5      0.74540464
      6      0.66926274
      7      0.58942331
      8      0.54355194
      9      0.51760442
     10      0.50656564
     11      0.48555581
     12      0.46284202
     13      0.45019006
     14      0.44009732
     15      0.43261027

<> Spherical harmonic fit for MEP:
<> Order (l)    RMSD

      0      11.98388200
      1      12.05977747
      2      8.94196171
      3      7.10750676
      4      5.65374058
      5      4.72443217
      6      4.22936592
      7      3.40471958
      8      3.00459770
      9      2.70025262
     10      2.37948183
     11      2.08585451
     12      1.89670665
     13      1.67167599
     14      1.55026696
     15      1.35608719
     16      1.18594737
     17      0.99808358
     18      0.89576936
     19      0.82750580
     20      0.76423977
```

Figure 7: continued



```
<> Spherical harmonic fit for IE(l):
<> Order(l)   RMSD

      0      56.43504813
      1      51.09884711
      2      45.60899136
      3      44.66107072
      4      40.40371330
      5      35.94498069
      6      33.23502674
      7      27.59565679
      8      23.61792252
      9      20.28010728
     10      18.90880404
     11      17.11492314
     12      15.40818538
     13      14.15504388
     14      13.02995375
     15      12.41905890
     16      11.84905676
     17      10.87231348
     18      10.08600883
     19       9.88754170
     20       9.73512067

<> Spherical harmonic fit for EA(l):
<> Order(l)   RMSD

      0      12.79556998
      1      12.35517173
      2      11.90899797
      3       9.50286120
      4       8.67783125
      5       7.10627646
      6       6.94283382
      7       6.55691258
      8       6.16378320
      9       5.67694852
     10       5.33536823
     11       5.03567792
     12       4.76494701
     13       4.15529924
     14       3.74615266
     15       3.57989712
     16       3.21344347
     17       3.08789530
     18       2.83823821
     19       2.67737233
     20       2.50100870
```

Figure 7: continued

```
<> Spherical harmonic fit for Alpha(l):
<> Order(l)    RMSD

      0      0.02314245
      1      0.01698452
      2      0.01434977
      3      0.01198993
      4      0.00986702
      5      0.00906865
      6      0.00841069
      7      0.00796426
      8      0.00751901
      9      0.00702683
     10      0.00649850
     11      0.00607376
     12      0.00531069
     13      0.00512745
     14      0.00481518
     15      0.00472809
     16      0.00458103
     17      0.00428100
     18      0.00419188
     19      0.00413632
     20      0.00410800

<> Property ranges:
Density   :    0.2773E-05 to    0.1368E-03
IE(l)     :           391.01 to      669.50
EA(l)     :        -108.57 to     -38.17
MEP       :          -44.47 to      15.29
Alpha(l)  :           0.2372 to      0.3375
```

Figure 7: continued



```
<> Descriptors :

Dipole moment      :      1.2467 Debye
Dipolar density    :      0.0019 Debye.Angstrom**3
Molecular pol.     :     128.5408 Angstrom**3
Molecular weight   :      290.32
Globularity        :      0.7705
Total surface area :     475.65 Angstrom**2
Molecular volume   :     659.71 Angstrom**3

Most positive MEP  :      15.29 kcal/mol
Most negative MEP  :     -44.47 kcal/mol
Mean +ve MEP       :       5.26 kcal/mol
Mean -ve MEP       :     -12.63 kcal/mol
Mean MEP           :      -4.45 kcal/mol
MEP range          :      59.75 kcal/mol
MEP +ve Variance   :      11.08 kcal/mol
MEP -ve Variance   :     107.42 kcal/mol
MEP total variance :     118.50 kcal/mol
MEP balance parameter:  0.0848
MEP balance*variance :  10.0464 kcal/mol

Maximum IE(1)      :      669.50 kcal/mol
Minimum IE(1)      :      391.01 kcal/mol
Mean IE(1)         :      478.95 kcal/mol
IE(1) range        :      278.49 kcal/mol
IE(1) variance     :     3184.77 kcal/mol

Maximum EA(1)      :      -38.17 kcal/mol
Minimum EA(1)      :     -108.57 kcal/mol
No +ve EA(1)
Mean -ve EA(1)     :     -93.51 kcal/mol
Mean EA(1)         :     -93.51 kcal/mol
EA(1) range        :      70.39 kcal/mol
EA(1) +ve variance :       0.00 kcal/mol
EA(1) -ve variance :     160.81 kcal/mol
EA(1) total variance :  160.81 kcal/mol
EA(1) balance param. :  0.0000
Fraction pos. EA(1) :  0.0000 ( =  0.00 Angstrom**2)

Mean eneg(1)       :      385.44 kcal/mol

Maximum alpha(1)   :      0.3375 Angstrom**3
Minimum alpha(1)   :      0.2372 Angstrom**3
Mean alpha(1)      :      0.2831 Angstrom**3
Alpha(1) range     :      0.1003 Angstrom**3
Variance in alpha(1) :  0.0005 Angstrom**3
```

Figure 7: continued



```
<> Atomic surface properties:
```

Atom	Area	MEP		IE (l)		EA (l)		mean pol.	
		max	min	max	min	max	min		
C	1	0.000							
O	2	0.000							
C	3	3.197	-6.36	-43.62	585.24	481.90	-43.59	-91.66	0.310
C	4	1.110	-6.33	-15.47	586.02	496.37	-71.95	-92.45	0.323
C	5	0.618	-8.50	-14.47	584.41	533.04	-85.69	-93.35	0.322
C	6	0.000							
C	7	0.910	-9.48	-15.35	559.51	515.74	-69.07	-91.62	0.319
C	8	4.094	-1.40	-21.83	584.59	484.64	-51.15	-98.73	0.294
N	9	3.539	-14.64	-29.38	535.69	458.71	-80.63	-105.08	0.280
C	10	10.194	-1.76	-27.31	633.23	532.80	-38.86	-87.62	0.284
N	11	0.000							
N	12	1.379	-14.42	-32.82	539.14	469.91	-78.29	-102.75	0.266
C	13	6.416	-8.41	-25.74	645.00	514.26	-38.17	-82.91	0.286
N	14	0.000							
C	15	1.899	-7.13	-15.28	588.19	493.69	-60.68	-92.40	0.316
C	16	3.923	-10.57	-37.69	575.64	479.10	-38.37	-99.13	0.314
O	17	0.000							
C	18	0.000							
C	19	6.529	-10.29	-44.47	573.17	465.56	-46.33	-99.90	0.310
O	20	1.569	-30.66	-41.88	534.29	446.11	-75.31	-93.26	0.247
C	21	0.000							
H	22	33.709	12.62	-39.38	559.91	405.88	-81.69	-99.73	0.297
H	23	21.732	13.89	-19.69	562.67	408.42	-82.57	-95.35	0.294
H	24	24.156	13.92	-31.15	568.19	407.11	-68.85	-95.26	0.292
H	25	7.010	11.08	-6.40	519.22	425.97	-83.77	-96.24	0.289
H	26	18.849	7.77	-8.84	534.47	400.18	-88.51	-100.67	0.300
H	27	17.993	7.31	-24.11	597.65	399.66	-68.44	-100.82	0.302
H	28	27.541	9.00	-27.14	535.48	413.54	-60.86	-103.75	0.283
H	29	34.230	15.29	-27.63	669.50	464.72	-65.39	-107.85	0.249
H	30	33.502	15.16	-28.64	668.15	480.57	-66.40	-107.93	0.242
H	31	35.285	11.51	-29.34	662.46	473.61	-62.49	-108.57	0.245
H	32	10.409	11.42	-26.05	643.01	482.53	-73.15	-99.44	0.262
H	33	5.733	9.44	-14.04	525.92	434.76	-73.49	-96.54	0.295
H	34	29.960	11.28	-37.39	568.06	406.83	-83.23	-100.30	0.291
H	35	24.218	11.42	-33.01	567.74	407.68	-69.15	-95.69	0.293
H	36	23.158	11.37	-12.90	568.25	407.57	-81.12	-99.24	0.295
H	37	34.521	4.42	-37.89	554.53	394.89	-89.71	-108.49	0.292
H	38	19.106	4.28	-37.25	550.62	396.52	-86.84	-108.23	0.298
H	39	26.171	3.92	-26.54	550.83	391.01	-90.02	-107.59	0.296
Total		472.660							
<> ParaSurf used		67.56	seconds	CPU time					

Figure 7: continued

After printing the program options and fitting the calculated shrink-wrap surface, ParaSurf™ lists the root-mean-square deviations (RMSDs) for the surface points as a function of the order of the spherical-harmonic expansion, first for the geometry of the surface and then for each of the four local properties. The RMSD values give an idea of how well each order of the spherical-harmonic expansion fits the calculated shrink-wrap surface or the relevant property. The highest order used by ParaSurf™ is 15 for the surface itself and 20 for each property.

The descriptor table is then printed. For molecules with no surface areas with positive EA_L , $\sigma_{EA_L}^2$ is set to zero. The descriptors are those described in **table 1**.

The spherical-harmonic hybridization coefficients are then listed for the shape and the four local properties. The coefficients are listed by increasing l starting from zero.

The table of atomic surface properties is derived by first finding the atom that contributes most (according to a Coulson analysis) to the electron density for each surface point. The point is then assigned to this atom and the maxima and minima in the MEP, IE_L and EA_L as well as the mean local polarizability for the points assigned to each atom are calculated. Note that, because of the fitting procedure, the values reported in this table may contain spurious values if the fitted surface comes particularly close to an atom (or does not approach it). This situation is generally recognisable from the RMSD values printed for the fit. The surface used to calculate the descriptors and atomic-surface properties is the fitted spherical-harmonic surface of order 15.

3.4.2 For a marching-cube surface

Figure 8 shows the output for a calculation using the options `surf=cube` for trimethoprim.

```

<> ParaSurf'05 : Input = trimethoprim.sdf

<> Program options :

    Using marching-cube isodensity surface
    Surface fitting turned off
    Using an isodensity surface contour
    Isodensity value = 0.3000E-03 electrons/Angstrom**3
    Using multipole electrostatics

<> AM1 calculation for trimethoprim
<> Number of triangles = 15024
<> Number of unique points : 7517

<> Property ranges:
Density      : 0.2881E-03 to 0.3099E-03
IE(1)       : 392.35 to 654.76
EA(1)       : -109.82 to -29.09
MEP         : -69.88 to 24.82
Alpha(1)    : 0.2288 to 0.3301
  
```

Figure 8: ParaSurf™ output for trimethoprim using a marching-cube surface



```
<> Descriptors :

Dipole moment      :      1.2467 Debye
Dipolar density    :      0.0032 Debye.Angstrom**3
Molecular pol.     :     128.5408 Angstrom**3
Molecular weight   :      290.32
Globularity        :      0.7042
Total surface area :     369.79 Angstrom**2
Molecular volume   :     395.13 Angstrom**3

Most positive MEP  :      24.82 kcal/mol
Most negative MEP  :     -69.88 kcal/mol
Mean +ve MEP       :       9.05 kcal/mol
Mean -ve MEP       :     -18.72 kcal/mol
Mean MEP           :      -4.94 kcal/mol
MEP range          :      94.70 kcal/mol
MEP +ve Variance   :      31.60 kcal/mol
MEP -ve Variance   :     239.92 kcal/mol
MEP total variance :     271.53 kcal/mol
MEP balance parameter:  0.1028
MEP balance*variance :  27.9261 kcal/mol

Maximum IE(1)      :      654.76 kcal/mol
Minimum IE(1)      :      392.35 kcal/mol
Mean IE(1)         :      486.30 kcal/mol
IE(1) range        :      262.41 kcal/mol
IE(1) variance     :     3584.97 kcal/mol

Maximum EA(1)      :      -29.09 kcal/mol
Minimum EA(1)      :     -109.82 kcal/mol
No +ve EA(1)
Mean -ve EA(1)     :     -89.08 kcal/mol
Mean EA(1)         :     -89.08 kcal/mol
EA(1) range        :      80.74 kcal/mol
EA(1) +ve variance :       0.00 kcal/mol
EA(1) -ve variance :     276.47 kcal/mol
EA(1) total variance :     276.47 kcal/mol
EA(1) balance param. :  0.0000
Fraction pos. EA(1) :  0.0000 ( =  0.00 Angstrom**2)

Mean eneg(1)       :      397.21 kcal/mol

Maximum alpha(1)   :      0.3301 Angstrom**3
Minimum alpha(1)   :      0.2288 Angstrom**3
Mean alpha(1)      :      0.2830 Angstrom**3
Alpha(1) range     :      0.1013 Angstrom**3
Variance in alpha(1) :  0.0005 Angstrom**3
```

Figure 8: continued

```
<> Atomic surface properties:
```

Atom	Area	MEP		IE (l)		EA (l)		mean pol.	
		max	min	max	min	max	min		
C	1	0.257	-23.83	-46.81	569.04	546.04	-81.50	-92.65	0.268
O	2	3.658	-15.50	-69.70	594.61	456.71	-63.66	-81.53	0.269
C	3	6.490	-7.36	-64.78	643.17	499.72	-30.09	-99.43	0.304
C	4	2.166	-3.31	-19.76	632.00	493.47	-39.95	-100.75	0.316
C	5	1.600	-3.37	-18.28	633.56	547.00	-53.42	-100.30	0.313
C	6	0.000							
C	7	2.042	-4.01	-22.33	605.70	512.44	-49.80	-91.06	0.317
C	8	5.665	4.11	-28.25	638.27	488.34	-35.80	-88.30	0.288
N	9	6.693	-19.84	-58.79	571.34	417.76	-54.71	-103.24	0.260
C	10	9.411	-0.86	-46.23	654.76	543.32	-41.17	-81.09	0.279
N	11	0.537	-46.53	-53.00	615.72	593.86	-60.28	-78.98	0.276
N	12	6.122	-16.63	-55.66	571.30	417.23	-51.01	-98.93	0.247
C	13	7.570	-10.11	-44.07	644.87	527.82	-37.47	-82.80	0.284
N	14	0.713	-41.89	-57.27	618.93	590.90	-64.88	-81.21	0.287
C	15	4.127	-8.07	-22.33	640.32	494.13	-30.91	-100.89	0.314
C	16	5.886	-15.50	-60.73	641.06	507.48	-29.09	-94.41	0.307
O	17	1.261	-18.70	-69.88	567.04	464.95	-64.27	-87.64	0.252
C	18	0.289	-16.74	-56.71	573.39	531.54	-74.34	-94.89	0.267
C	19	5.580	-15.52	-60.03	617.79	492.33	-39.25	-96.42	0.314
O	20	3.960	-31.04	-63.94	579.08	438.53	-69.08	-94.47	0.265
C	21	0.543	-26.28	-54.82	563.68	530.83	-90.92	-106.12	0.269
H	22	20.848	22.24	-43.97	561.11	407.48	-83.45	-97.55	0.297
H	23	16.018	22.21	-47.65	566.01	408.34	-70.47	-97.22	0.294
H	24	16.235	22.21	-45.75	567.60	407.90	-66.77	-96.72	0.290
H	25	7.143	16.35	-8.05	537.67	429.84	-70.41	-97.59	0.288
H	26	13.545	13.09	-5.83	579.22	401.23	-85.87	-100.66	0.299
H	27	13.114	11.65	-38.33	611.02	400.48	-74.22	-100.87	0.301
H	28	17.462	13.34	-29.83	533.62	415.38	-56.04	-100.30	0.282
H	29	20.093	24.36	-44.05	639.92	488.09	-72.40	-107.69	0.247
H	30	20.380	24.82	-48.21	644.36	488.15	-70.42	-107.77	0.241
H	31	20.025	22.73	-51.85	642.47	483.89	-67.45	-108.35	0.245
H	32	10.792	22.31	-49.42	644.46	478.52	-79.21	-102.13	0.259
H	33	7.935	15.01	-21.60	523.98	429.34	-65.58	-98.60	0.294
H	34	20.353	17.51	-31.87	560.07	408.27	-87.93	-99.07	0.290
H	35	16.221	17.81	-47.09	565.56	408.31	-66.99	-96.49	0.291
H	36	16.250	17.77	-37.52	557.41	408.14	-69.22	-96.81	0.294
H	37	20.708	8.06	-41.68	545.33	396.15	-95.89	-109.82	0.294
H	38	16.217	8.06	-54.42	595.55	394.15	-82.57	-109.54	0.296
H	39	18.651	7.90	-40.13	586.15	392.35	-74.89	-109.41	0.295
Total		366.558							
<> ParaSurf used		15.12	seconds CPU time						

Figure 8: continued

The table of RMSD values is no longer printed and the range of the electron-density values for the surface points (a test for the quality of the surface) is closer to the target isodensity value (in this case $0.0003 \text{ e}^{-\text{\AA}^{-3}}$) than for the fitted surface. The internal precision used by the program is $\pm 2\%$ of the target isodensity value. The values of the descriptors and the atomic-surface properties are more consistent using the marching-cube surface and are recommended for QSPR and surface-integral applications.

3.5 ParaSurf™ SDF-output

The SDF output file (a fixed-format file) contains additional blocks with the information generated by ParaSurf™. These are:

<ParaSurf OPTIONS>

The ParaSurf™ OPTIONS block consists of one line giving the options used in the ParaSurf™ calculation. These are:

<surface> <fit> <electrostatic model> <isodensity level> (a4,2x,a4,2x,a5,2x,f8.3)

Where the individual variables can be:

<surface>	WRAP	Shrink-wrap surface
	CUBE	Marching-cube surface
<fit>	NONE	No fitting, unsmoothed marching-cube surface
	ISO	Marching-cube surface corrected to $\pm 2\%$ of the preset isodensity value
	SPHH	Spherical-harmonic surface fit
<electrostatic model>	NAOPC	NAO-PC electrostatics
	MULTI	Multipole electrostatics
<isodensity level>	n.nn	The target isodensity value in $e^{-\text{Å}^{-3}}$

<SPHERICAL_HARMONIC_.....>

The spherical harmonic fits are described in <SPHERICAL_HARMONIC_.....> blocks. These blocks all have the same format and vary only in the property described. Each block has the form:

Order = nn	("Order = ",i4)
$l(C_l^m)$ m = -l to l	(I5, 10f8.4/5x,10f8.4/5x,10f8.4/5x,10f8.4) (One set of coefficients each for $l = 1$ to 15)
RMSDs: l, RMSD¹, RMSD²	("RMSDs:") (i8, 2f12.8) (One line for each l for $l = 1$ to 15, where RMSD ¹ is the area-weighted RMSD and RMSD ² the simple RMSD)

There are five such blocks, indicated by the tags:

<SPHERICAL_HARMONIC_SURFACE>	The fitted molecular surface (radial distances) in Ångstrom
<SPHERICAL_HARMONIC_MEP>	The MEP values at the spherical-harmonic surface ($l = 20$) in kcal mol ⁻¹
<SPHERICAL_HARMONIC_IE(l)>	The IE _l values at the spherical-harmonic surface ($l = 20$) in kcal mol ⁻¹
<SPHERICAL_HARMONIC_EA(l)>	The EA _l values at the spherical-harmonic surface ($l = 20$) in kcal mol ⁻¹
<SPHERICAL_HARMONIC_ALPHA(l)>	The α_l values at the spherical-harmonic surface ($l = 20$) in kcal mol ⁻¹

<ParaSurf Descriptors>

The ParaSurf™ descriptors block lists the calculated descriptors in the following groups:

Molecular:	$\mu, \mu_D, \alpha, MW, G, A, VOL$ ("Molecular ", 5f10.4, 2f10.2)
MEP:	$V_{\max}, V_{\min}, \bar{V}_+, \bar{V}_-, \bar{V}, \Delta V, \sigma_+^2, \sigma_-^2, \sigma_{Tot}^2, v, \sigma_{tot}^2$ ("MEP ", 7f10.2/10x, f10.2, 3f10.4)
IE(I):	$IE_L^{\max}, IE_L^{\min}, \overline{IE}_L, \Delta IE_L, \sigma_{IE}^2$ ("IE (1) ", 4f10.2, f10.4)
EA(I):	$EA_L^{\max}, EA_L^{\min}, \overline{EA}_{L+}, \overline{EA}_{L-}, \overline{EA}_L, \Delta EA_L, \sigma_{EA+}^2, \sigma_{EA-}^2, \sigma_{EA}^2, v_{EA}, \delta A_{EA}^+, A_{EA}^+$ ("EA (1) ", 7f10.2/2f10.2, 2f10.4, f10.2)
Eneg(I):	χ_L ("Eneg (1) ", f10.2)
Alpha(I):	$\alpha_L^{\max}, \alpha_L^{\min}, \overline{\alpha}_L, \Delta \alpha_L, \sigma_\alpha^2$ ("Alpha (1) ", 5f10.4)

For calculations using a spherical-harmonic fit, the hybridization coefficients are printed to the .sdf file as follows (tag line followed by as many lines with the coefficients as necessary):

<SHAPE HYBRIDS>

(15 coefficients, 6f12.6)

<MEP HYBRIDS>

(20 coefficients, 6f12.6)

<IE (L) HYBRIDS>

(20 coefficients, 6f12.2)

<EA (L) HYBRIDS>

(20 coefficients, 6f12.2)

<ALPHA (L) HYBRIDS>

(20 coefficients, 6f12.8)

The hybridization coefficients are listed in order of increasing l from zero, exactly as in the output file.

The atomic surface properties are listed in the atomic order according to the following headings (tag line followed by as many lines with the surface properties as necessary):

<ATOMIC SURFACE AREAS>

Areas	(10f8.4)
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<ATOMIC SURFACE MEP MAXIMA>

MEP maxima	(10f8.2)
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<ATOMIC SURFACE MEP MINIMA>

MEP minima	(10f8.2)
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<ATOMIC SURFACE IE (L) MAXIMA>

IE(I) maxima	(10f8.2)
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<ATOMIC SURFACE IE (L) MINIMA>

IE(I) minima	(10f8.2)
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<ATOMIC SURFACE EA (L) MAXIMA>

EA(I) maxima	(10f8.2)
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<ATOMIC SURFACE EA (L) MINIMA>

EA(I) minima	(10f8.2)
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<ATOMIC SURFACE MEAN POL>

Mean pol.	(10f8.4)
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The properties correspond exactly to those printed in the table of surface properties in the output file.

3.6 The surface (.psf) file

The .psf file can be used to derive properties and descriptors from the ParaSurf™ results. It includes the coordinates and properties of the atoms, surface points and surface triangles in the following format:

Number of atoms	(i6)
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One line per atom with the atomic surface properties:

Atomic number, x-coordinate, y-coordinate, z-coordinate, atomic surface area, V_{\max}, V_{\min}, IE_L^{\min}, EA_L^{\max}, mean polarizability	(i2, 3f10.5, f8.3, 4f8.2, f8.3)
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Number of surface points	(i6)
---------------------------------	------

One line per point with the local properties:

x-coordinate, y-coordinate, z-coordinate, MEP, IE_L, EA_L, α_L, atom_L	(3f10.5, 3f8.2, f8.4, i6)
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(where atom_L is the atom to which the surface point is assigned)

Number of surface triangles	(i6)
------------------------------------	------

One line per triangle with the ID of the triangle and the local properties:

point #1, point #2, point #3, area, atom_{tri}	(3i6, f10.5, i6)
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(where point #1, 2 and 3 are the numbers of the surface points that make up the triangle and atom_{tri} is the atom to which the triangle is assigned)

3.7 Anonymous SD (.asd) files

The .asd file contains only those blocks from the ParaSurf™ output SD file that do not pertain directly to the 2D-molecular structure. Its purpose is to allow a full descriptions of the intermolecular bonding properties of the molecule without revealing its structure. The .asd file can only be written from a ParaSurf™ calculation using spherical-harmonic fitting. Its form is:

The SD header line	(A molecular ID number etc.)
The program identifier line	(The normal second line of the SD-file)

And the blocks defined by the following tags:

<SPHERICAL_HARMONIC_SURFACE>
 <SPHERICAL_HARMONIC_MEP>
 <SPHERICAL_HARMONIC_IE(1)>
 <SPHERICAL_HARMONIC_EA(1)>
 <SPHERICAL_HARMONIC_ALPHA(1)>
 <SHAPE_HYBRIDS>
 <MEP_HYBRIDS>
 <IE(L)_HYBRIDS>
 <EA(L)_HYBRIDS>
 <ALPHA(L)_HYBRIDS>

<ParaSurf Descriptors>

(The molecular weight and the atomic surface properties are not included because they would allow the molecular formula to be reconstructed. The atoms assigned to each surface point or triangle are also not given.) The format of the descriptors is:

Molecular	$\mu, \mu_D, \alpha, G, A, VOL$ ("Molecular ", 4f10.4, 2f10.2)
MEP	$V_{\max}, V_{\min}, \bar{V}_+, \bar{V}_-, \bar{V}, \Delta V, \sigma_+^2, \sigma_-^2, \sigma_{Tot}^2, v, \sigma_{tot}^2 v$ ("MEP ", 7f10.2/10x, f10.2, 3f10.4)
IE(I)	$IE_L^{\max}, IE_L^{\min}, \overline{IE}_L, \Delta IE_L, \sigma_{IE}^2$ ("IE(1) ", 4f10.2, f10.4)
EA(I)	$EA_L^{\max}, EA_L^{\min}, \overline{EA}_{L+}, \overline{EA}_{L-}, \overline{EA}_L, \Delta EA_L, \sigma_{EA+}^2, \sigma_{EA-}^2, \sigma_{EA}^2, v_{EA}, \delta A_{EA}^+, A_{EA}^+$ ("EA(1) ", 7f10.2/2f10.2, 2f10.4, f10.2)
Eneg(I)	$\bar{\chi}_L$ ("Eneg(1) ", f10.2)
Alpha(I)	$\alpha_L^{\max}, \alpha_L^{\min}, \overline{\alpha}_L, \Delta \alpha_L, \sigma_\alpha^2$ ("Alpha(1) ", 5f10.4)

3.8 Grid calculations with ParaSurf™

The command

```
parasurf <filename> estat=multi grid=grid.dat
```

instructs ParaSurf™ to read a set of Cartesian coordinates from the file **grid.dat** and to calculate the four local properties (MEP, IE_L, EA_L, α_L). The format of the file **grid.dat** (which must be in the same directory as the input) is one line per atom containing the x, y and z coordinates in free format,

comma-separated, maximum line length 80. For instance, the following grid file:

```

0.667600 , -1.780500 , -1.975400
1.150933 , -1.602167 , -2.025400
0.979267 , -0.980500 , -2.043852
0.567600 , -0.585500 , -2.056948
-0.032400 , -0.202286 , -2.025400
-0.668352 , 0.019500 , -2.021233
1.517600 , 0.219500 , -1.975400
0.767600 , 0.610214 , -2.012900
0.367600 , 1.073667 , -2.007781
0.767600 , 1.319500 , -1.975400
2.167600 , -3.180500 , -1.675400
1.792600 , -2.613833 , -1.925400
0.767600 , -2.180500 , -1.925400
-0.915733 , -2.080500 , -1.575400
1.934267 , -1.780500 , -1.925400
-0.207400 , -1.380500 , -1.958733
-1.140733 , -0.980500 , -1.875400
-1.282400 , -0.780500 , -1.875400
-1.782400 , -0.380500 , -1.775400
-2.282400 , 0.019500 , -1.675400
  
```

Figure 9: Sample grid file

Gives the output shown in figure 10.

```

<> ParaSurf 1.0 : Input = test_v.sdf

<> Program options :

    Calculating local properties using grid file grid.dat
    Using multipole electrostatics

<> AM1 calculation for 1-Bromo-3,5-difluorobenzene

      x          y          z      MEP      IE(l)      EA(l)      Pol(l)
0.66760  -1.78050  -1.97540  -15.36  468.07  -54.77  0.4696
1.15093  -1.60217  -2.02540  -15.96  459.21  -53.78  0.4658
0.97927  -0.98050  -2.04385   -5.06  492.84  -44.14  0.4275
0.56760  -0.58550  -2.05695   -3.41  524.22  -44.49  0.3842
-0.03240 -0.20229  -2.02540   -3.18  553.08  -46.61  0.3480
-0.66835  0.01950  -2.02123   -4.70  528.61  -49.28  0.3275
1.51760  0.21950  -1.97540   -1.21  501.95  -32.03  0.3554
0.76760  0.61021  -2.01290   -1.80  534.12  -48.17  0.3343
0.36760  1.07367  -2.00778   -3.53  524.36  -53.80  0.3225
0.76760  1.31950  -1.97540   -3.13  509.31  -43.11  0.3155
2.16760  -3.18050  -1.67540  -48.02  402.36  -10.91  0.4566
1.79260  -2.61383  -1.92540  -61.35  399.80  -48.68  0.4344
0.76760  -2.18050  -1.92540  -27.58  446.11  -68.12  0.4812
-0.91573  -2.08050  -1.57540   -3.32  489.09  -41.97  0.3862
1.93427  -1.78050  -1.92540  -31.20  430.92  -78.26  0.4706
-0.20740  -1.38050  -1.95873   -7.72  496.82  -38.47  0.3965
-1.14073  -0.98050  -1.87540   -6.22  497.14  -36.10  0.3341
-1.28240  -0.78050  -1.87540   -5.75  501.43  -42.28  0.3257
-1.78240  -0.38050  -1.77540   -5.20  519.48  -56.75  0.2948
-2.28240  0.01950  -1.67540   -9.45  527.42  -76.92  0.2327

<> ParaSurf used 0.05 seconds CPU time
  
```

Figure 10. Sample grid output file

The name and the extension (if any) of the grid file are free. Only the output file is written. The units of the local properties are those used in the normal output (i.e. V , IE_L , and EA_L in kcal mol^{-1} , α_L in \AA^3).

3.9 The SIM file format

SIM files must reside in the ParaSurf™ executable directory and are strictly fixed format. SIM files must be called **<filename>.sim**, where **<filename>** must have exactly three characters. A sample SIM file for a single model (the free energy of solvation in octanol) is shown in figure 11:

```

> <OPTIONS>
surf=cube
fit=isod
estat=multi
iso=0.008
> <MODELS>
  1 17
> <DGO>
  17 0.35852
dG(solv.) n-Octanol
kcal mol-1
  1.3705d-2 T 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.5
-3.9476d-4 T 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.5
-6.8874d-2 F 0.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 0.0 1.0
  5.5092d-16 F 1.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 3.0
  1.0796d-3 T 1.0 0.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 0.5
  1.1937d-4 F 1.0 0.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 1.0
  1.1179d-13 F 1.0 0.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 3.0
  3.5384d-4 T 1.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 0.0 1.5
-5.2971d-9 F 0.0 1.0 0.0 1.0 0.0 3.0
-1.6949d-17 F 0.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 3.0
  3.9527d-21 F 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 3.0
-3.6011d-5 F 1.0 1.0 0.0 1.0 0.0 1.0
  4.7541d-8 F 1.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.0
  2.8234d-12 T 1.0 1.0 0.0 0.0 1.0 1.5
-2.7129d-4 F 1.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 0.0 1.0
-6.5137d-17 T 1.0 0.0 1.0 0.0 1.0 2.5
  2.0072d-16 T 1.0 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 2.5
  
```

Figure 11: Sample surface-integral model (SIM) file

The first line, the OPTIONS tag, is compulsory and takes the form:

<OPTIONS>

The second to fifth lines, also compulsory in the order shown above, give the ParaSurf™ options to be used for the surface-integral model. These options are given in lower case and override conflicting command-line options.

Line 6 must be the MODELS tag with the format

<MODELS>

Line 7 contains the two integers (*Nmodels* and *Maxterms*) that define the number of models given in the file and the maximum number of terms for any one model. The format is:



<i>Nmodels</i>	<i>Maxterms</i>	(2i4)
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The remainder of the SIM file consists of *Nmodels* blocks, each of which defines a single model and has the following format:

Model identifier tag

<MOD>

where MOD is a three-letter unique identifier for the model.

<i>Nterms</i> (the number of terms in the model), <i>constant</i> (the constant in the regression equation)	(i4, g12.6)
Model name (for output, maximum 20 characters)	(a20)
Units of the property <i>P</i> (for output, maximum 20 characters)	(a20)
<i>Nterms</i> lines, one per term, giving the definition of the model: <i>Coeff Abs m n o p q r</i>	(d12.6, 13, 6f8.4)

where each term is defined as:

$$\left[MEP^m \cdot IE_L^n \cdot EA_L^o \cdot \alpha_L^p \cdot \eta_L^q \right]^r \text{ if } \mathbf{Abs} \text{ is } \mathbf{false} \text{ and } \left[\left[MEP^m \cdot IE_L^n \cdot EA_L^o \cdot \alpha_L^p \cdot \eta_L^q \right] \right]^r \text{ if } \mathbf{Abs} \text{ is } \mathbf{true}.$$

SIM files are only intended to be created by expert users.



4 SUPPORT

4.1 Contact

Questions regarding ParaSurf™ should be sent directly to:

support@ceposinsilico.com

4.2 Error reporting

Some of the routines in ParaSurf™ may detect error conditions that have not yet been encountered in our tests. In this case, an error message will be printed requesting that the input and output files be sent to the programming team at the above e-mail address. We realize that this will not always be possible for confidentiality reasons, but if the details can be sent, we will be able to treat the exception and improve the program.

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