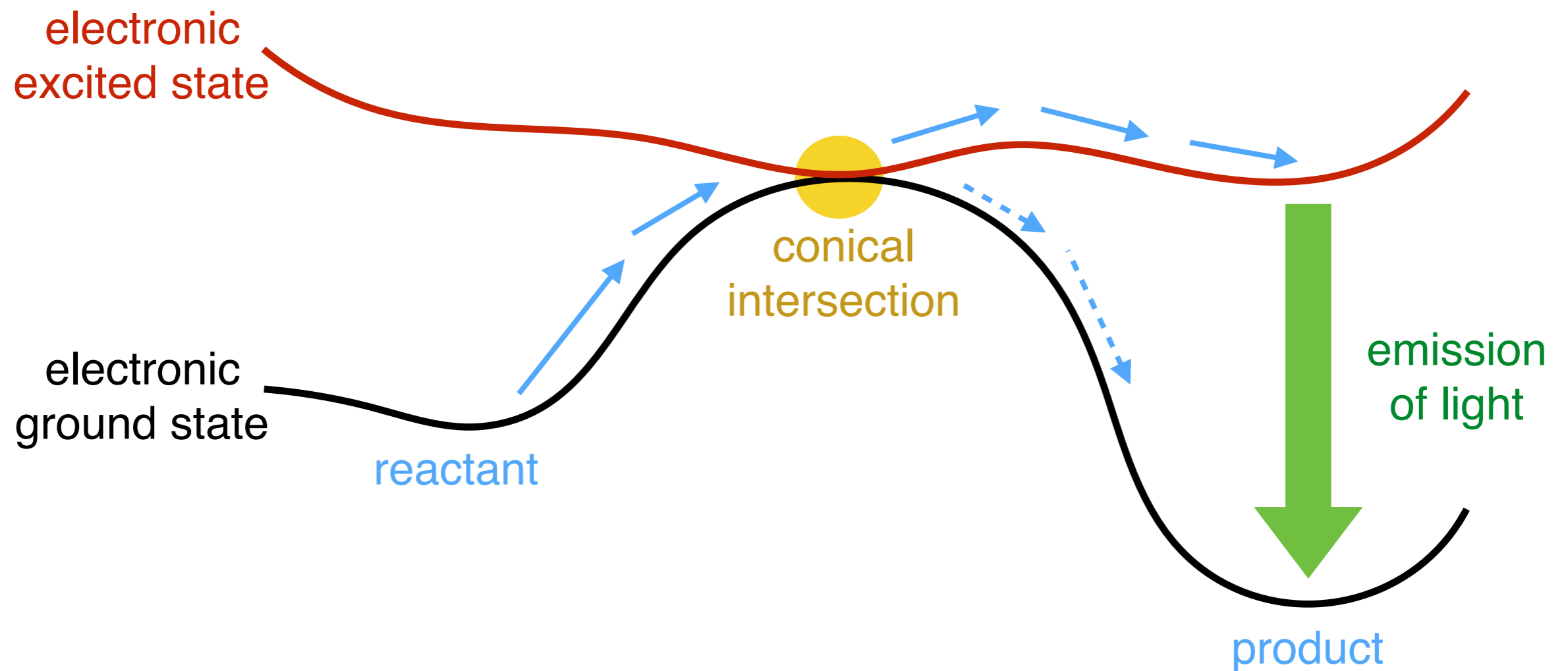


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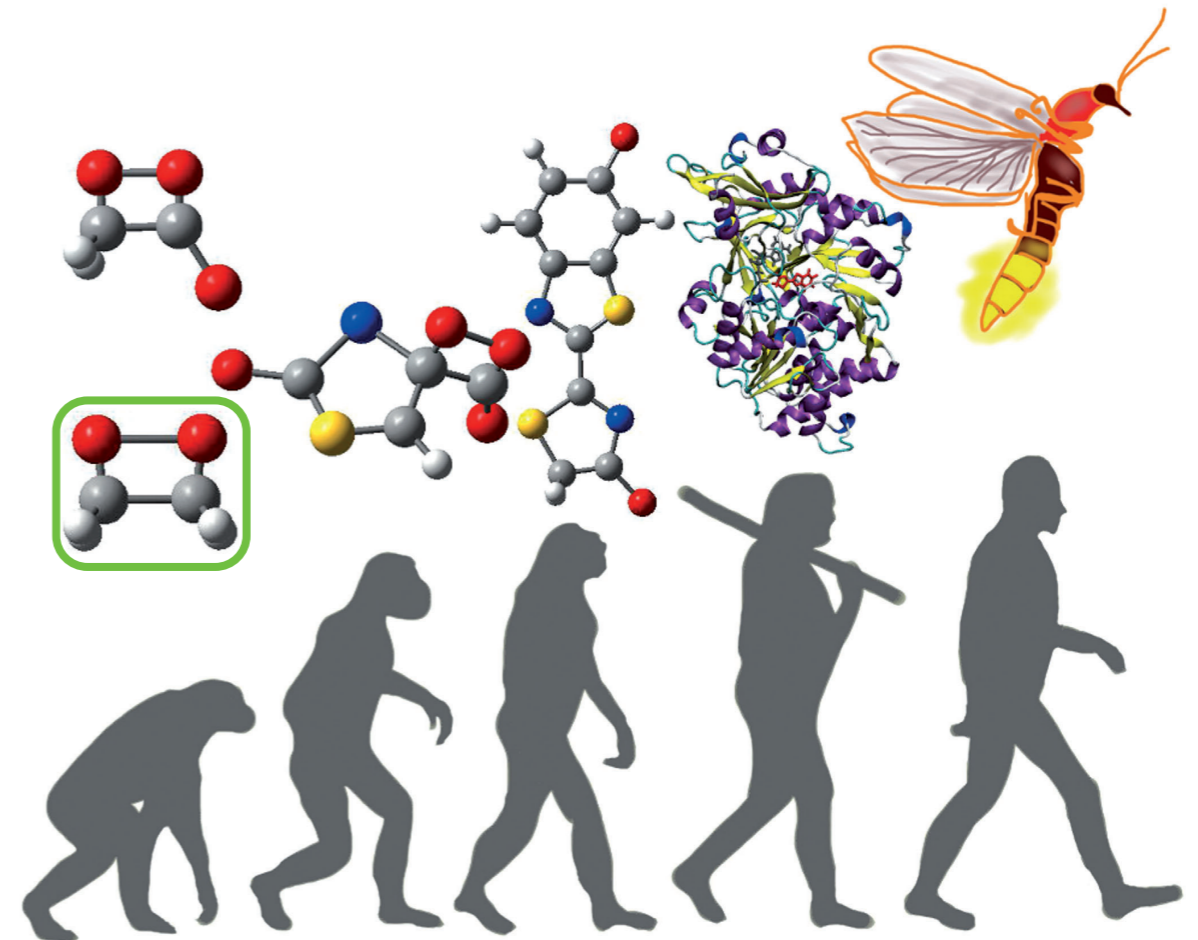
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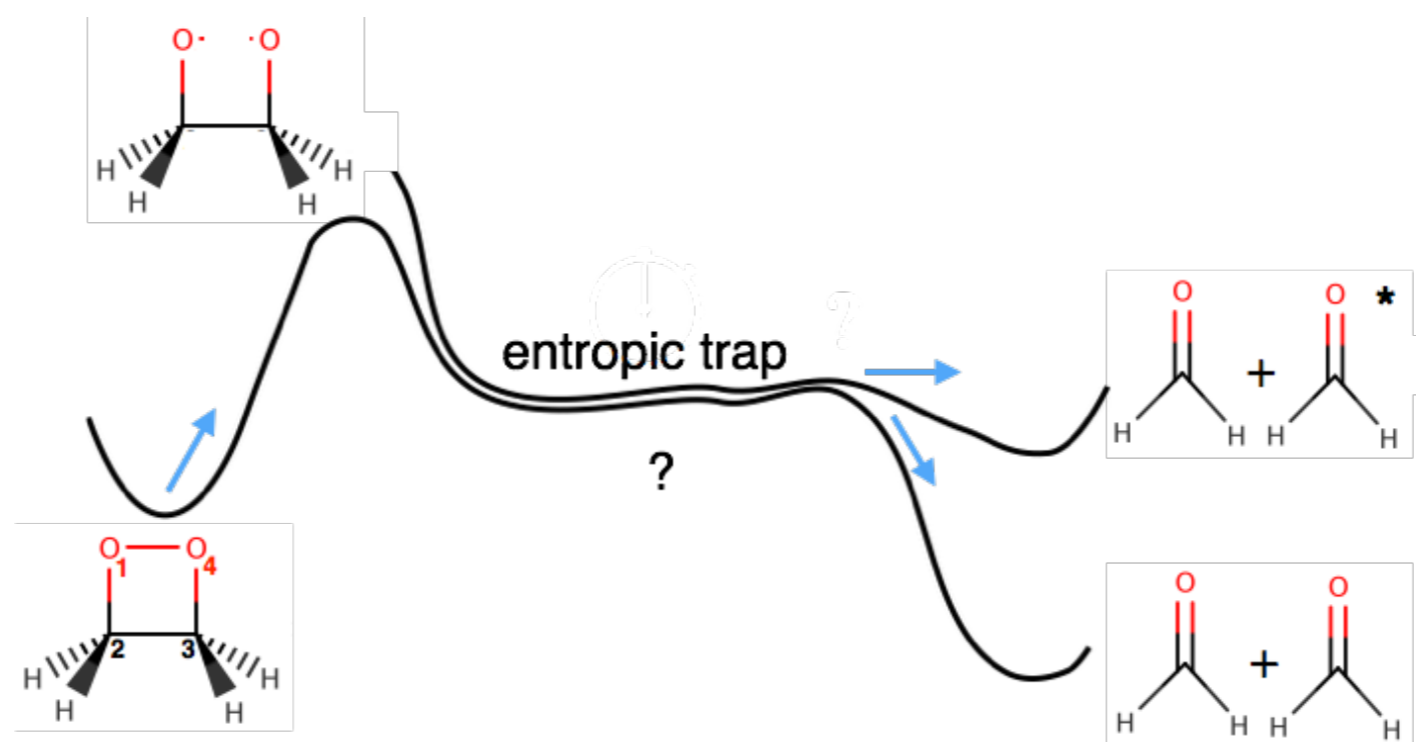
→ In vivo imaging in medicine, biosensing for environmental pollutants, food industry, etc.

## Structures of model compounds



# Chemiexcitation in 1,2-dioxetane

Decomposition into fundamental or excited formaldehyde molecules



- Yield of triplet excited states > yield of singlet excited states
- Increase in the chemiexcitation yield upon methyl substitution

# Theoretical approach

## Ab initio molecular dynamics simulations

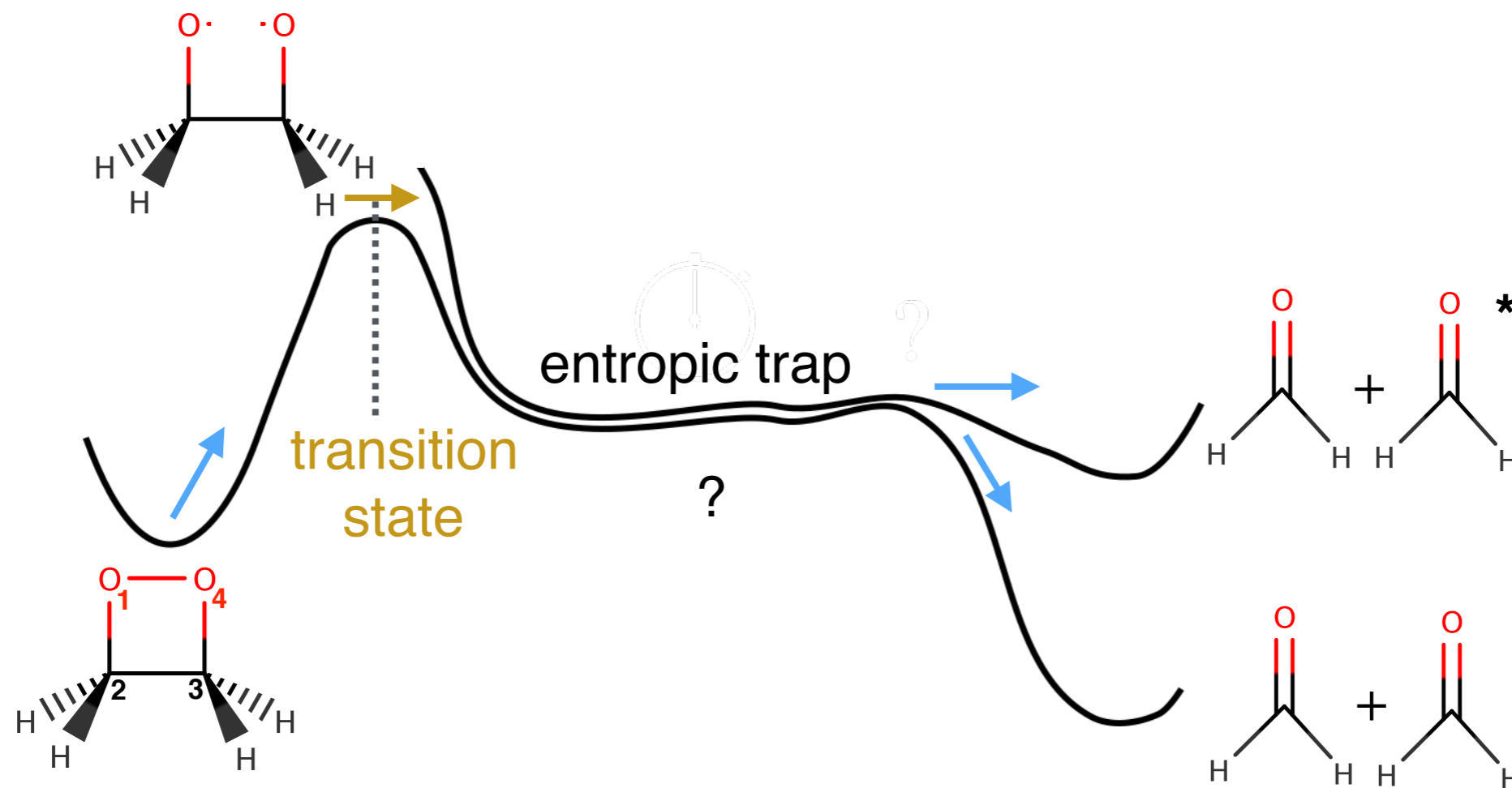
- Born-Oppenheimer dynamics
- non-adiabatic dynamics (surface hopping) including 4 singlet states

## Electronic structure method

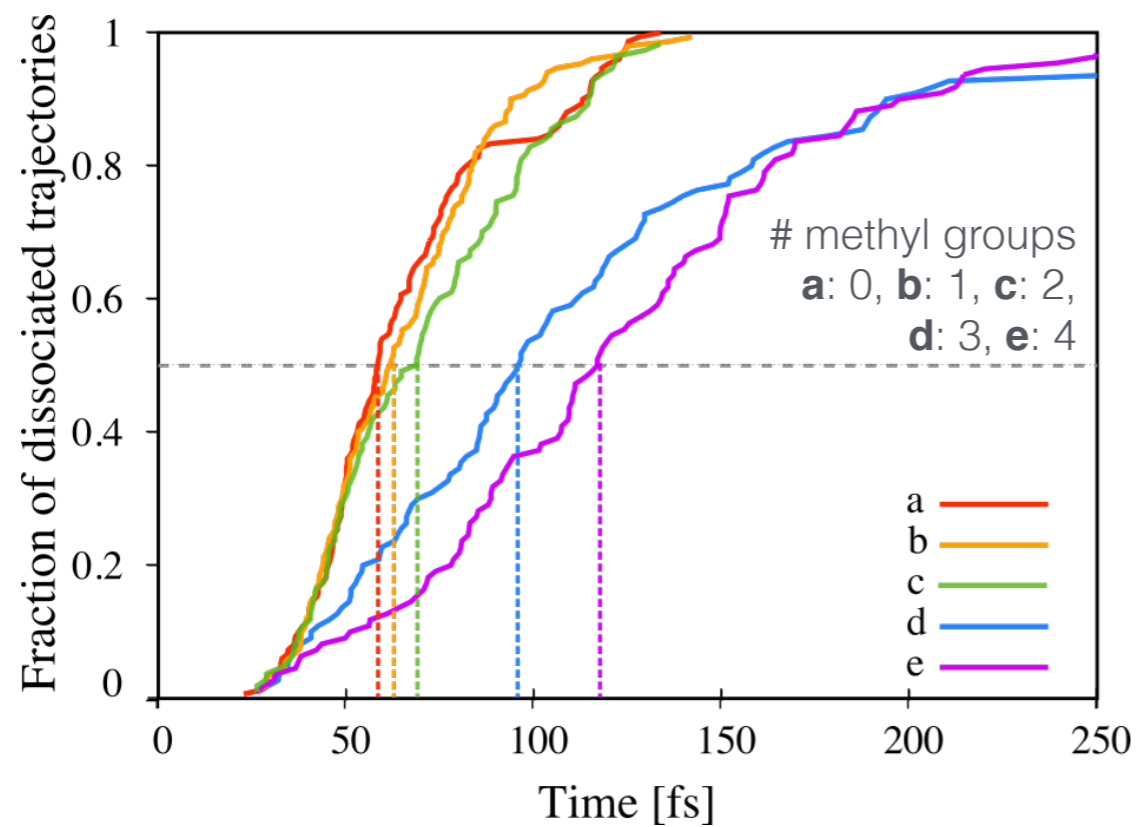
- CASSCF(12-in-10)
- ANO-RCC-VTZP basis set

## Initial conditions

- Transition state geometry with 1kcal/mol kinetic energy in the forward direction
- 150 trajectories sampled from the Wigner distribution (Newton-X package)

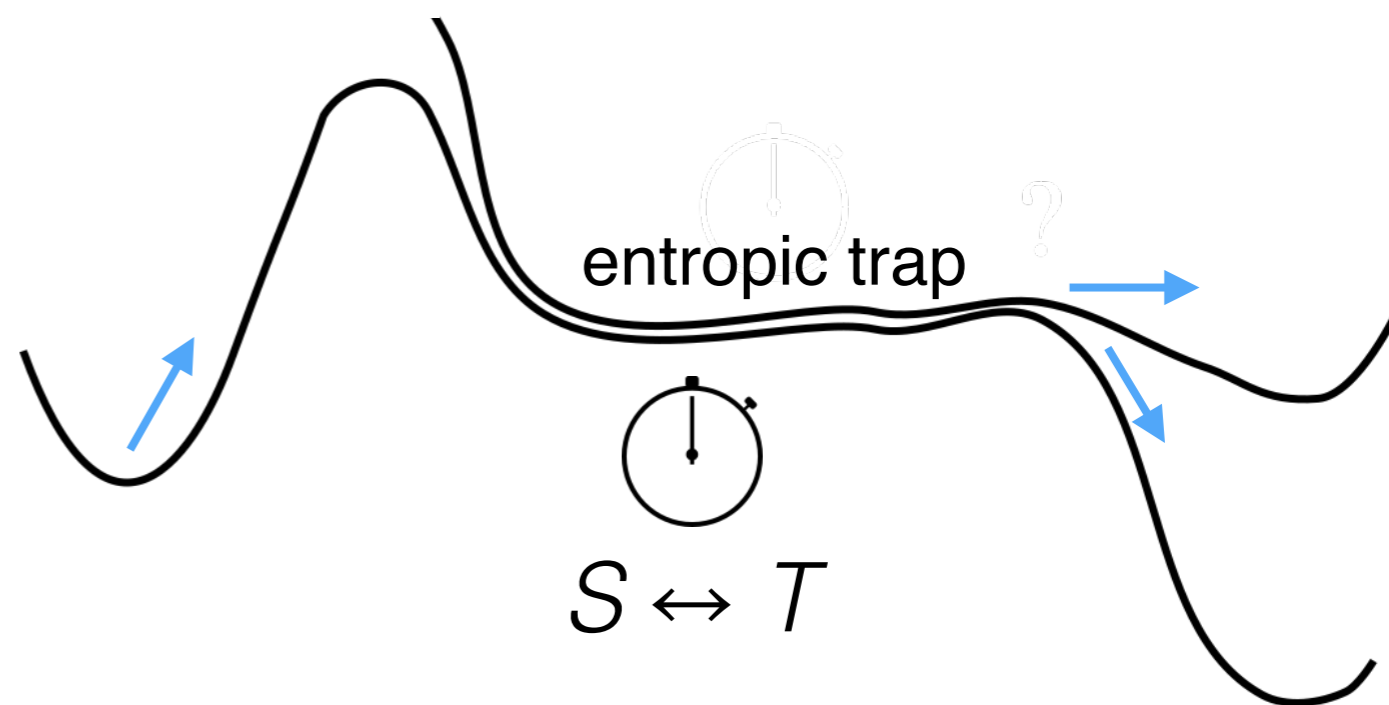
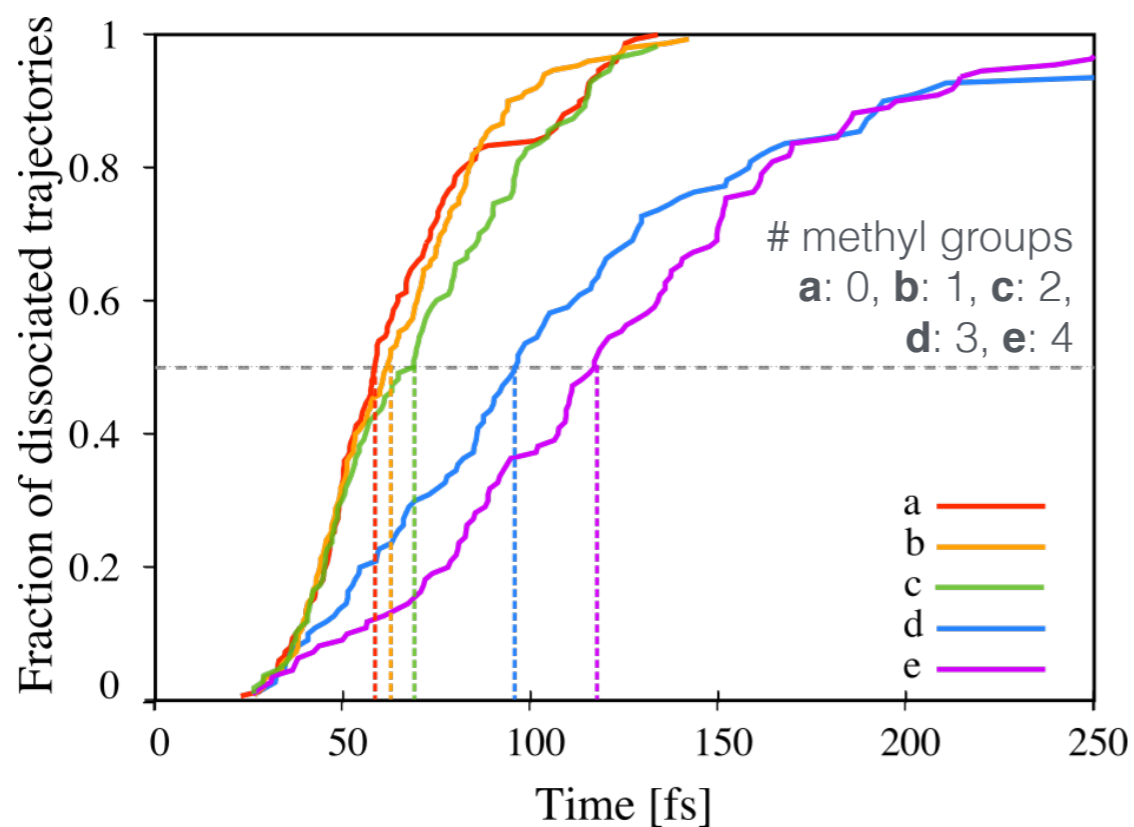


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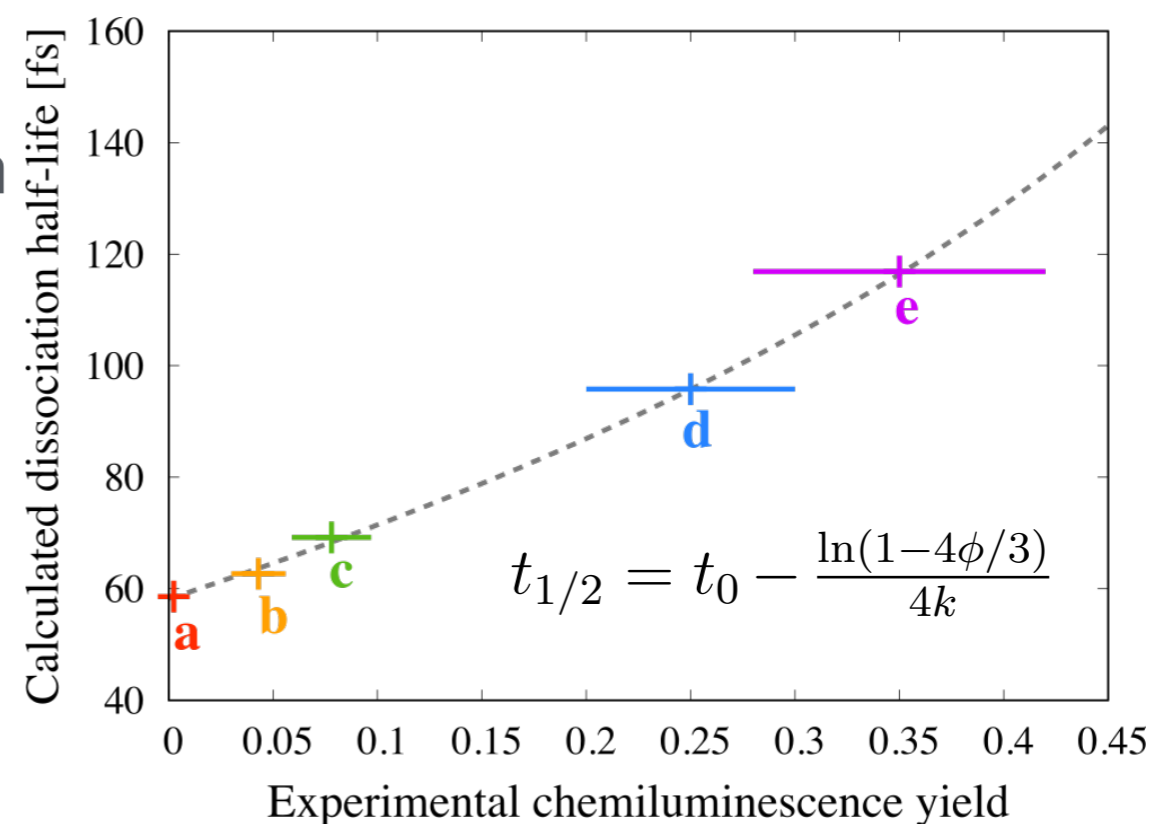


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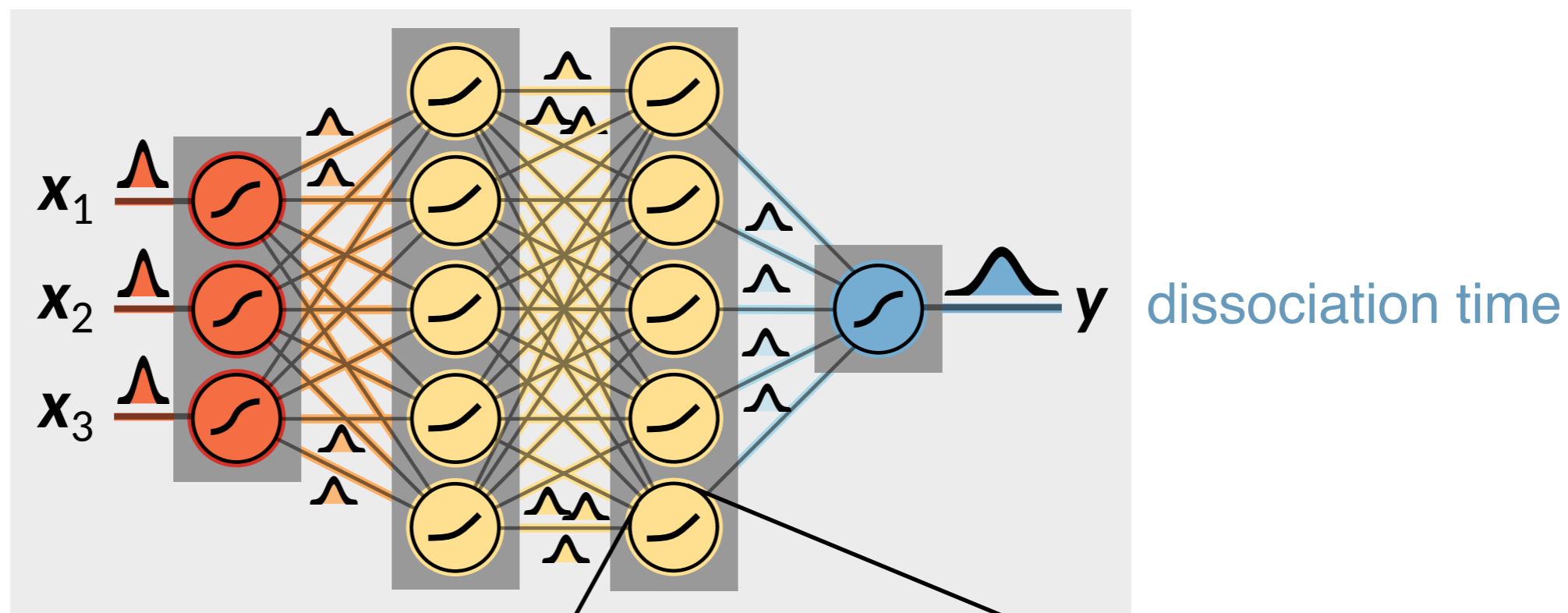


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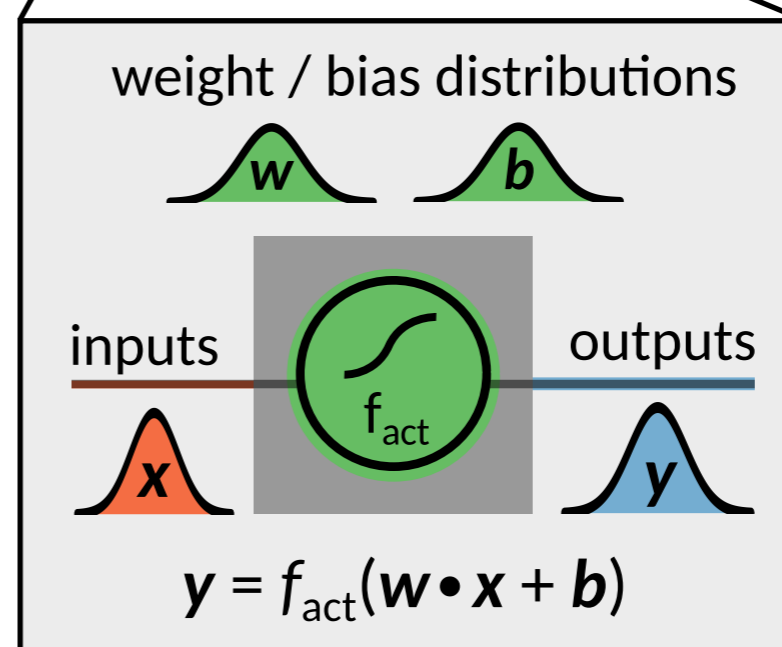
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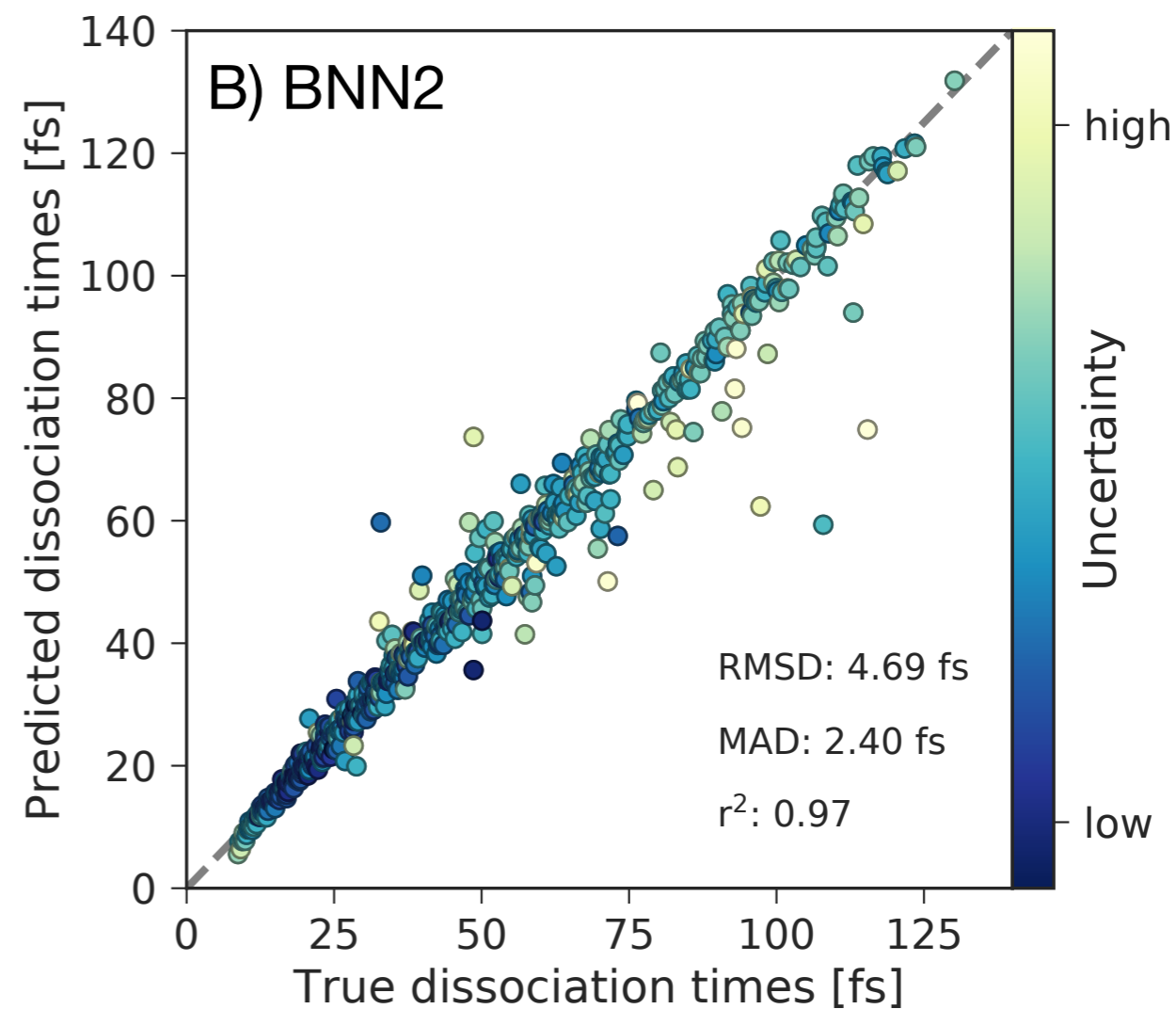
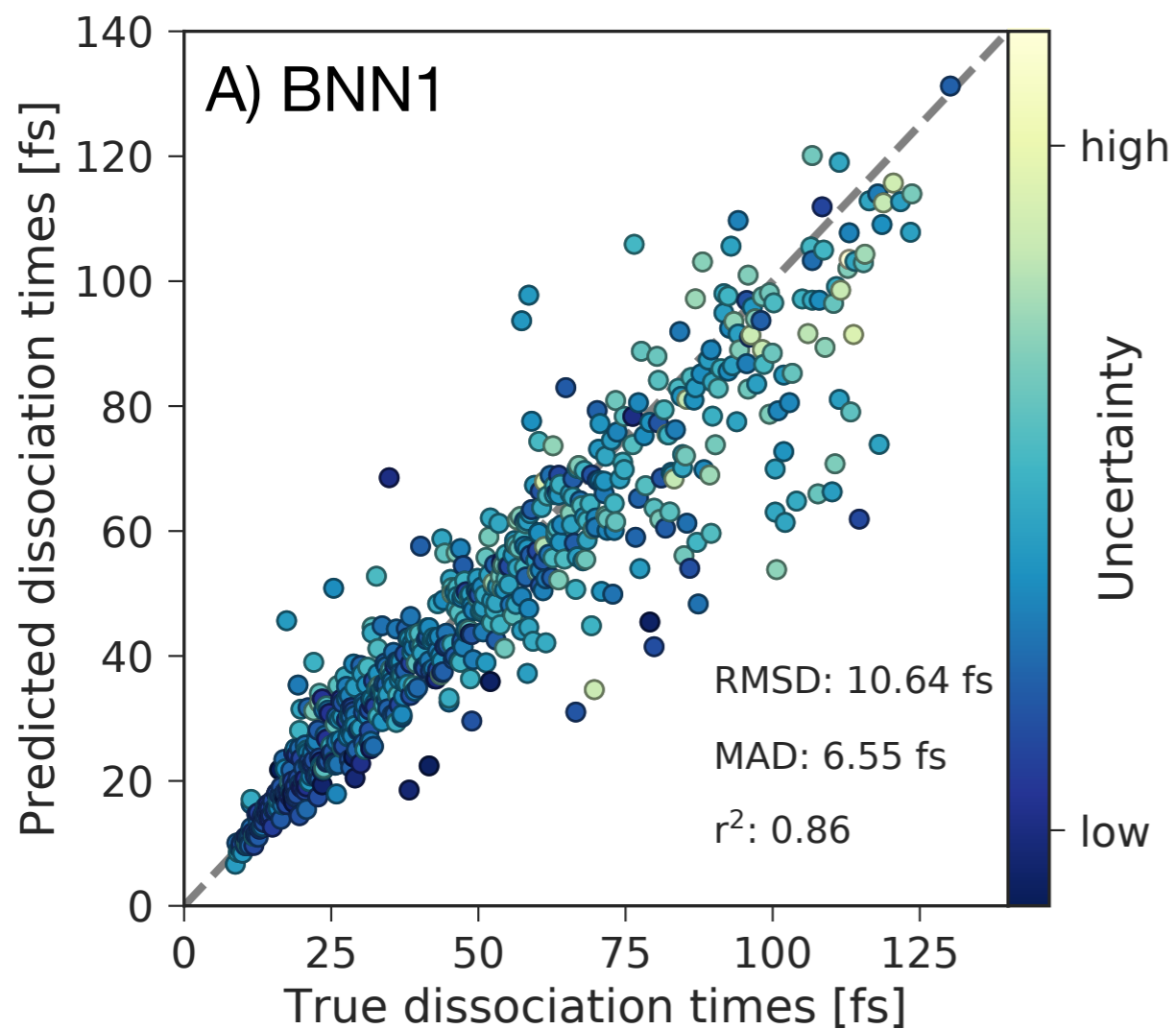
BNN2:  
+ nuclear  
velocities



4 layers of 130 neurons  
Activation function: Leaky ReLU

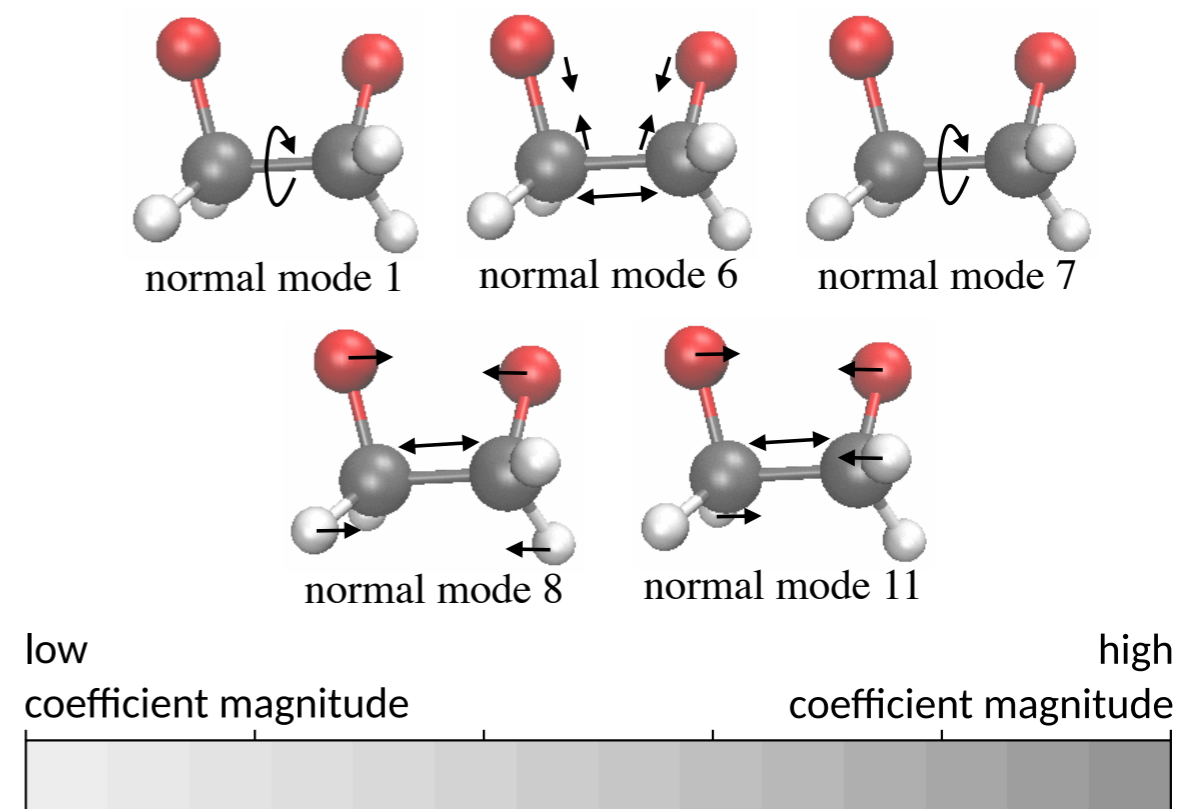
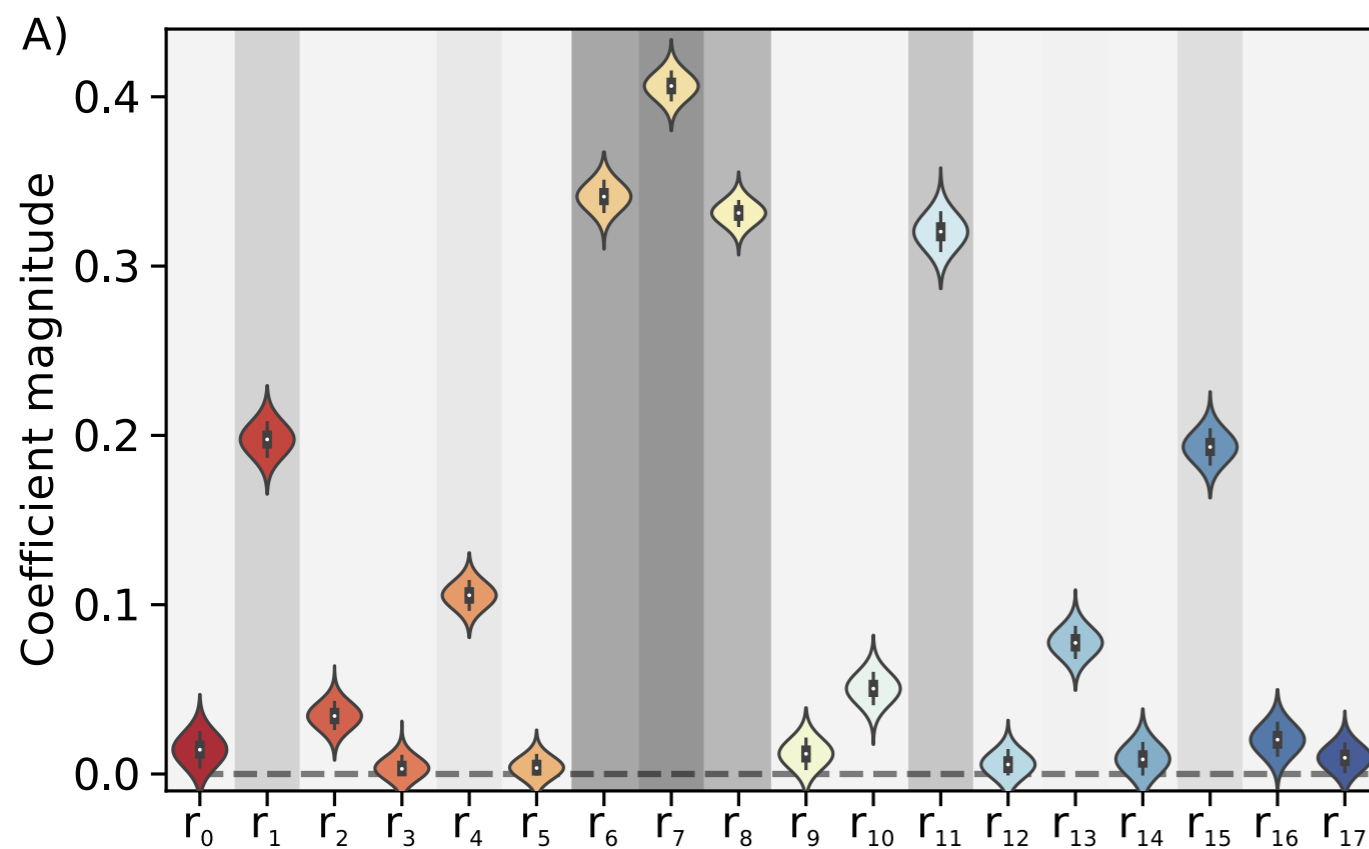


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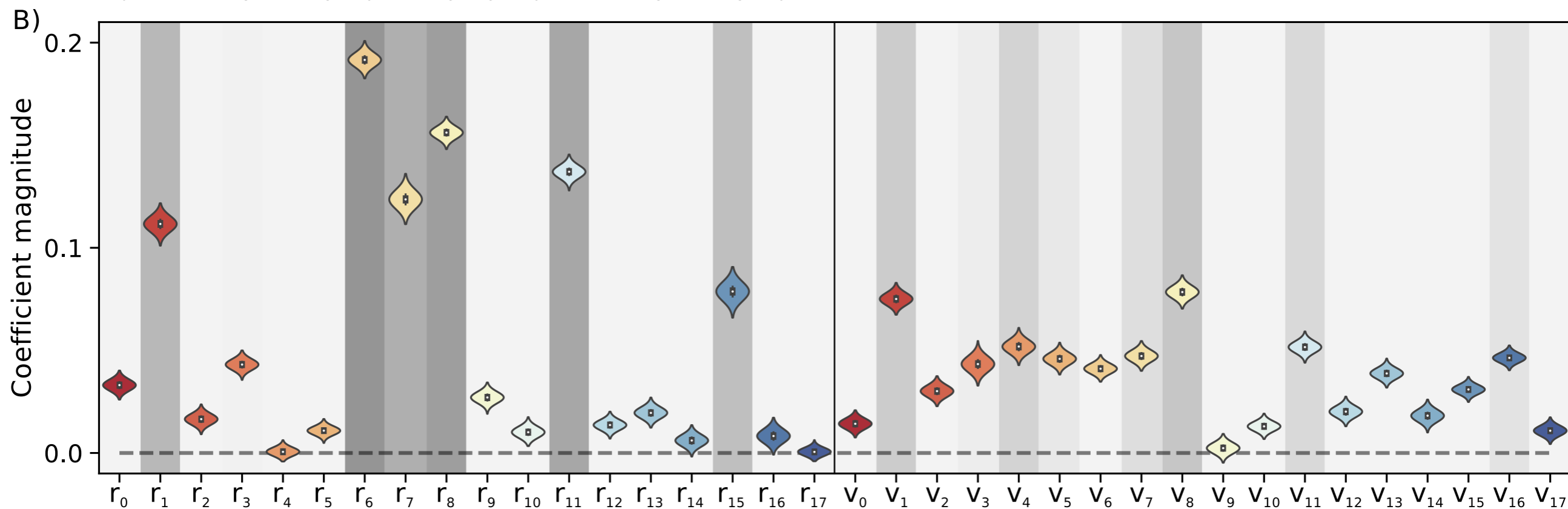
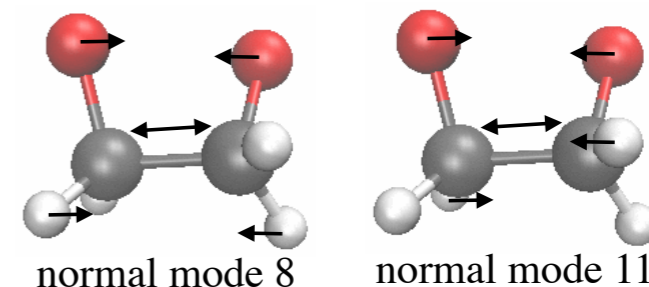
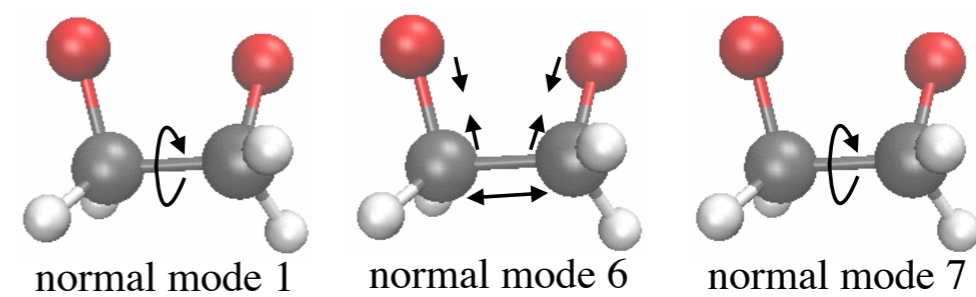
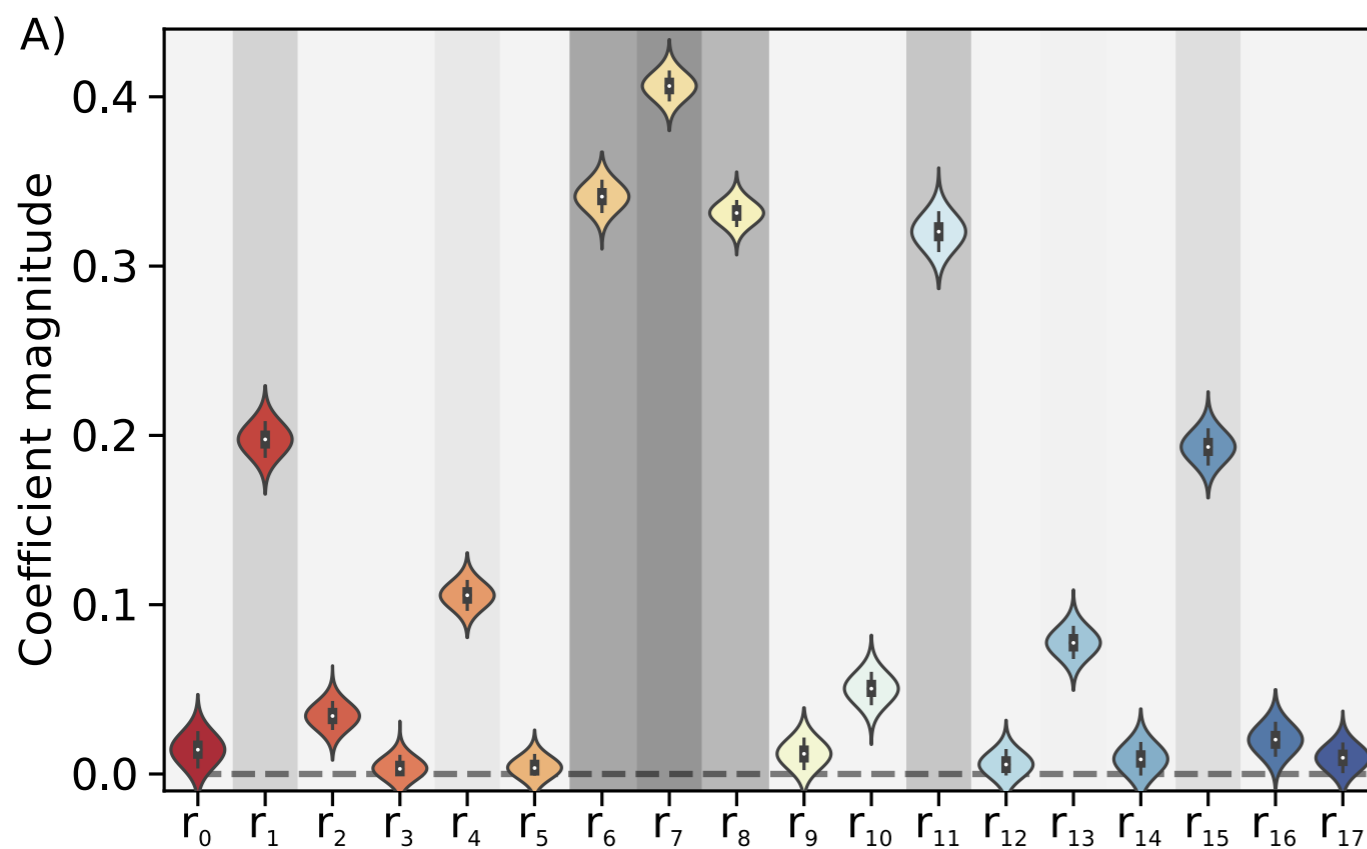


→ Accurate predictions of the dissociation times of 1,2-dioxetane

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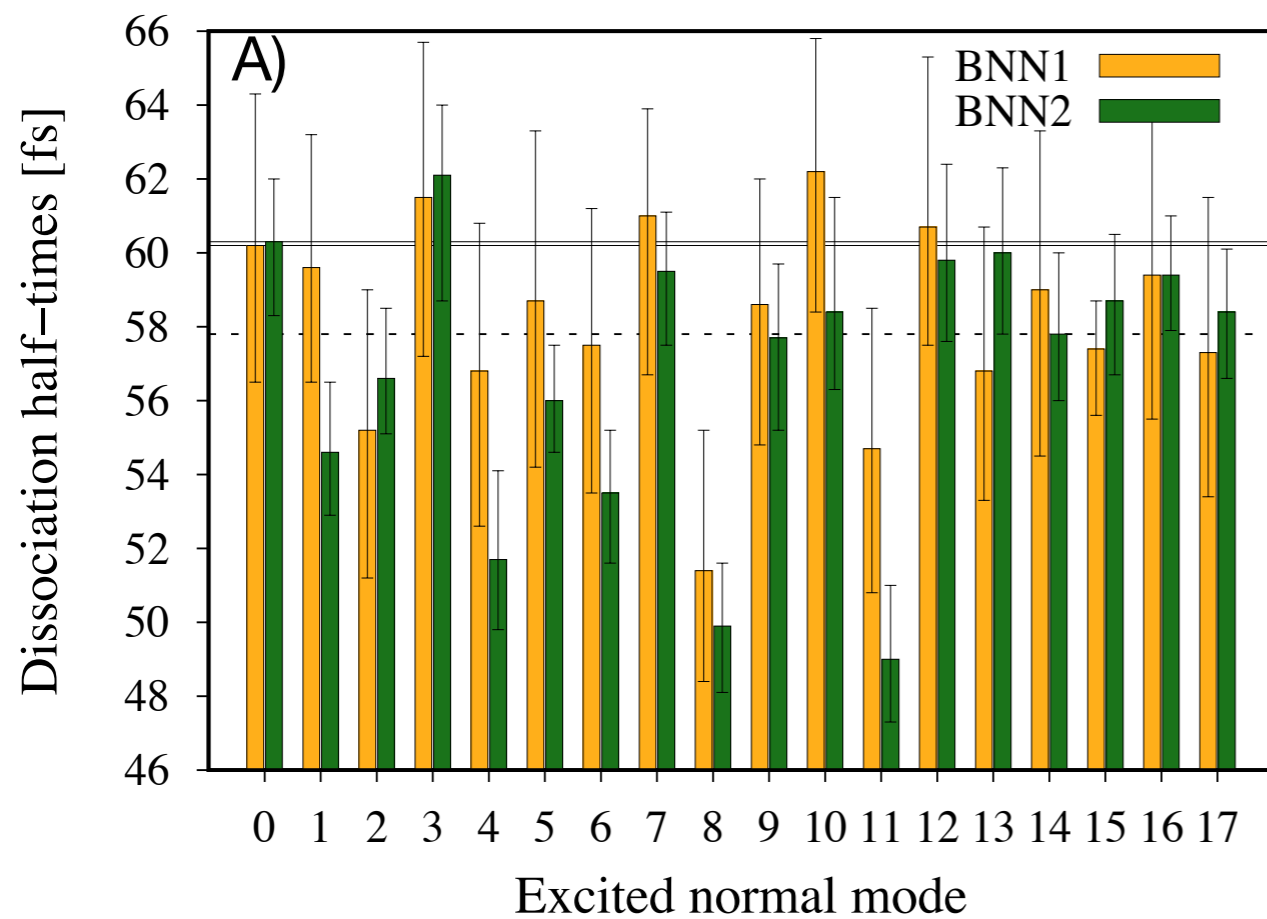


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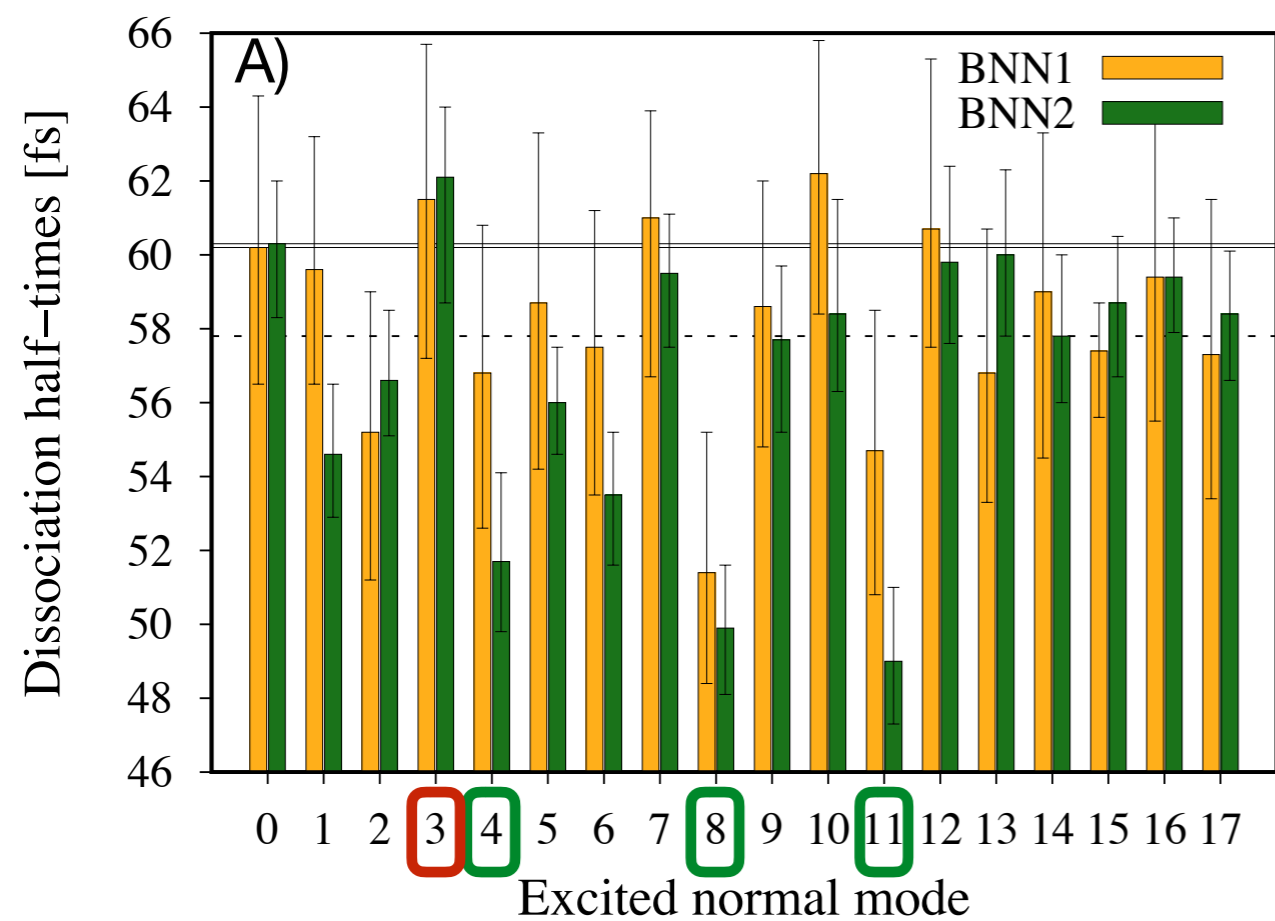
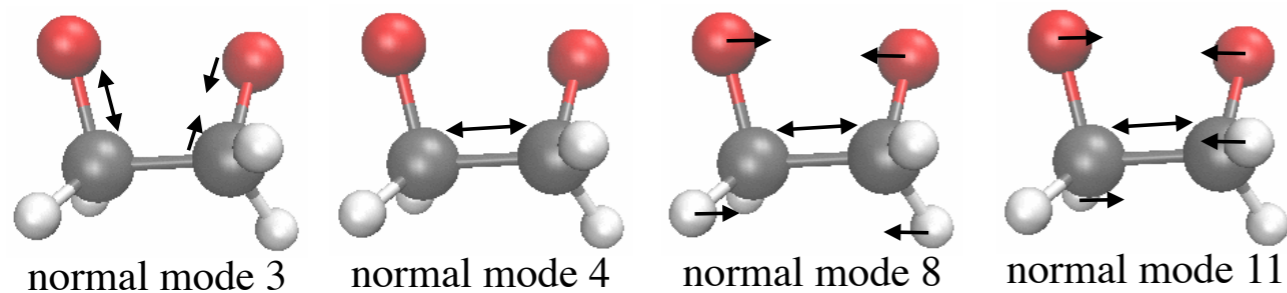
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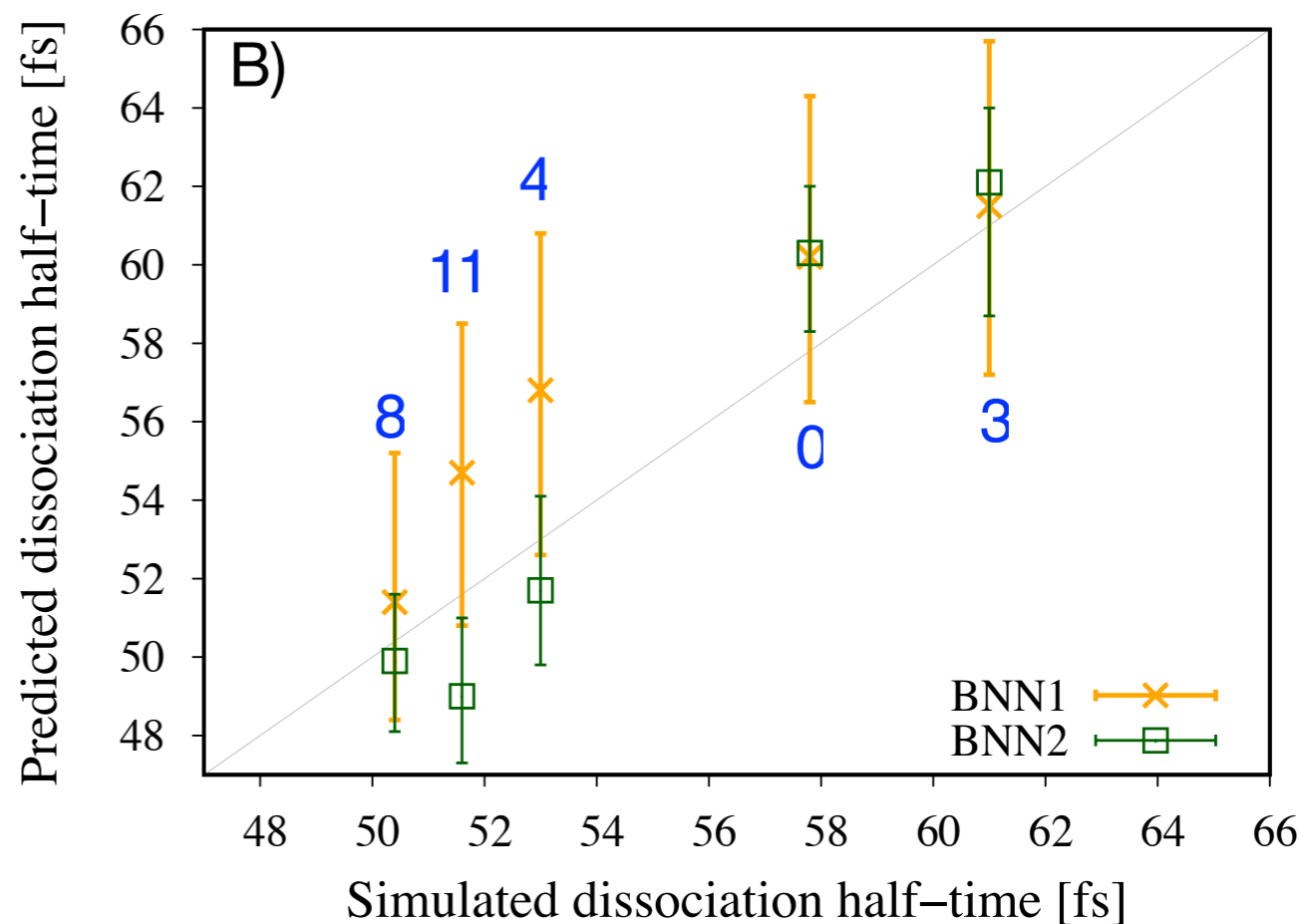
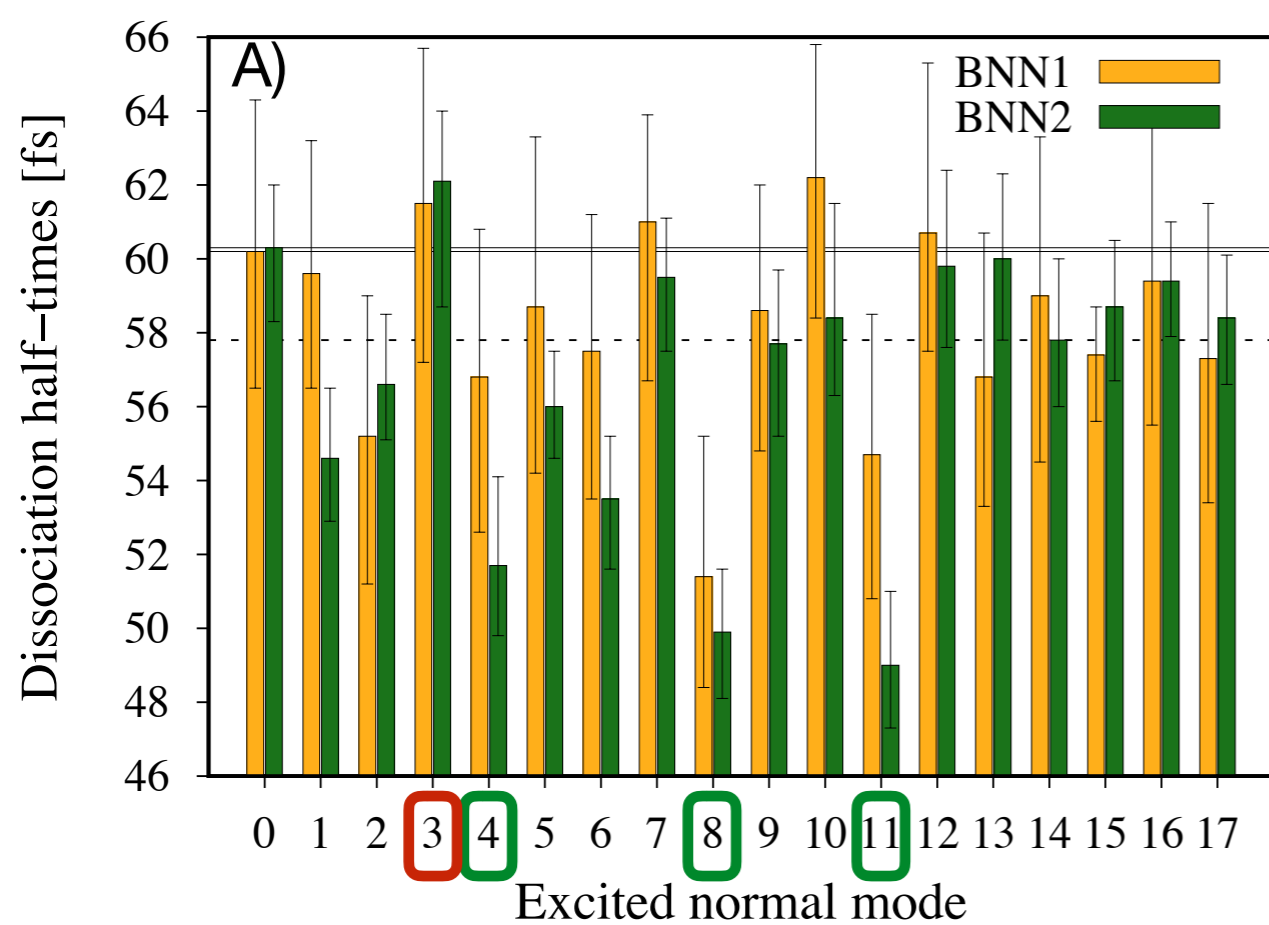
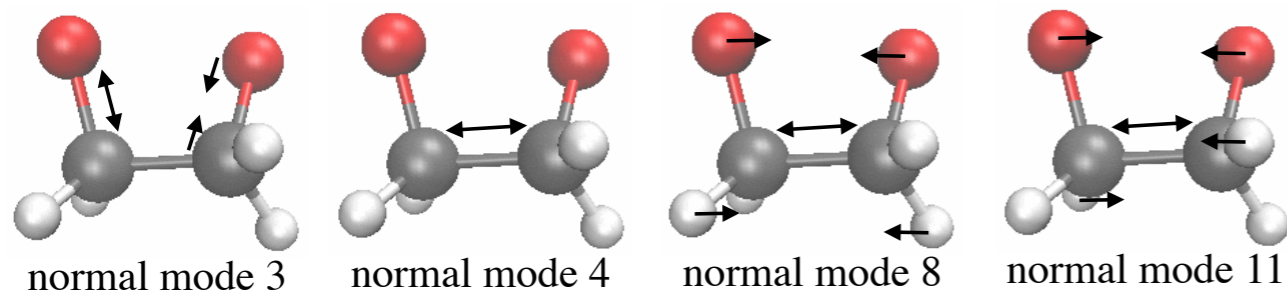
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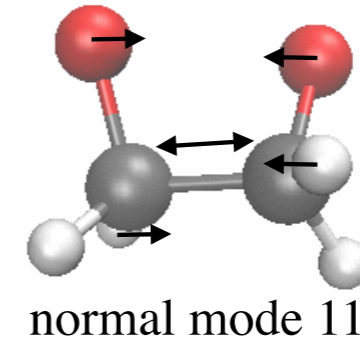
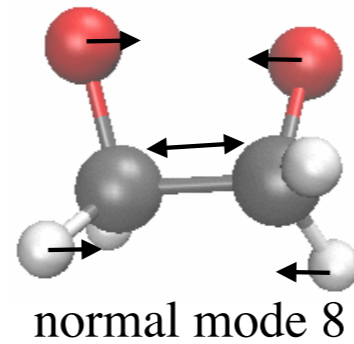
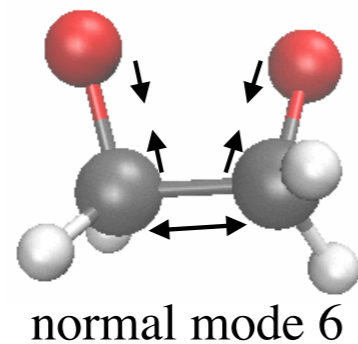
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# Interpretation of the trained BNN

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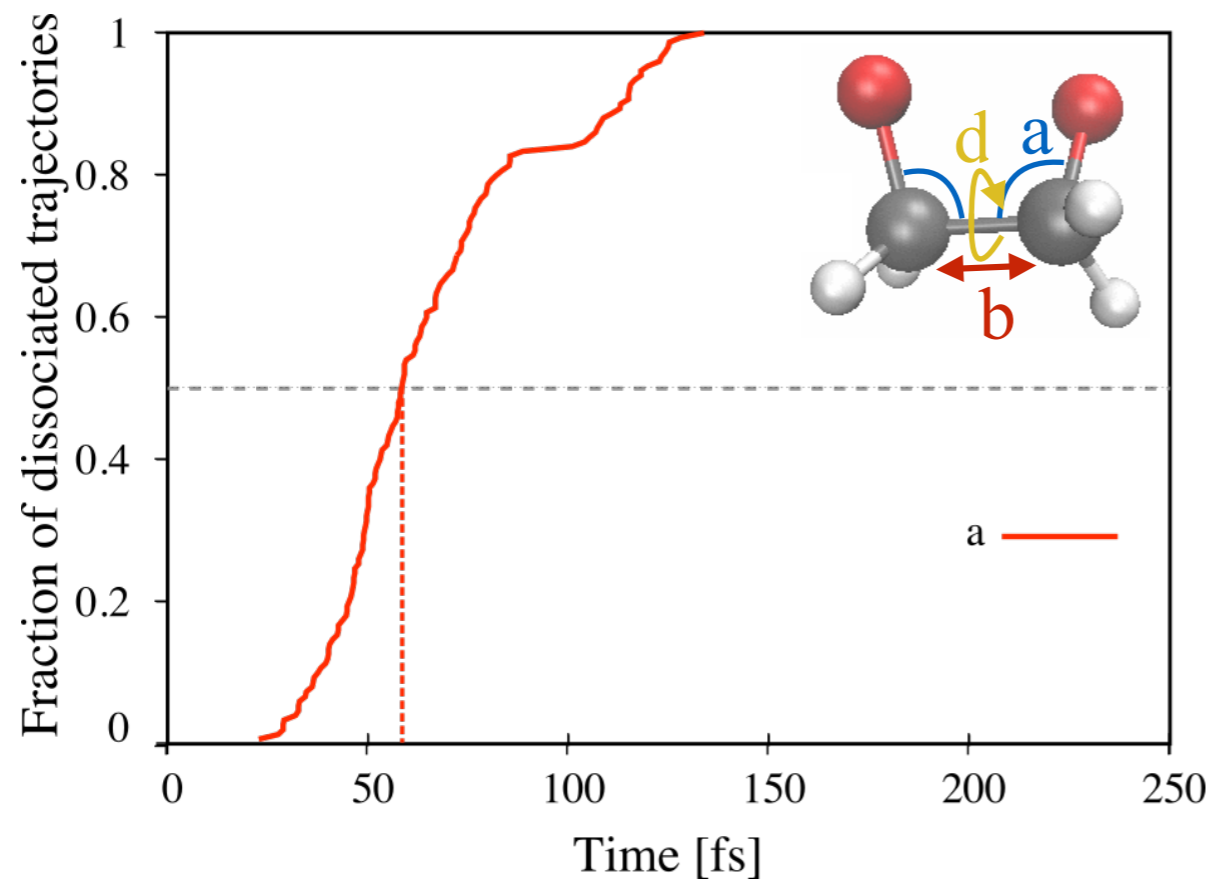


... related to empirical rules known today as:

- octet rule
- relation between bond order and bond length
- orbital hybridisation / valence shell electron pair repulsion (VSEPR) model

This is chemistry !

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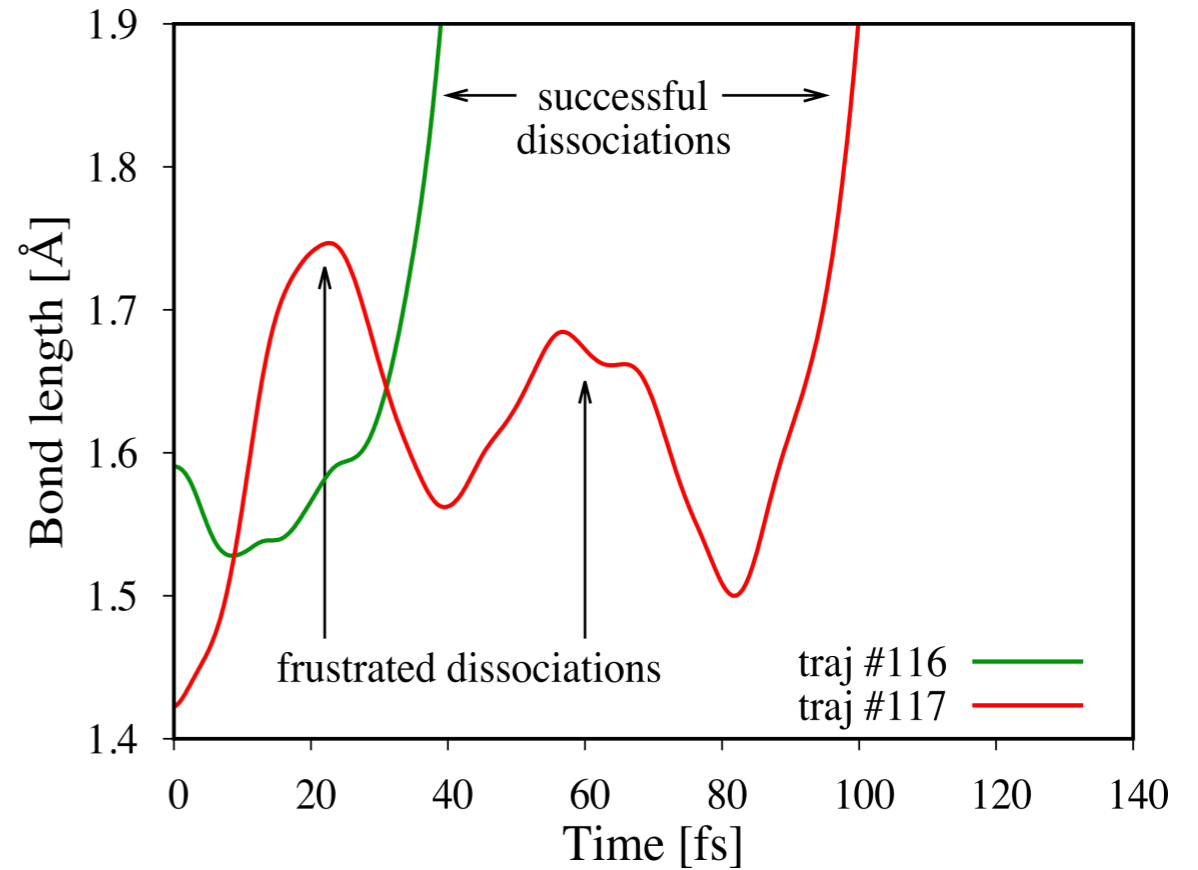
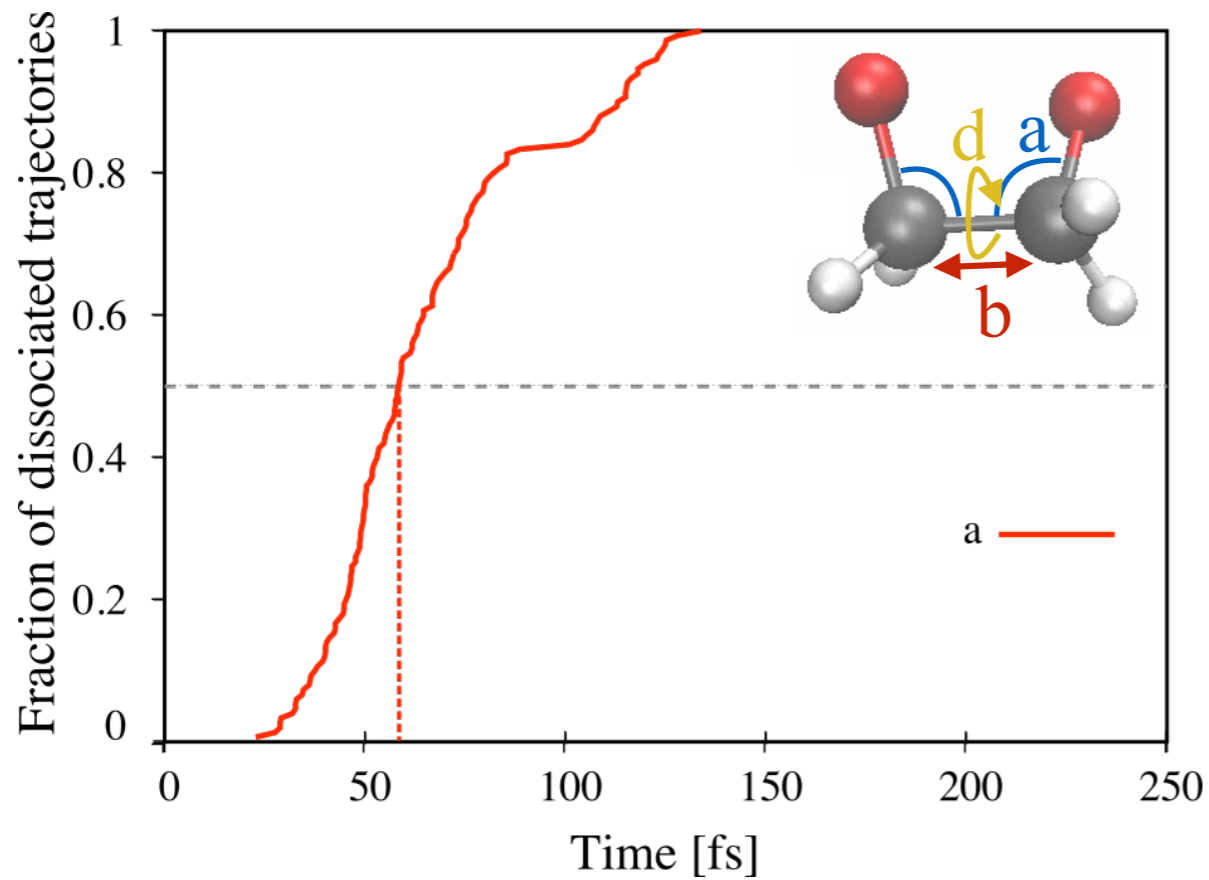


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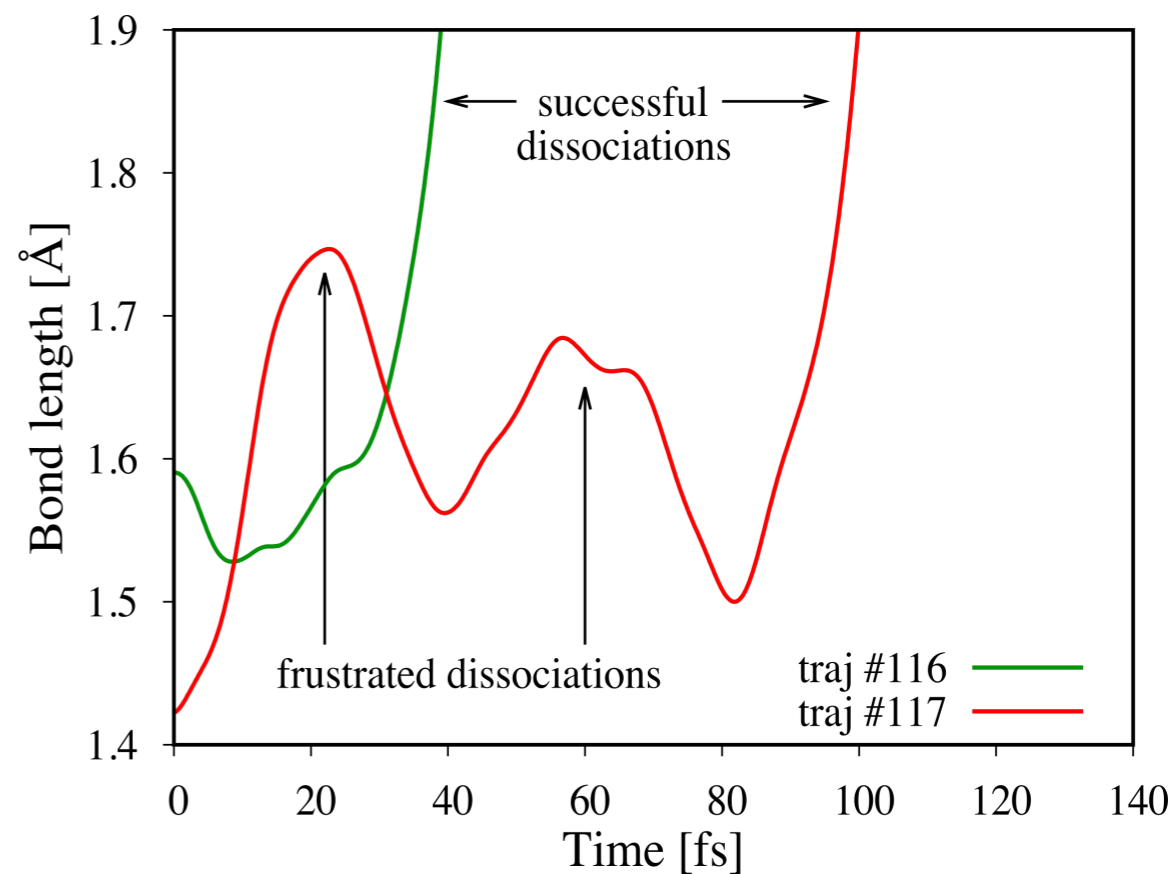
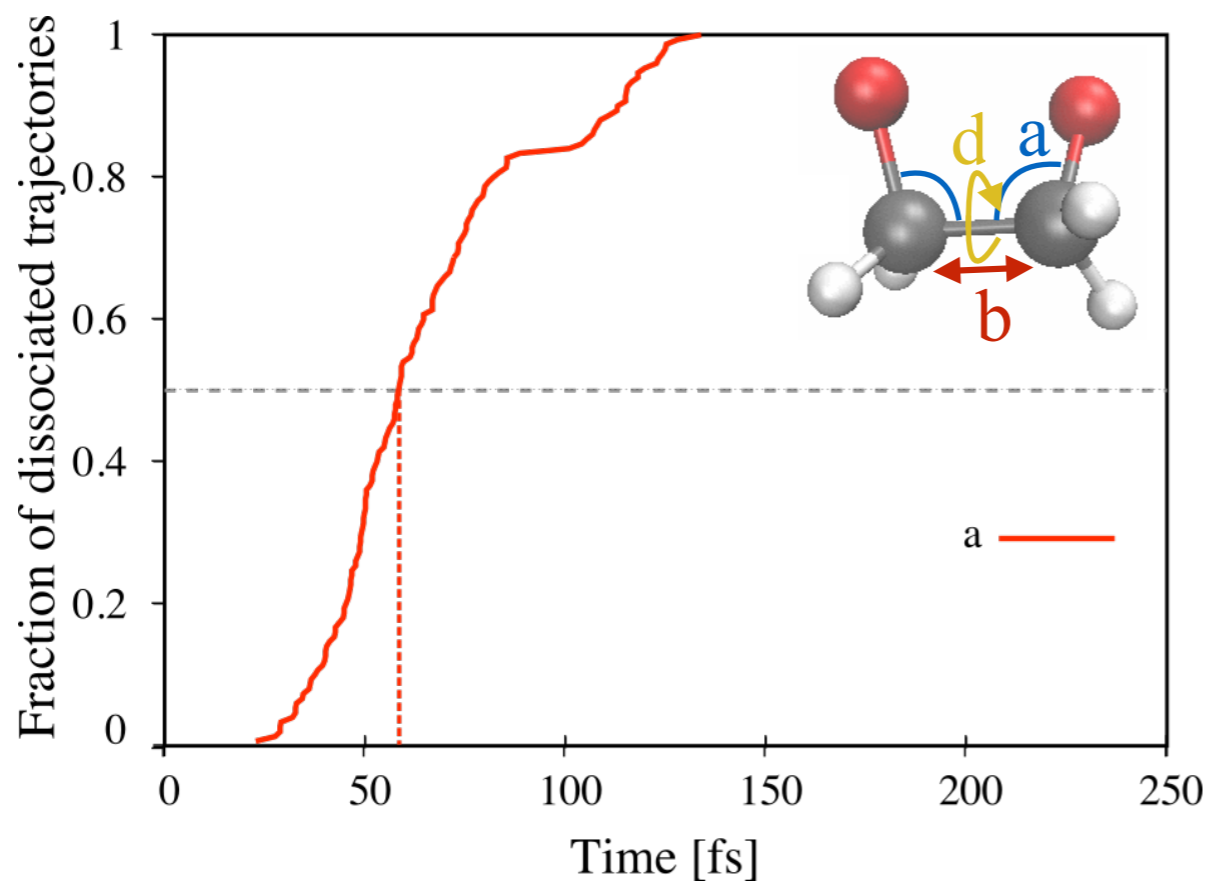
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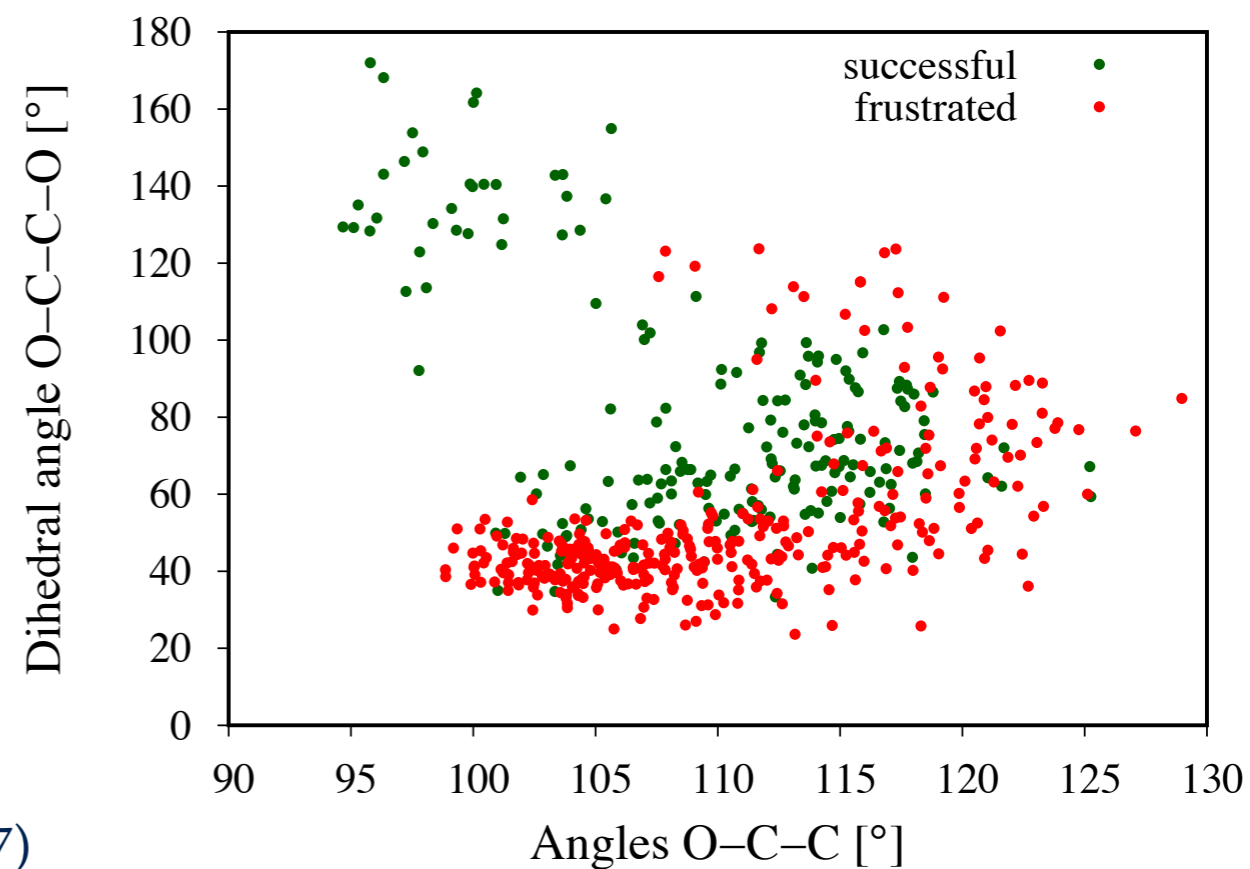


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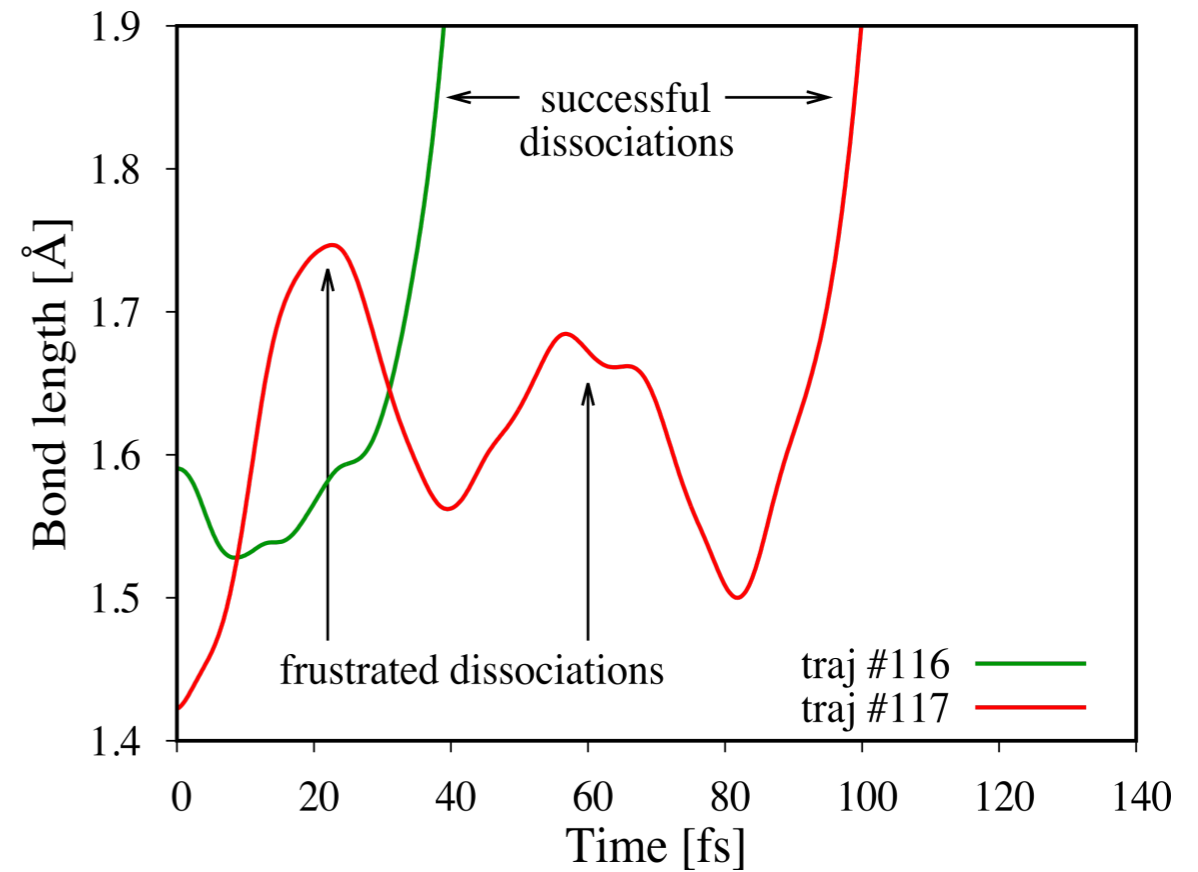
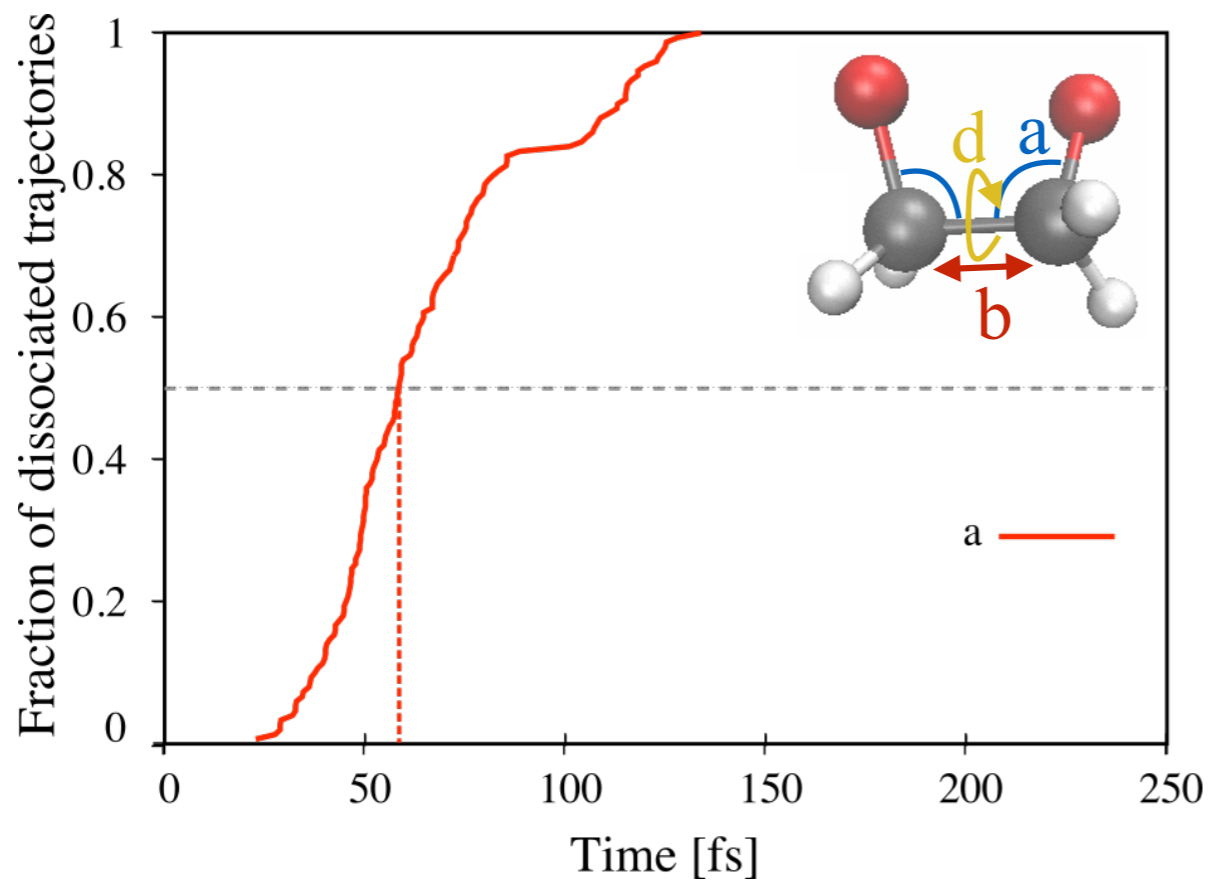
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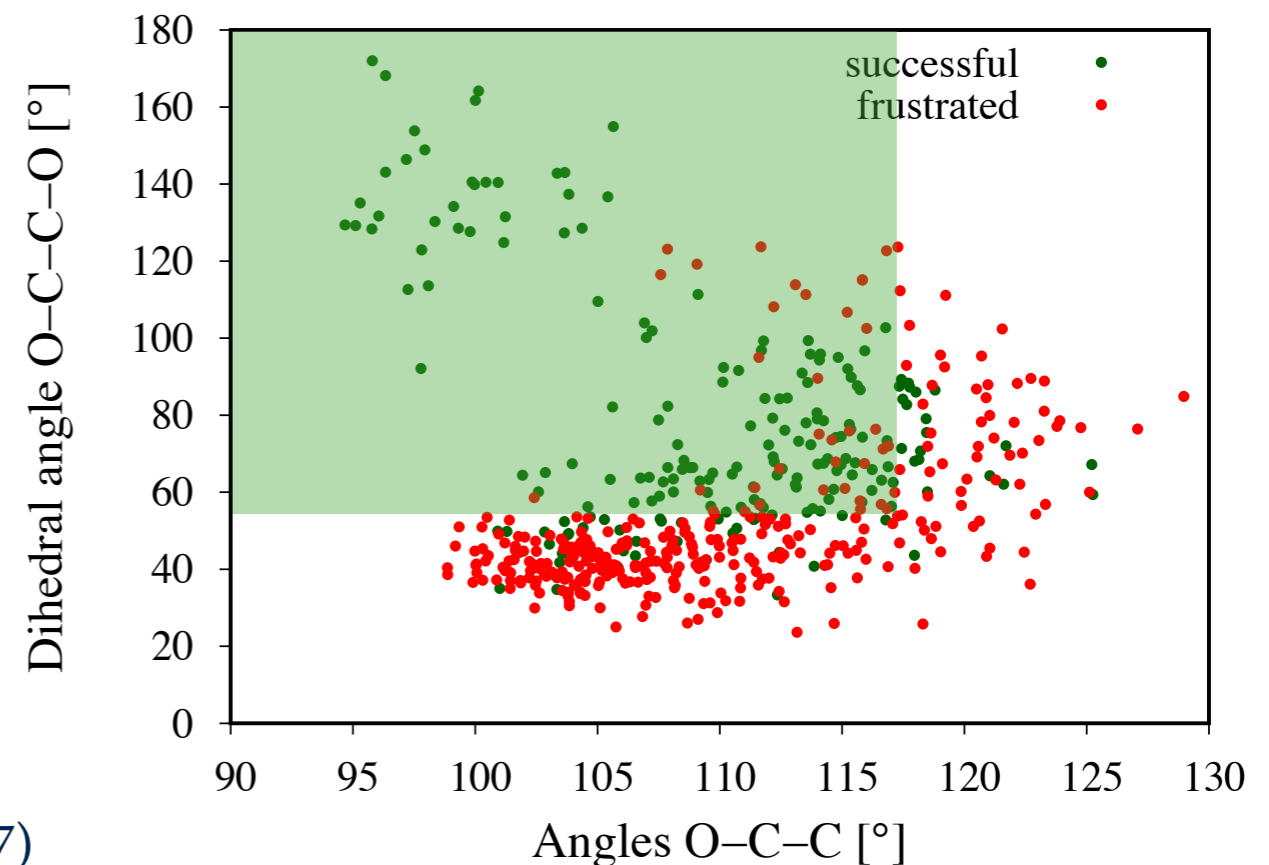


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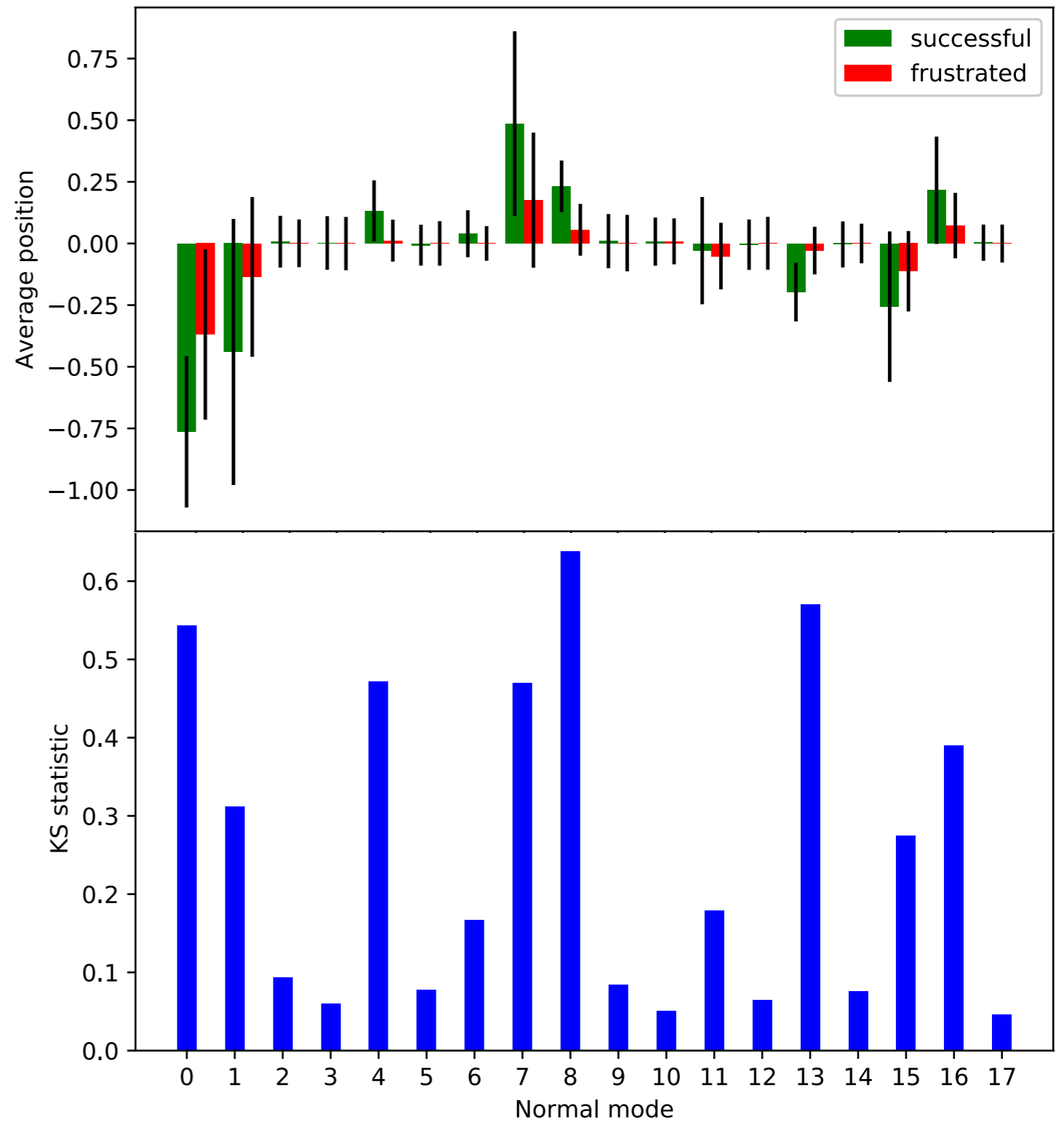
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O-C-C-O dihedral  $> 55^\circ$

O-C-C angle  $< 117^\circ$

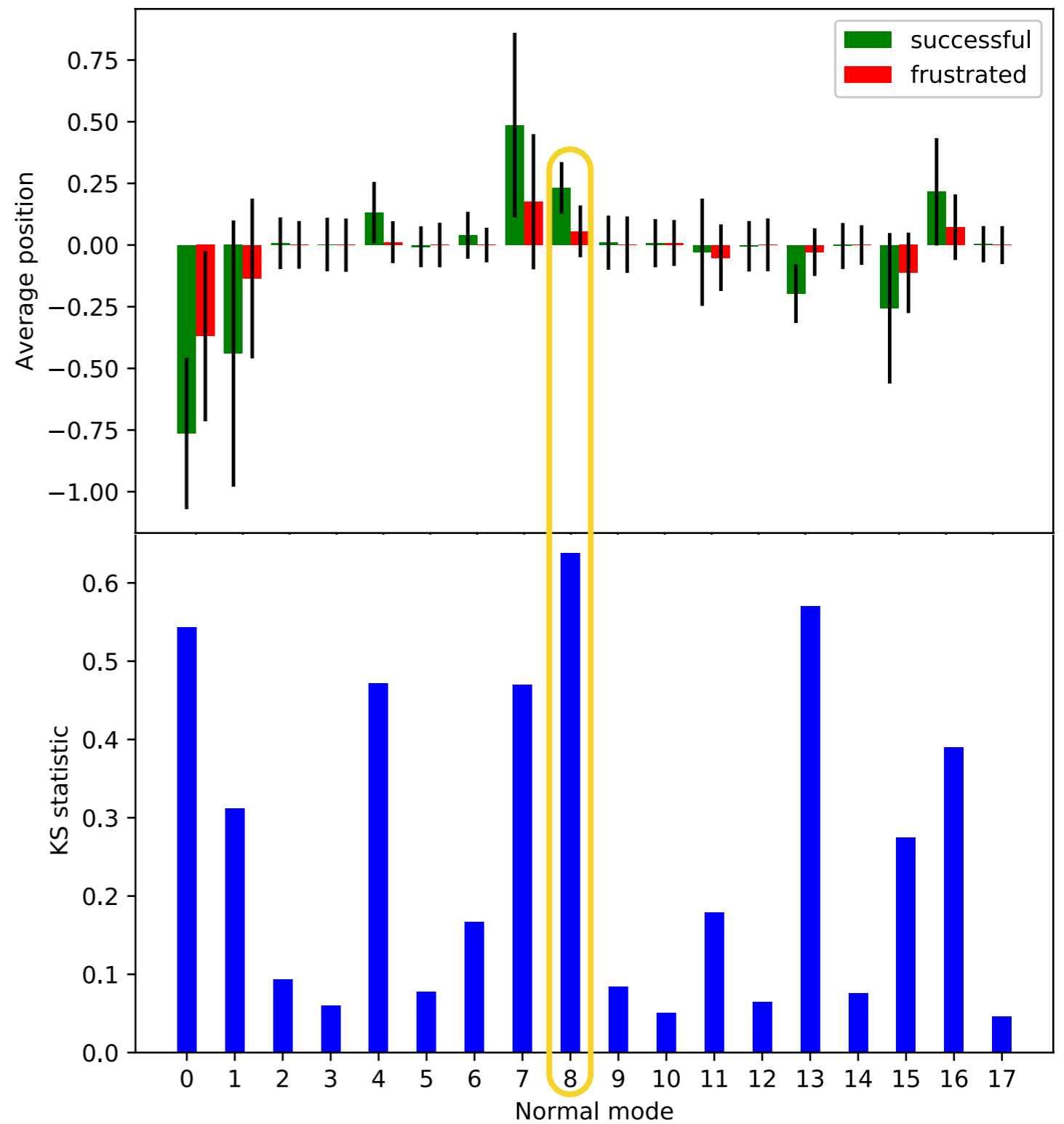
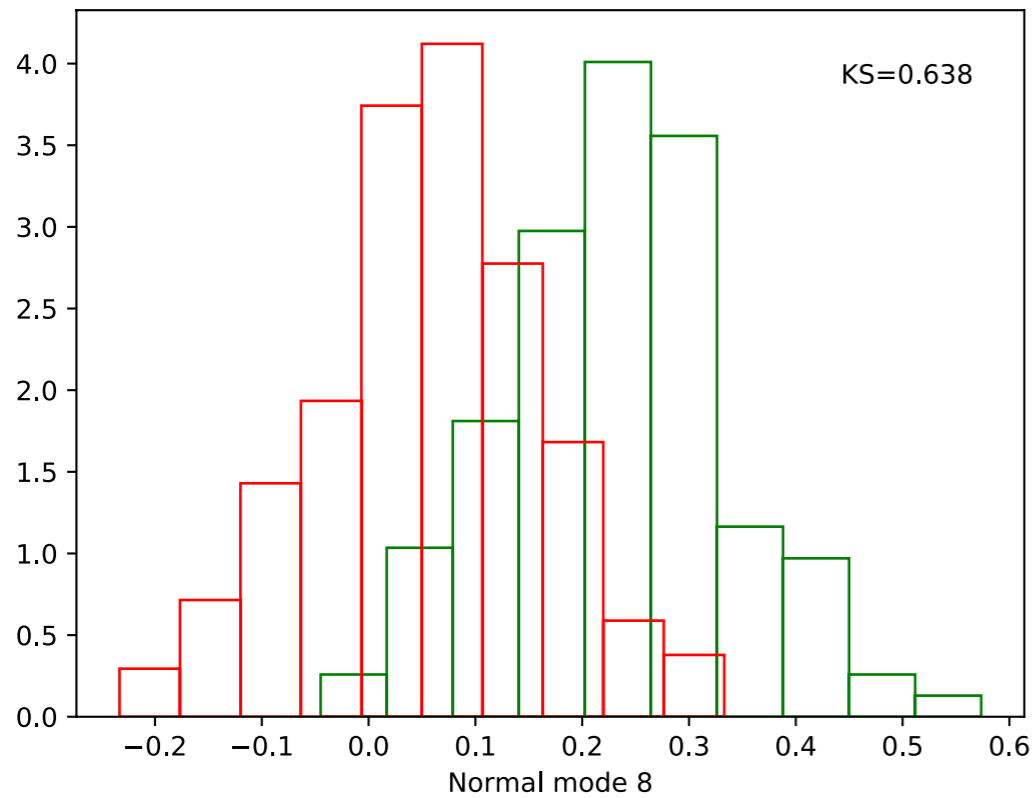


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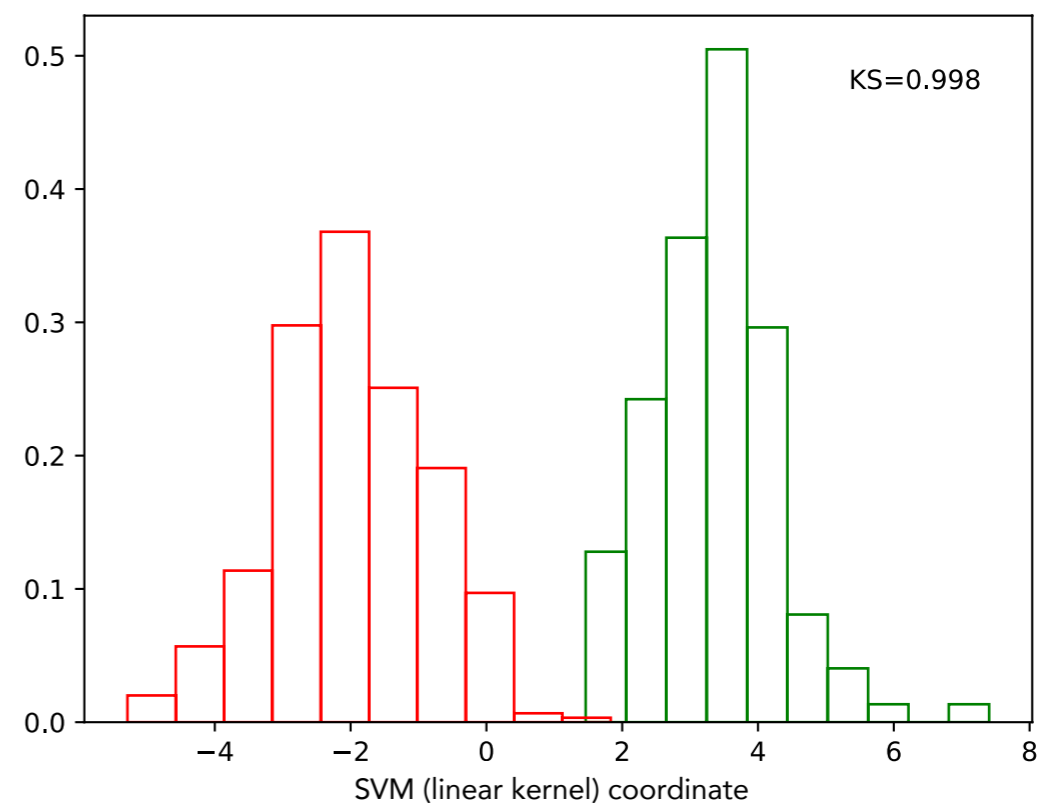
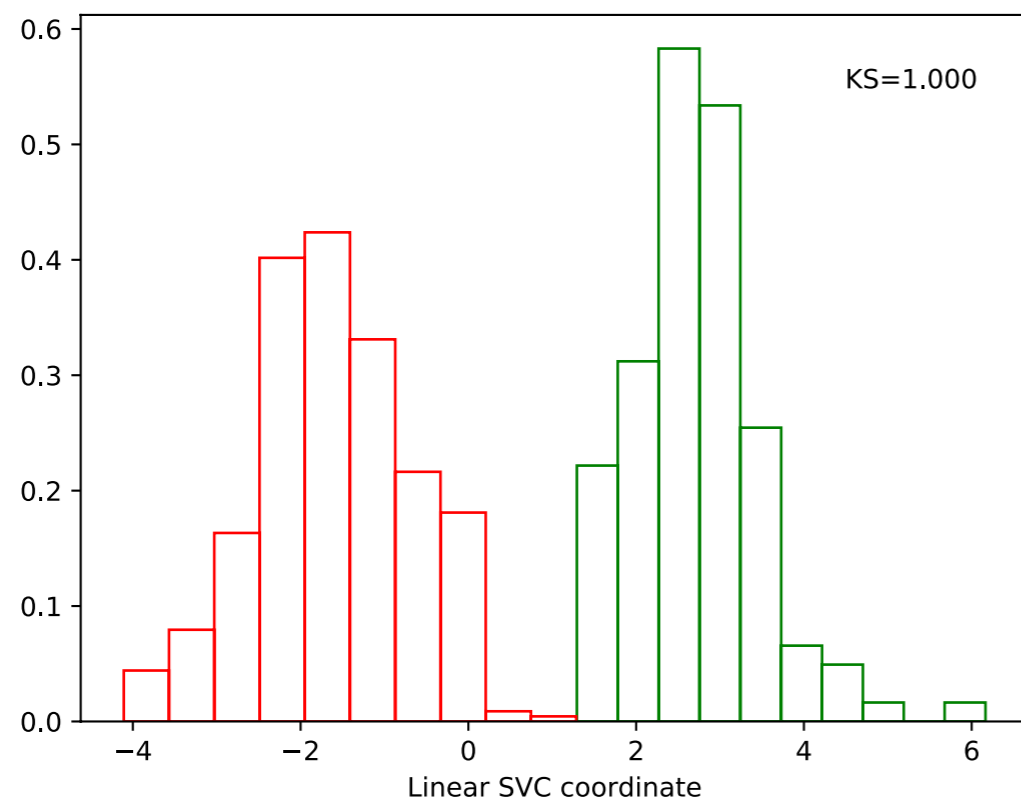
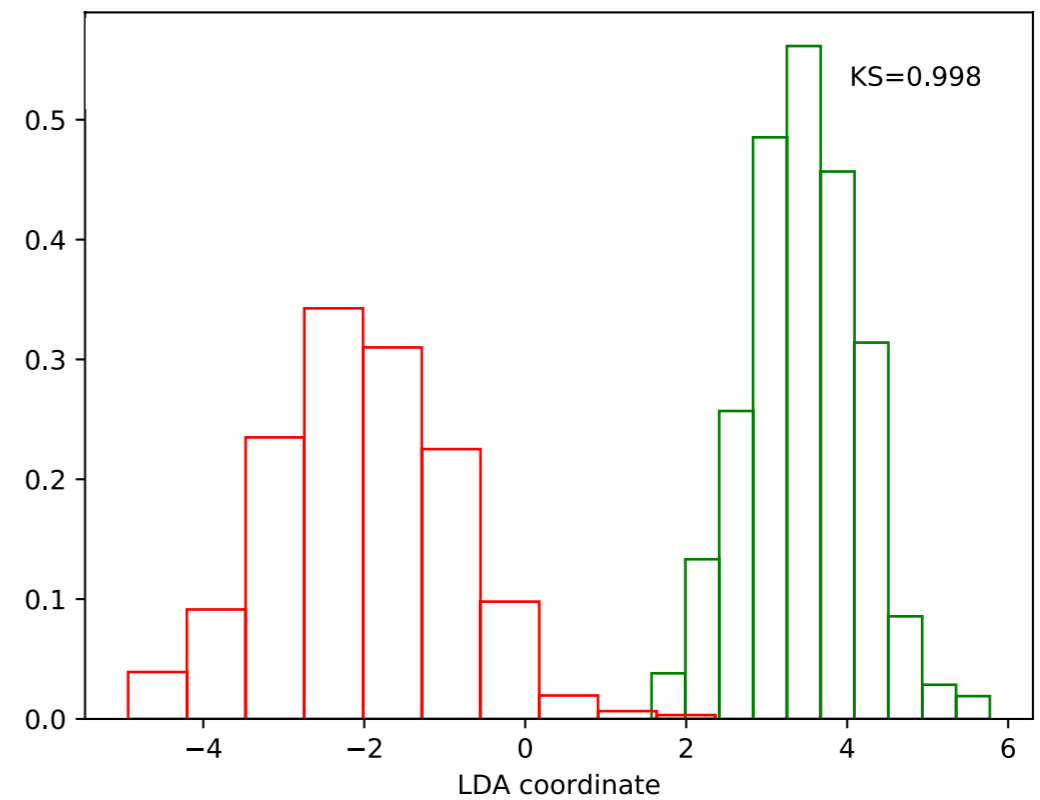
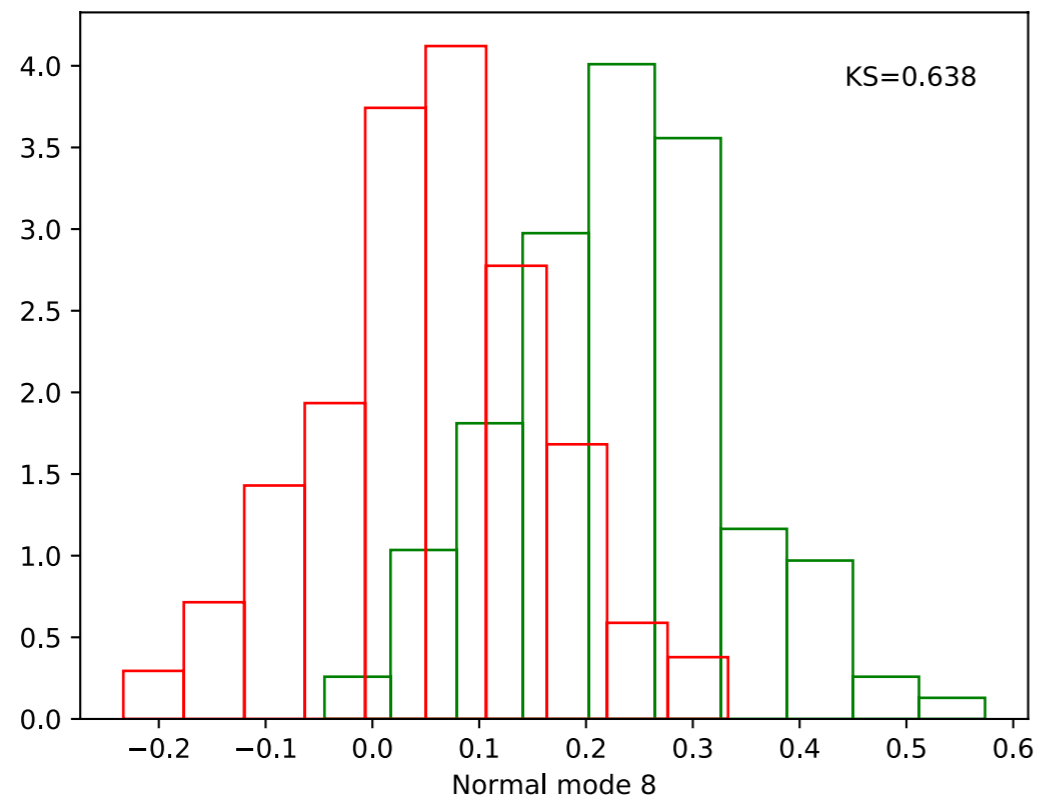




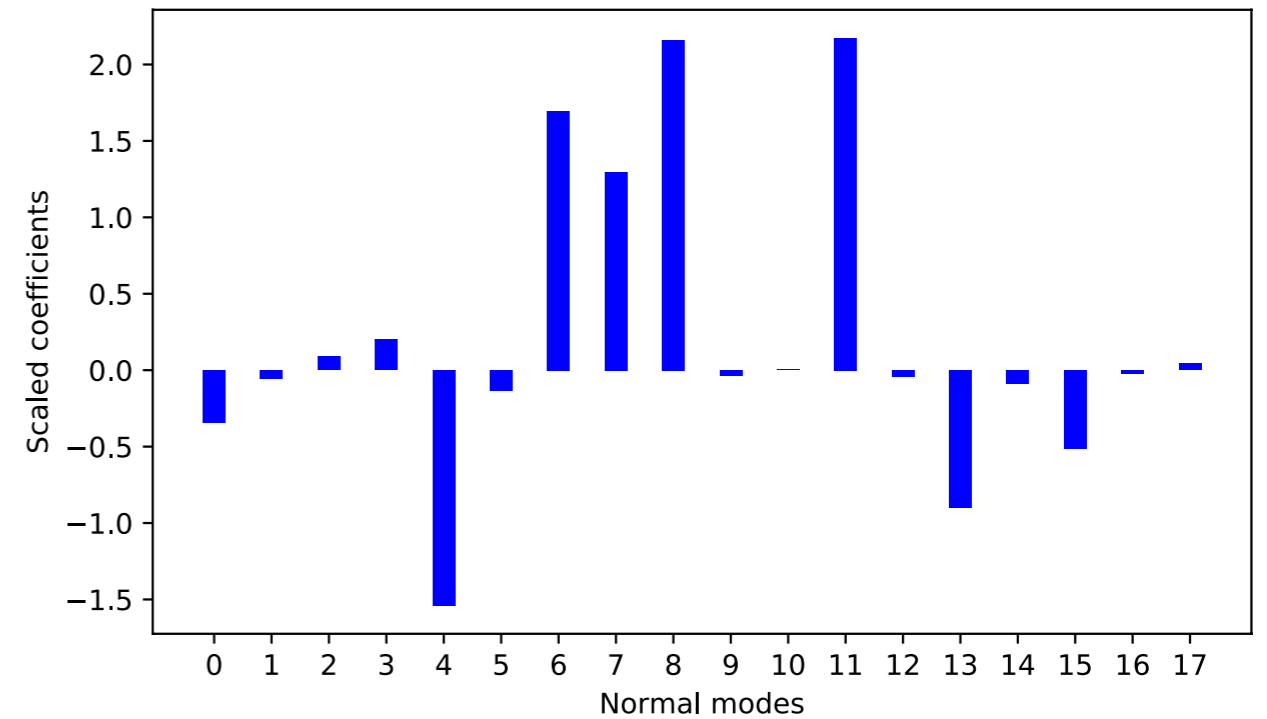
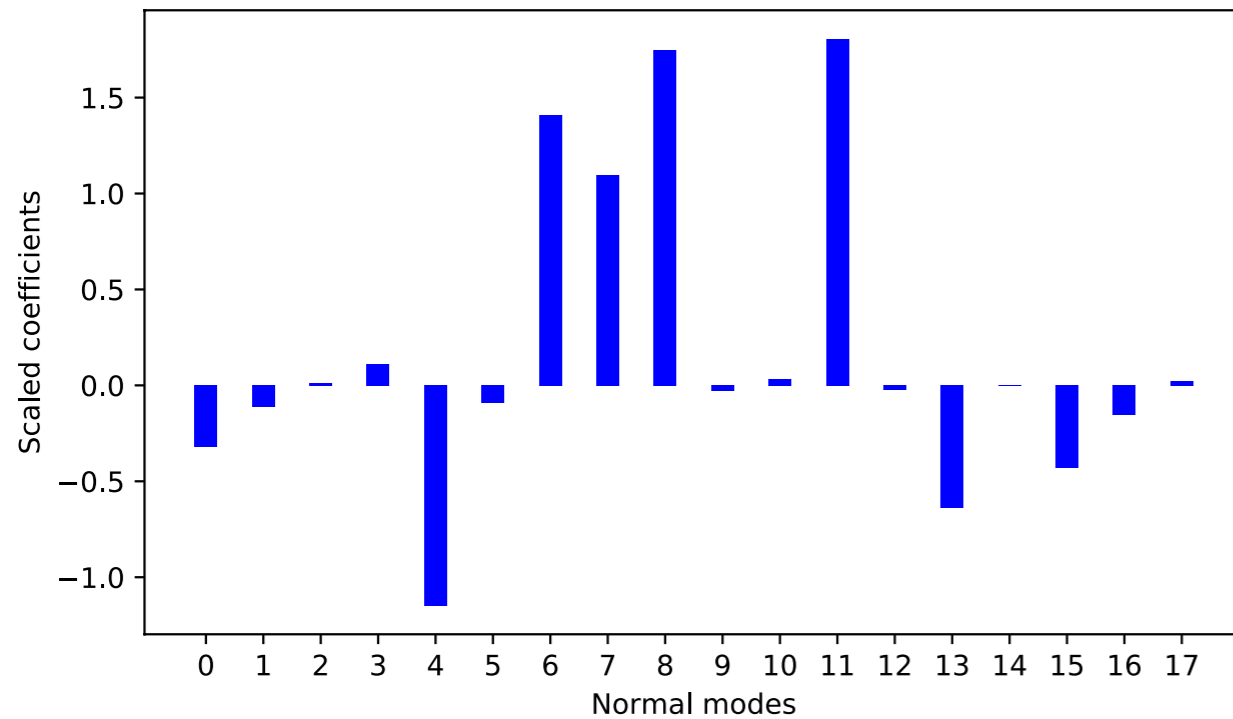
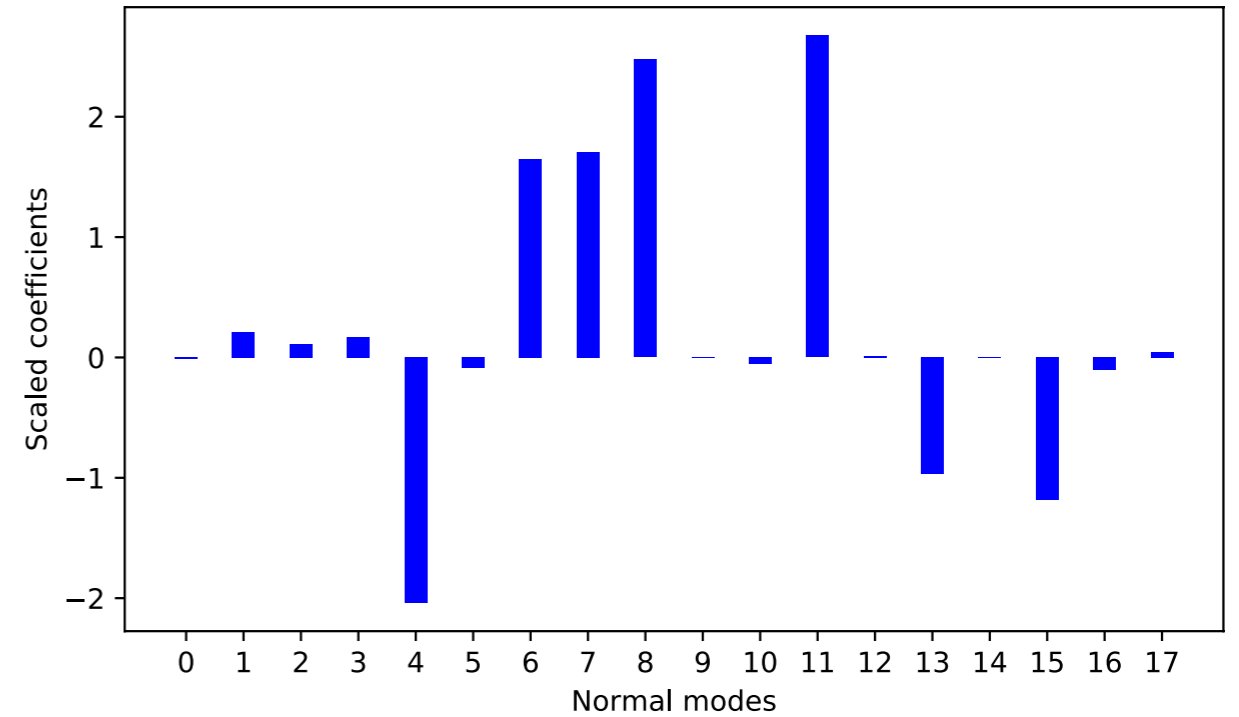
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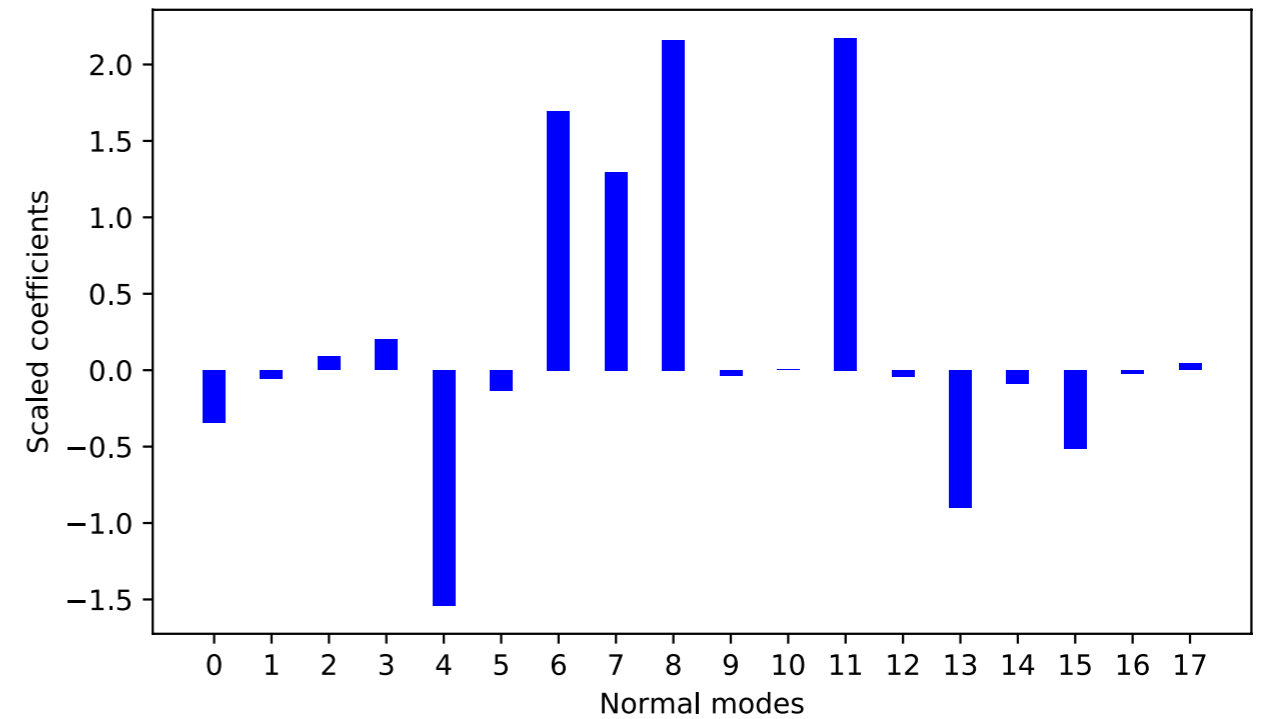
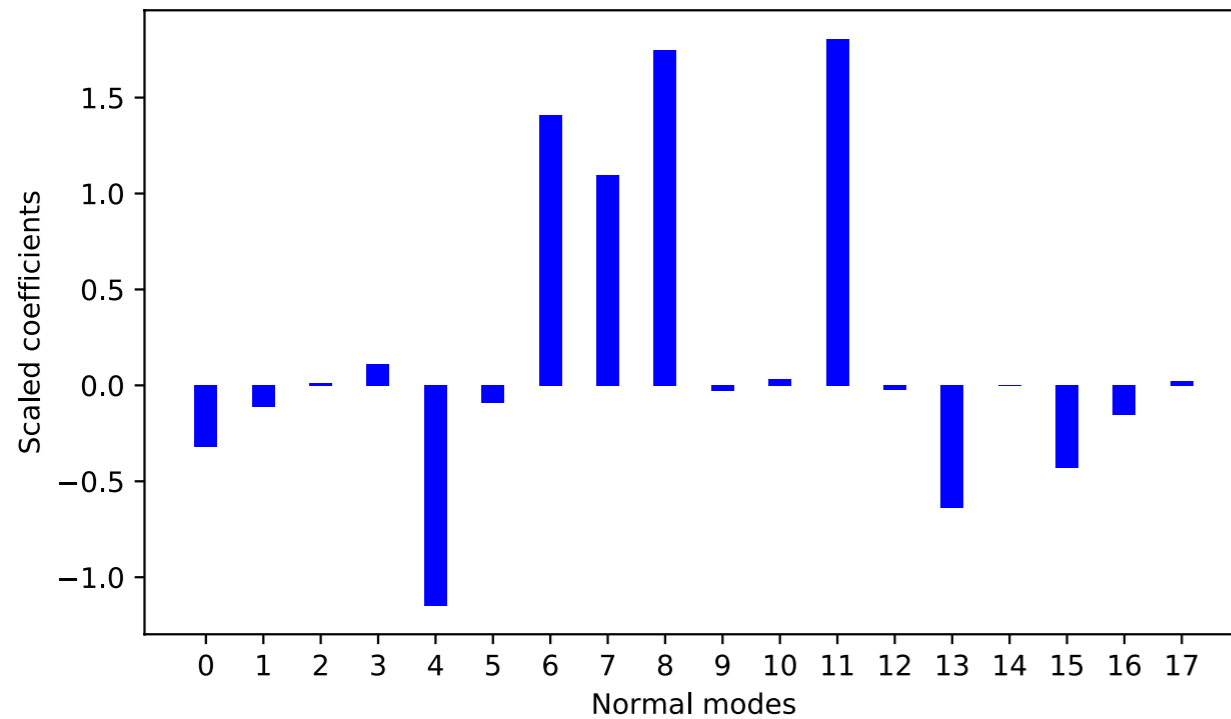
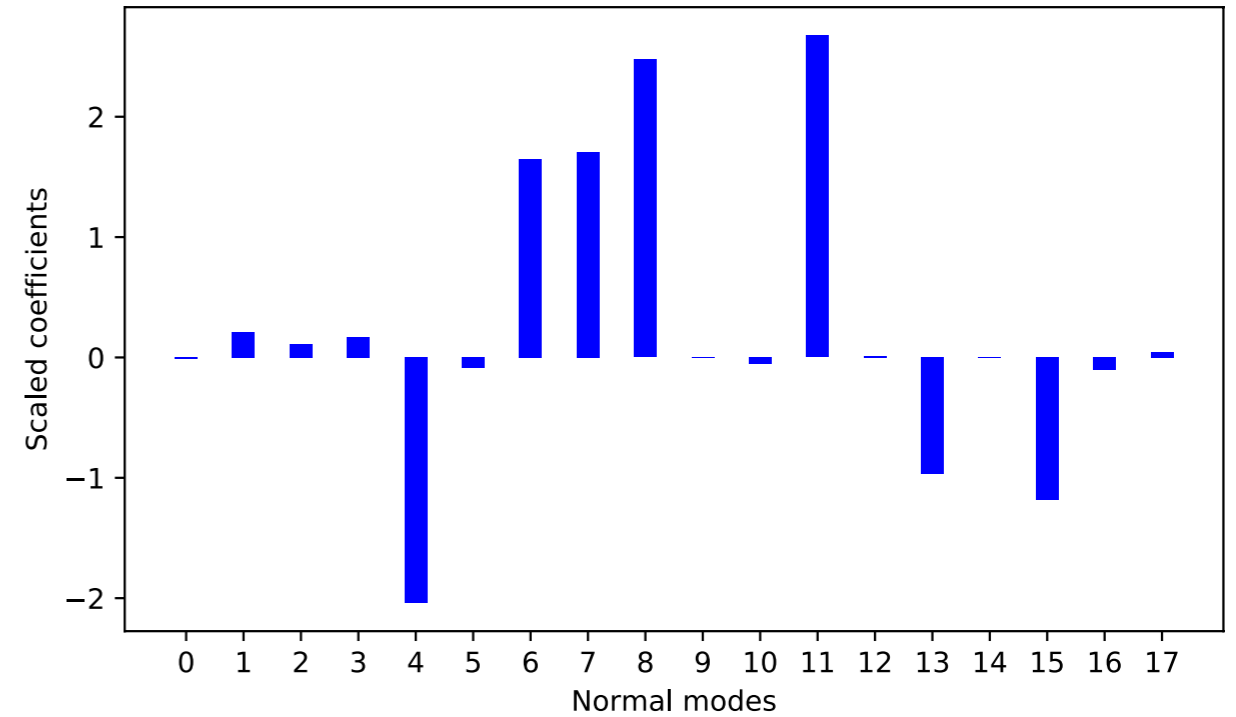


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# Theoretical methods

time-dependent  
Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial t} = \hat{H} \Phi$$

molecular Hamiltonian  $\hat{H} = \hat{T}_n + \hat{T}_e + \hat{U}$

clamped-nucleus Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_{el}(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}) = \hat{T}_e(\mathbf{r}) + \hat{U}(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R})$

For any given value of  $R$ ,  $\hat{H}_{el} \psi_i(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R}) = E_i(\mathbf{R}) \psi_i(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R})$

electronic eigenstates      electronic eigenvalues

Born representation:  $\Phi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{R}, t) = \sum_i \chi_i(\mathbf{R}, t) \psi_i(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{R})$

nuclear function

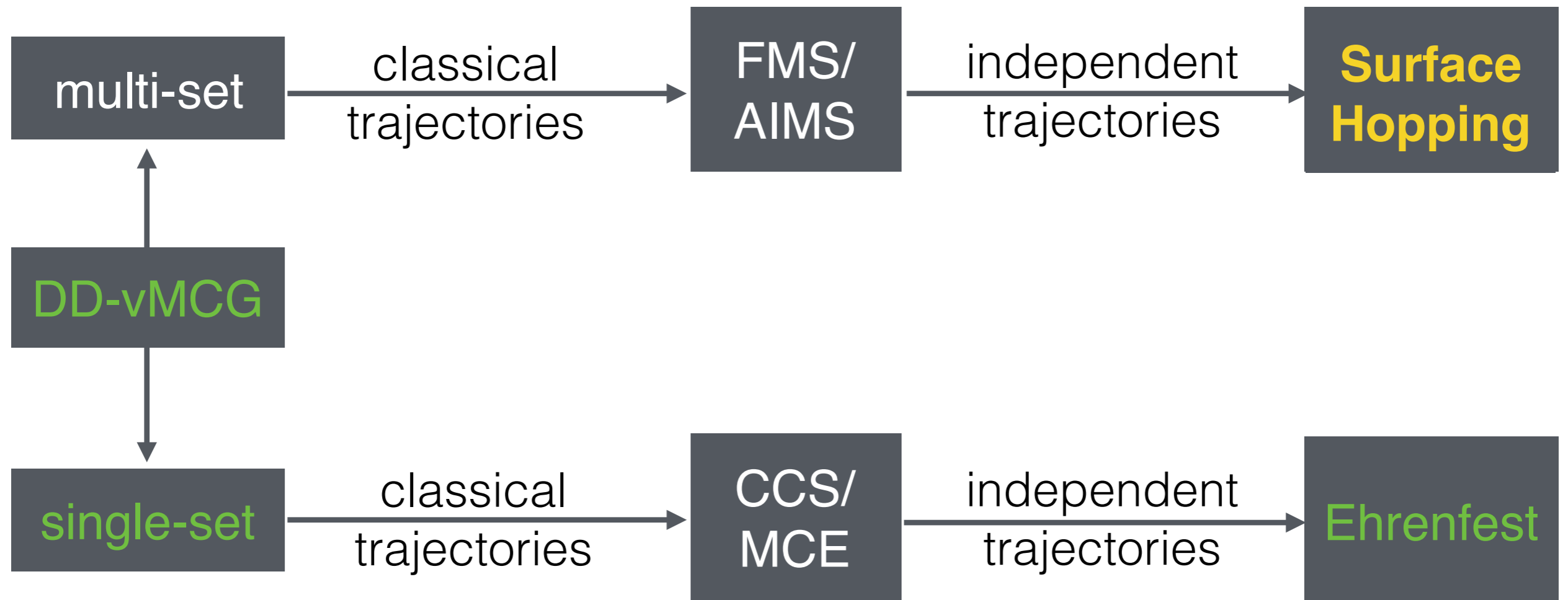
non-adiabatic coupling

$$\hat{\Lambda}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2M} (2F_{ij} + G_{ij})$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \chi_j}{\partial t} = [\hat{T}_n + E_j] \chi_j - \sum_i \hat{\Lambda}_{ji} \chi_i$$

$$F_{ij} = \langle \psi_i | \nabla \psi_j \rangle = \frac{\langle \psi_i | (\nabla \hat{H}_{el}) | \psi_j \rangle}{E_j - E_i}$$

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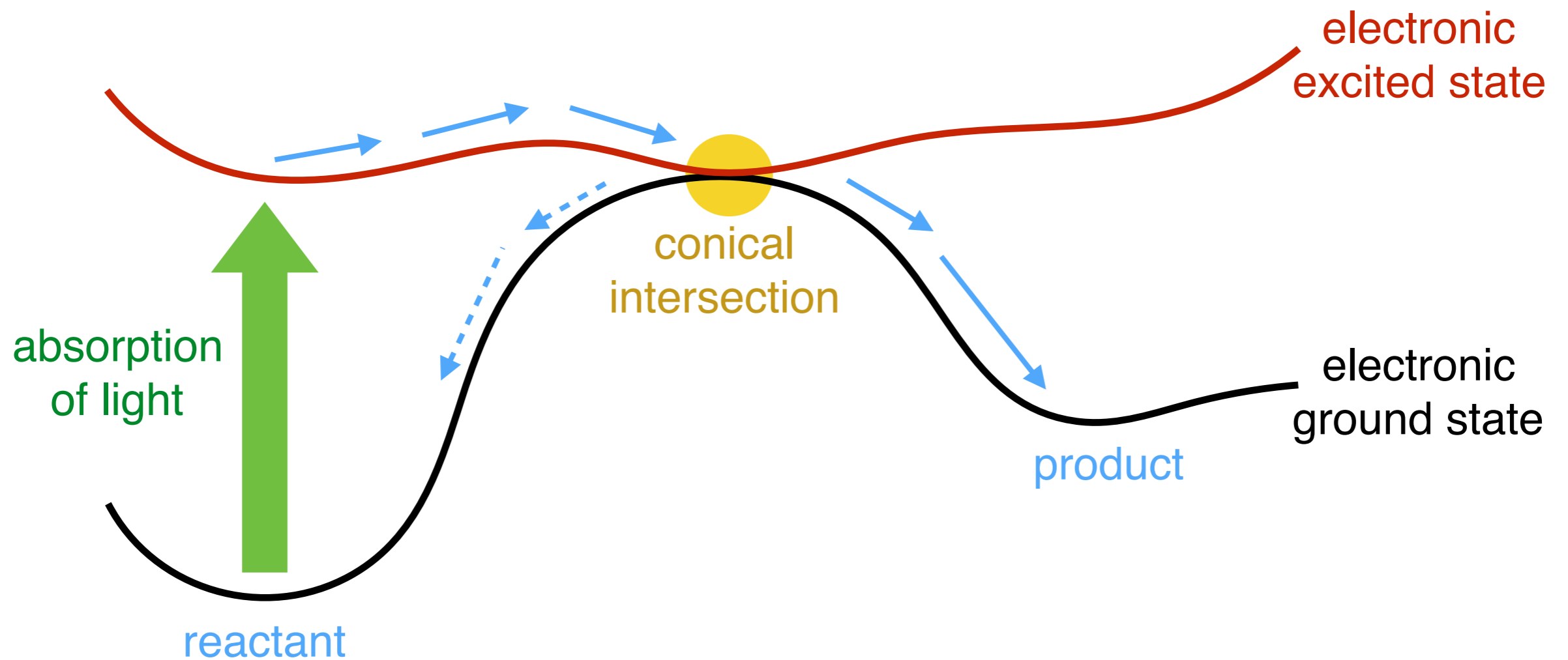


**DD-vMCG**: direct dynamics variational multi-configuration Gaussian.

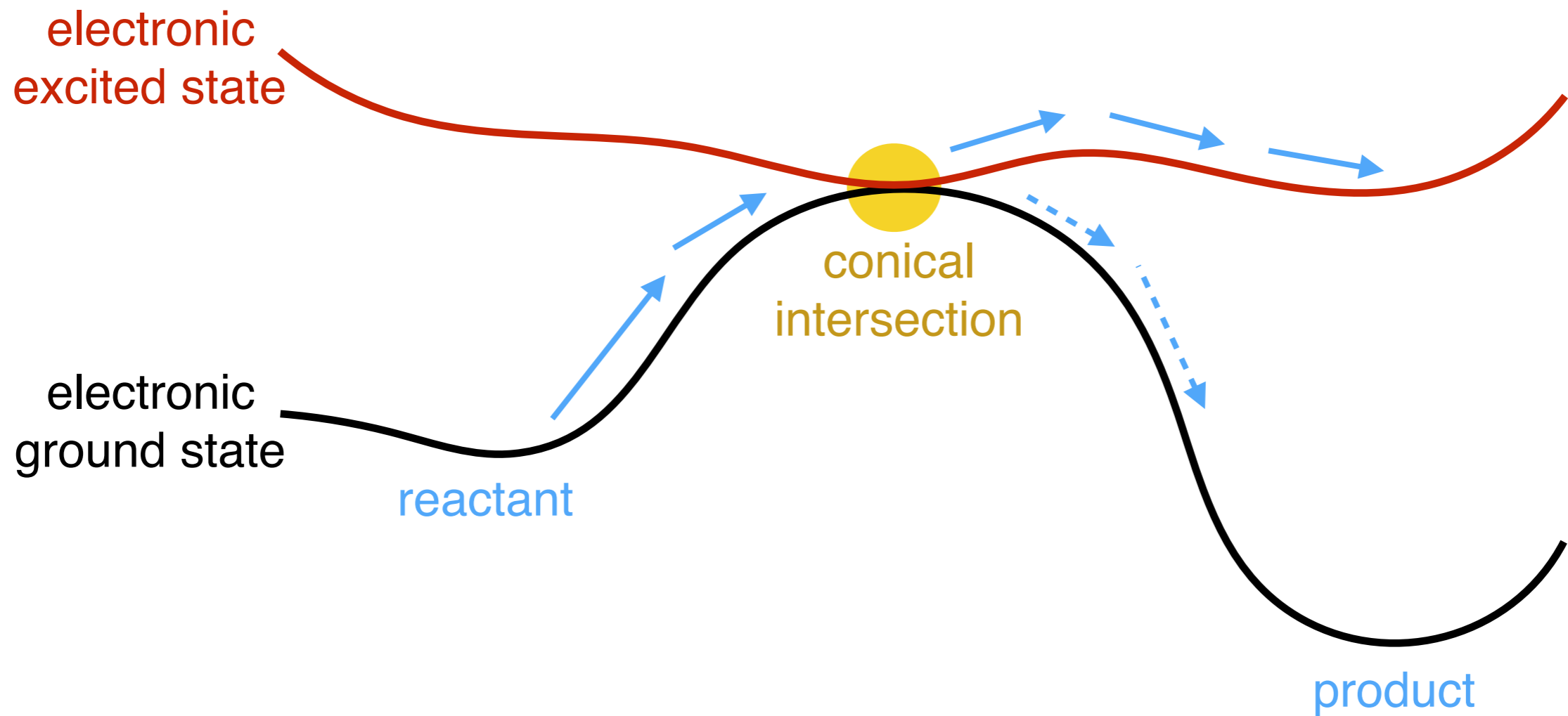
**FMS**: full multiple spawning and **AIMS**: ab initio multiple spawning.

**CCS**: coupled-coherent states and **MCE**: multi-configurational Ehrenfest.

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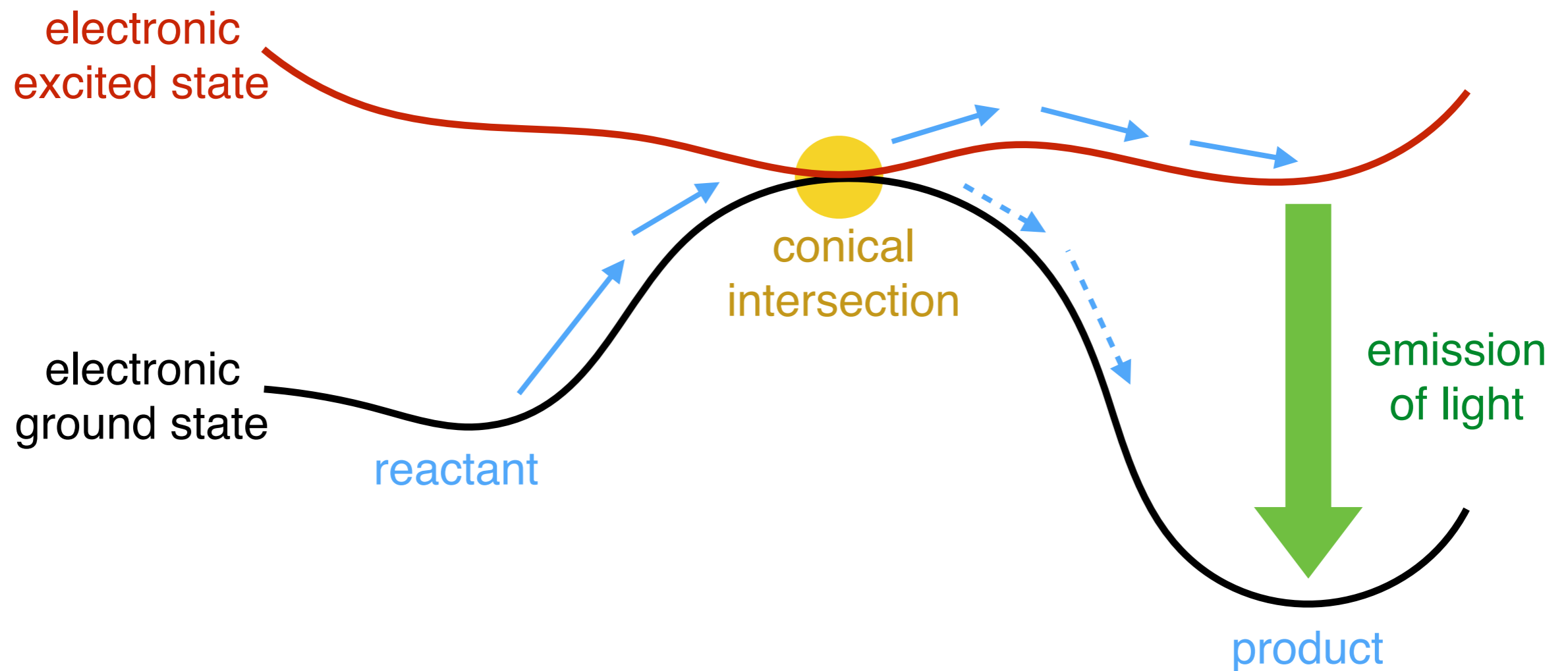


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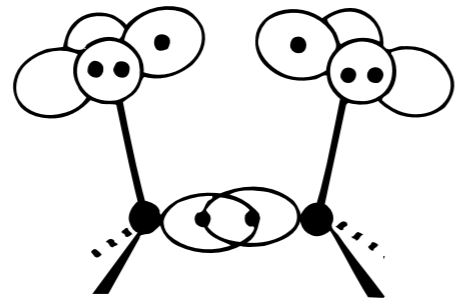
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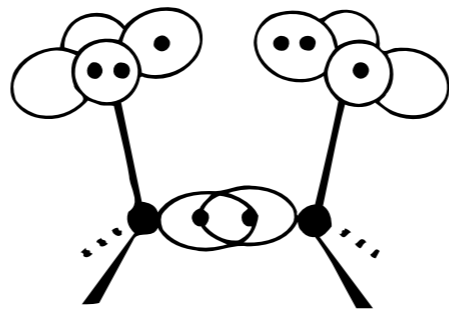
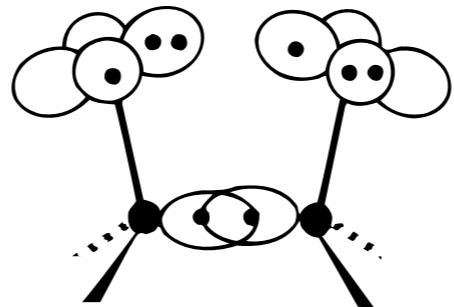


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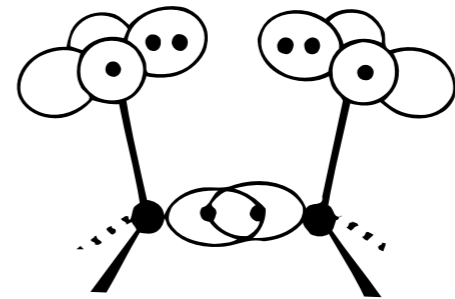
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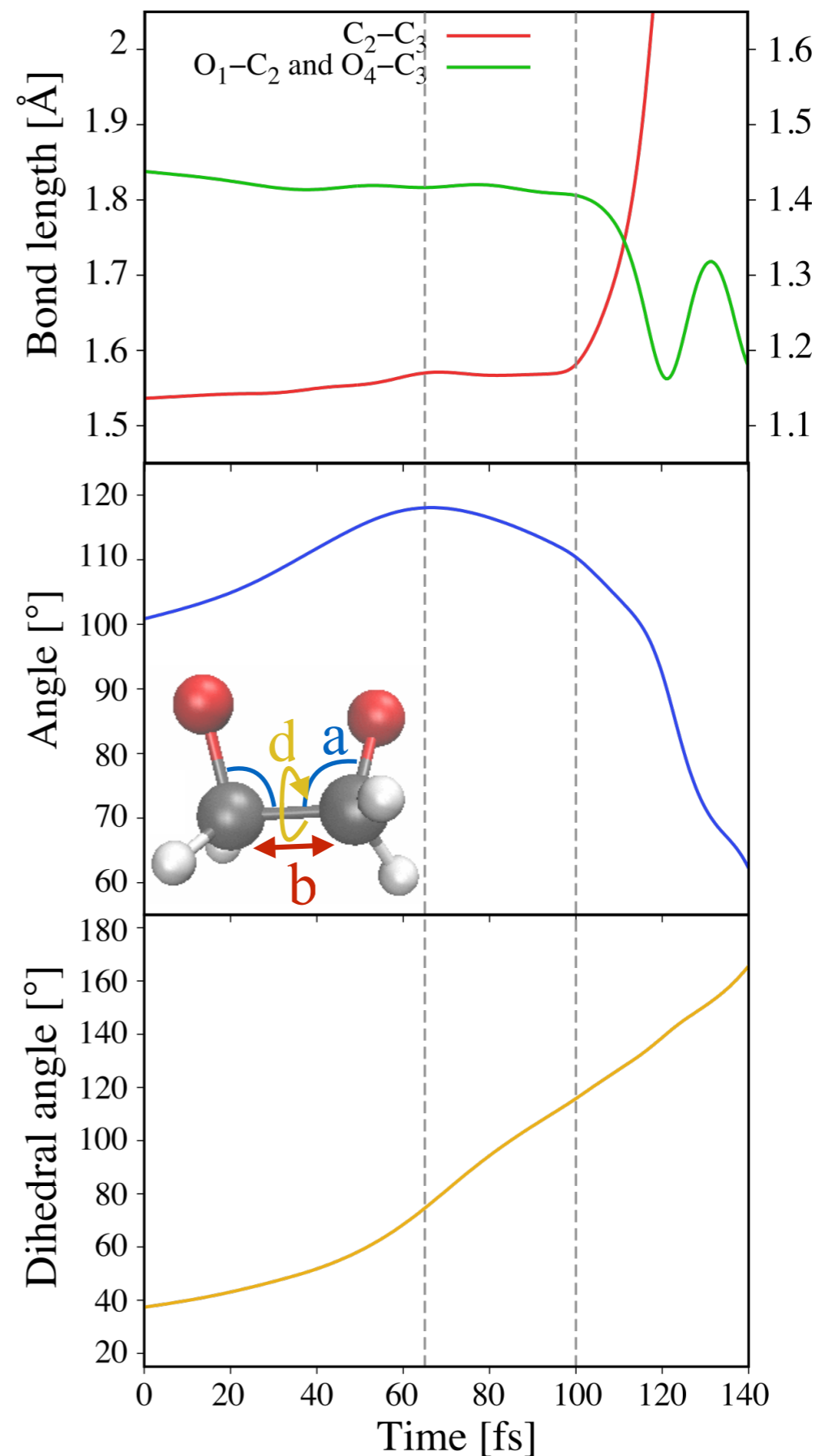
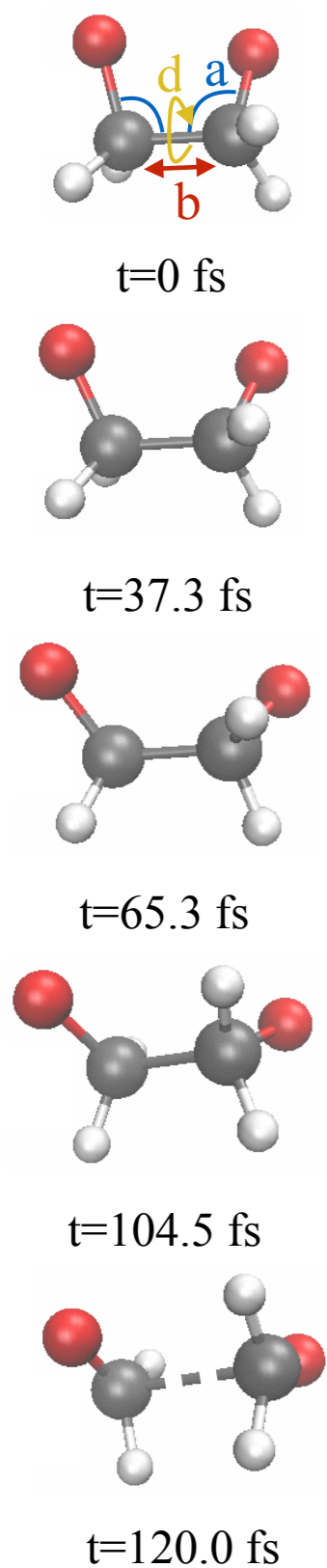


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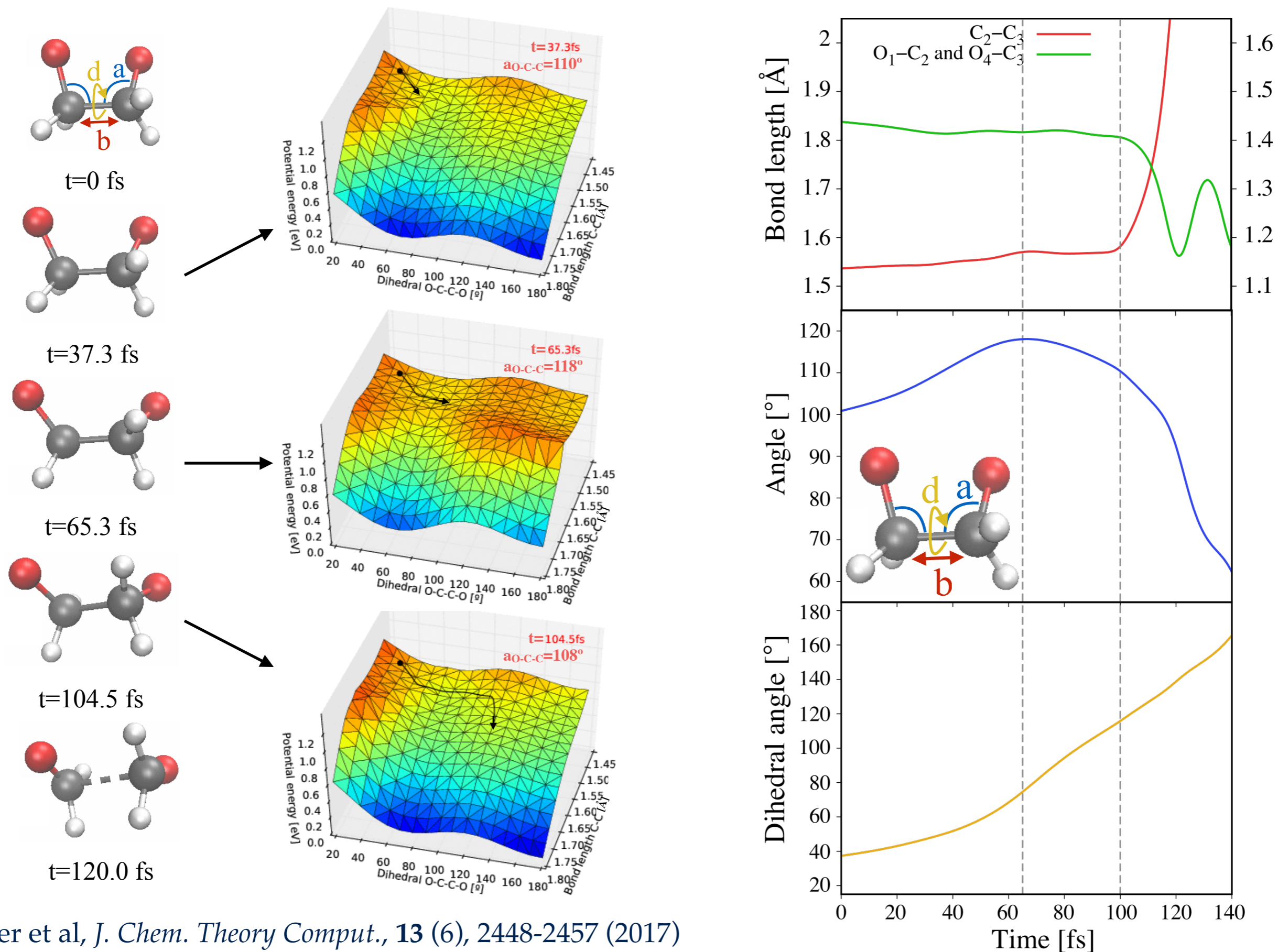
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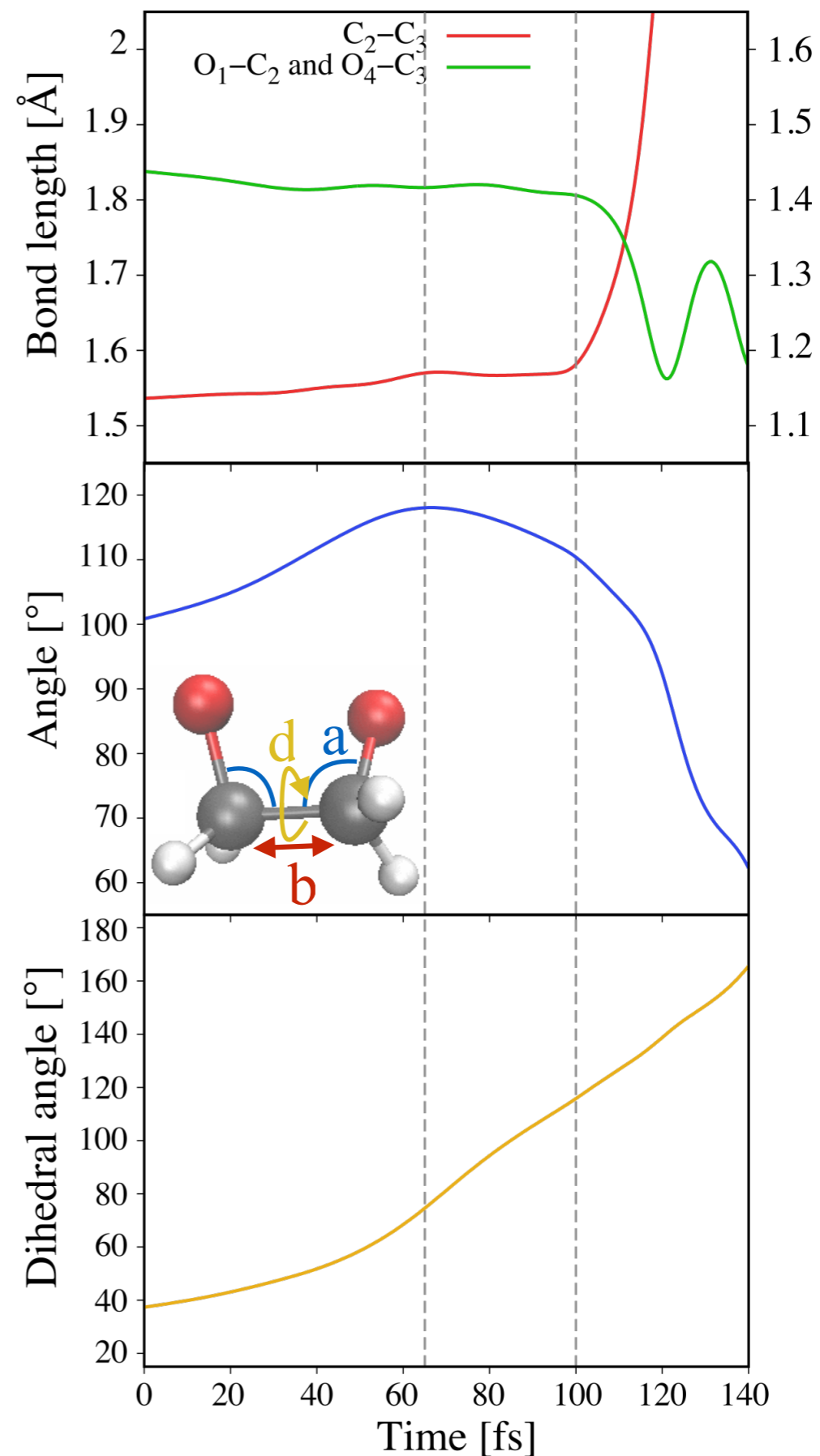
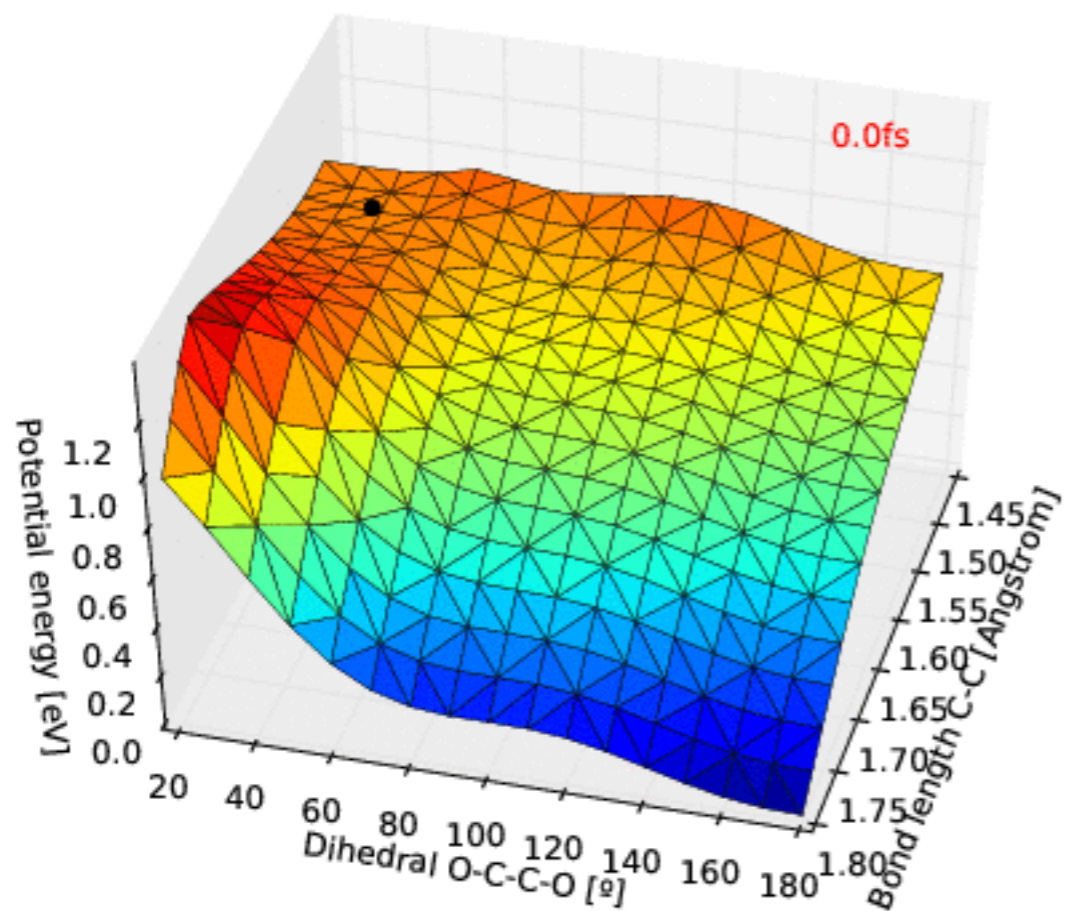
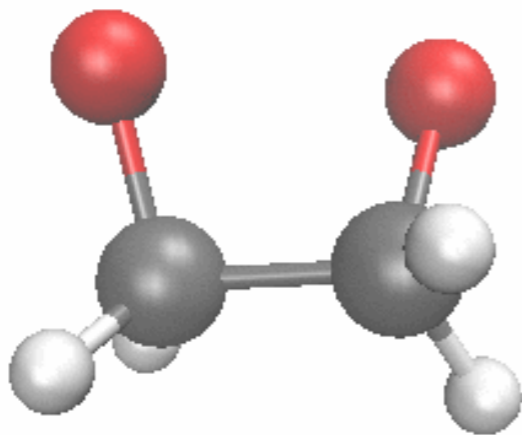




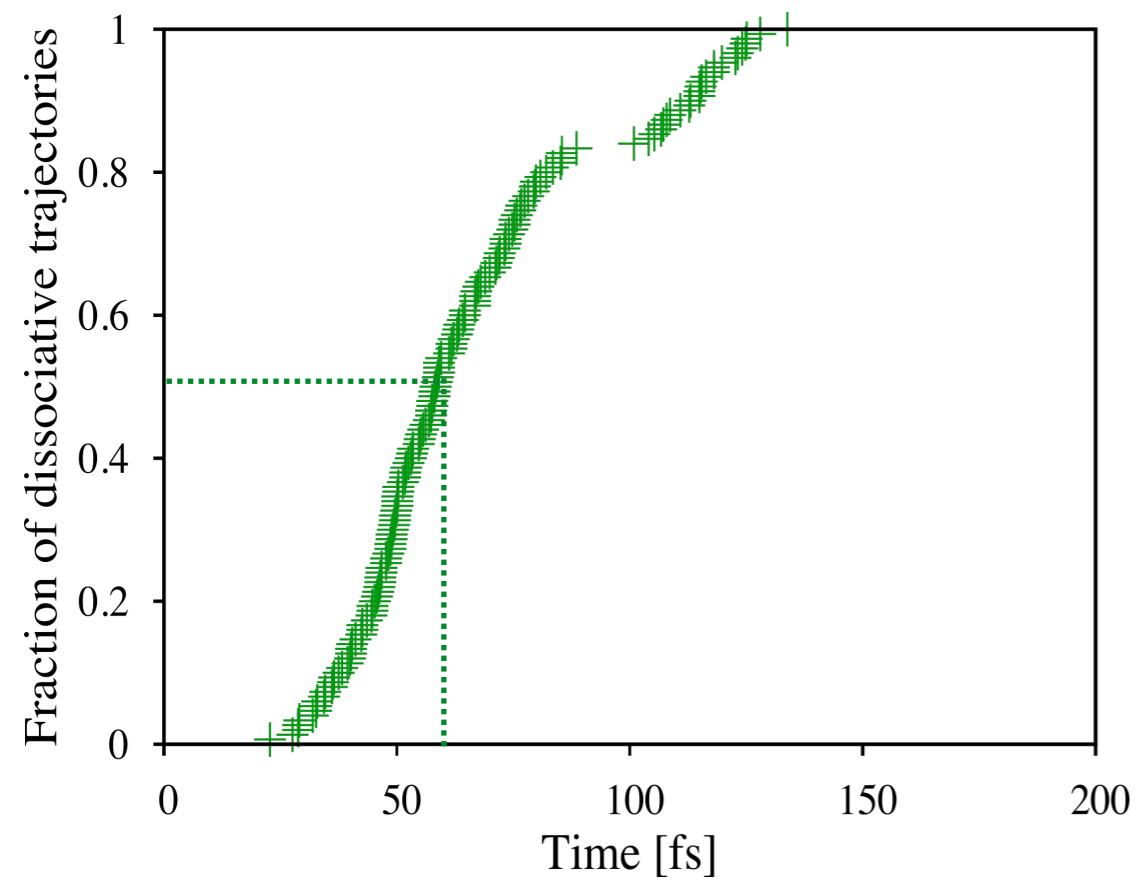
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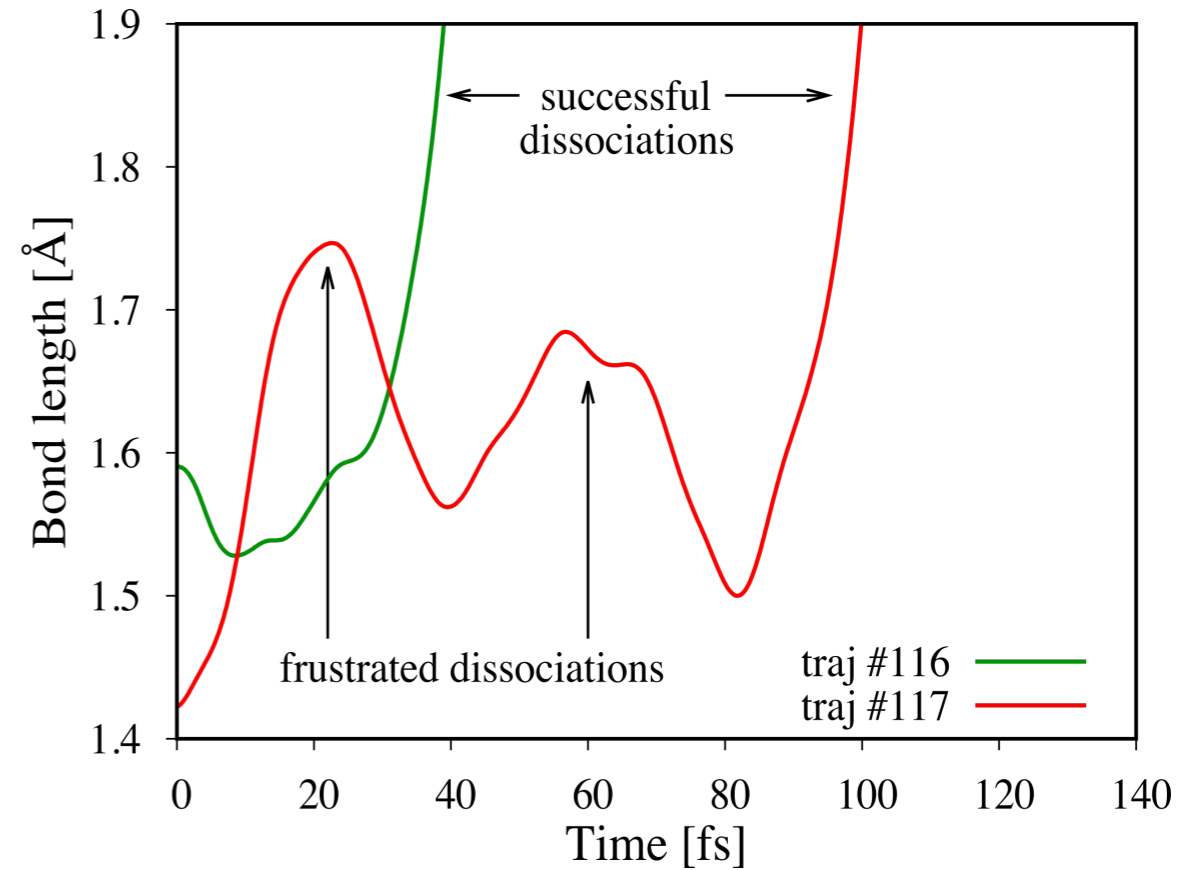
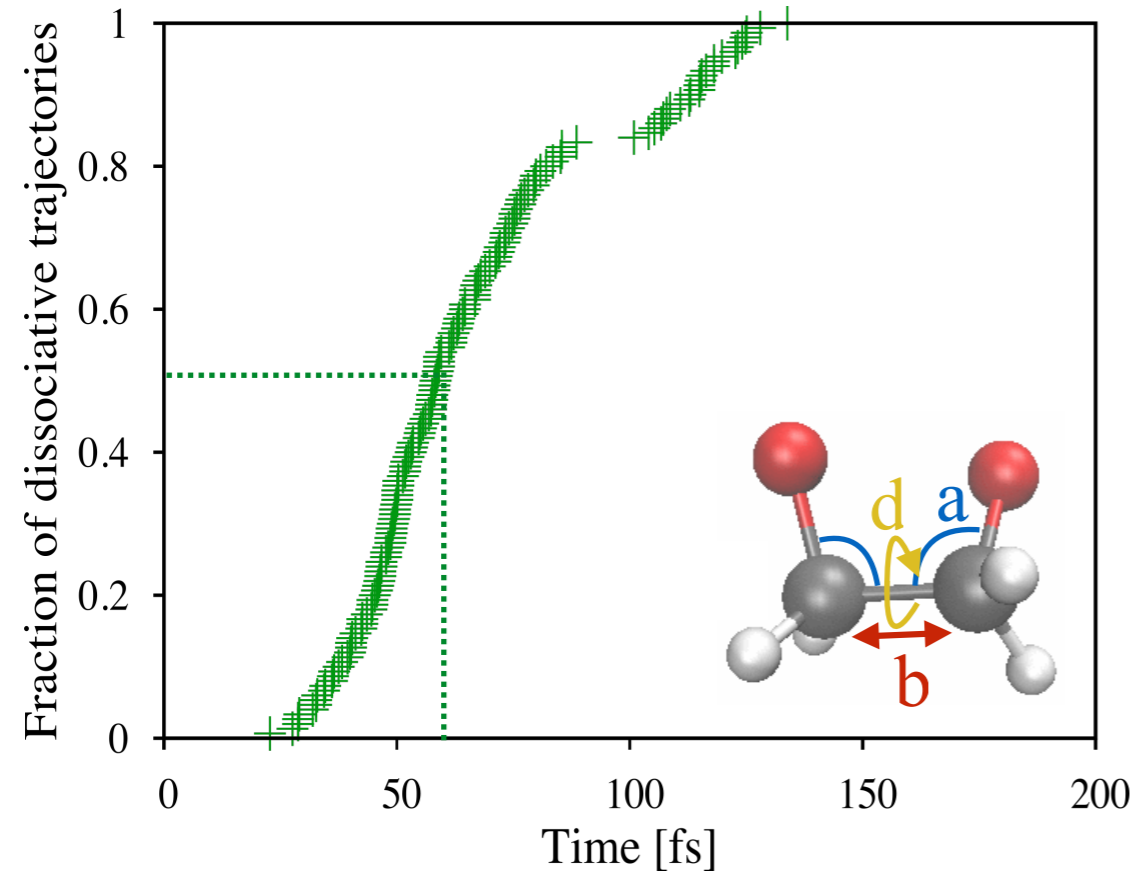


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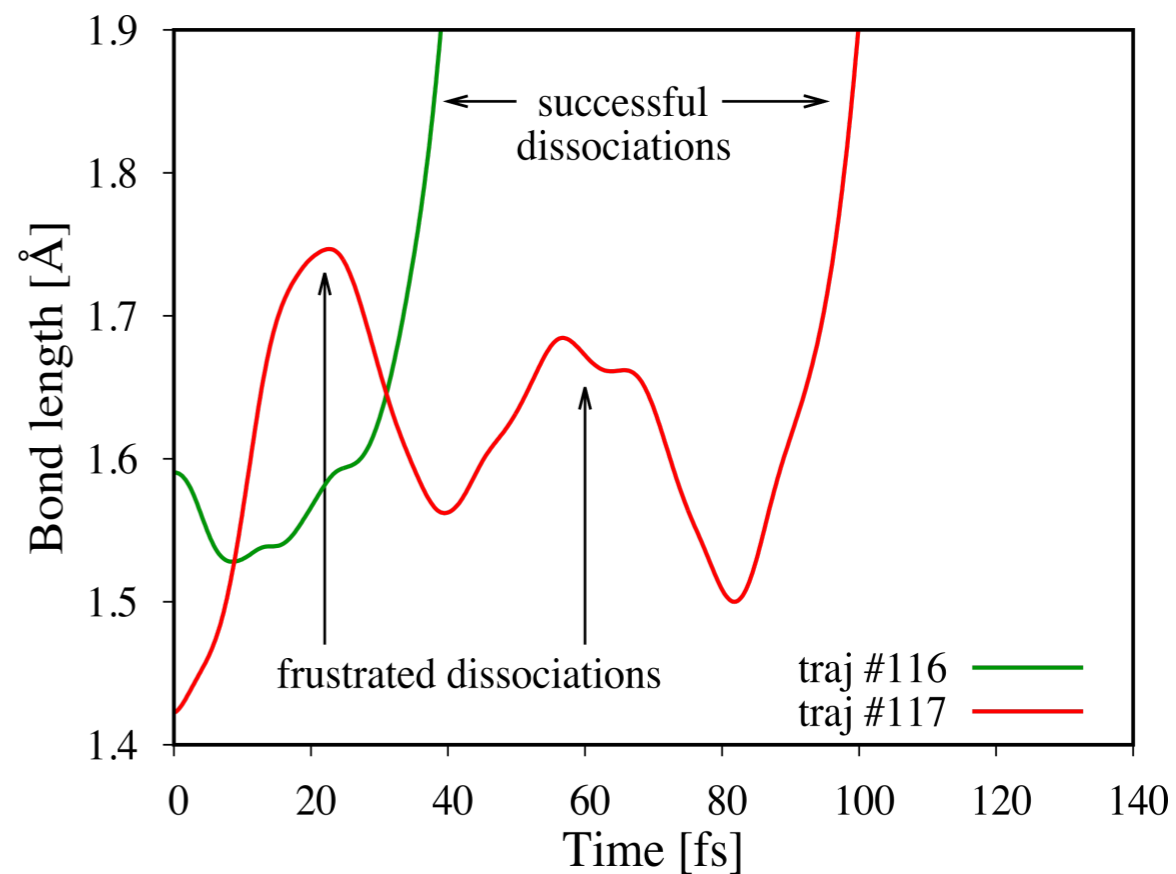
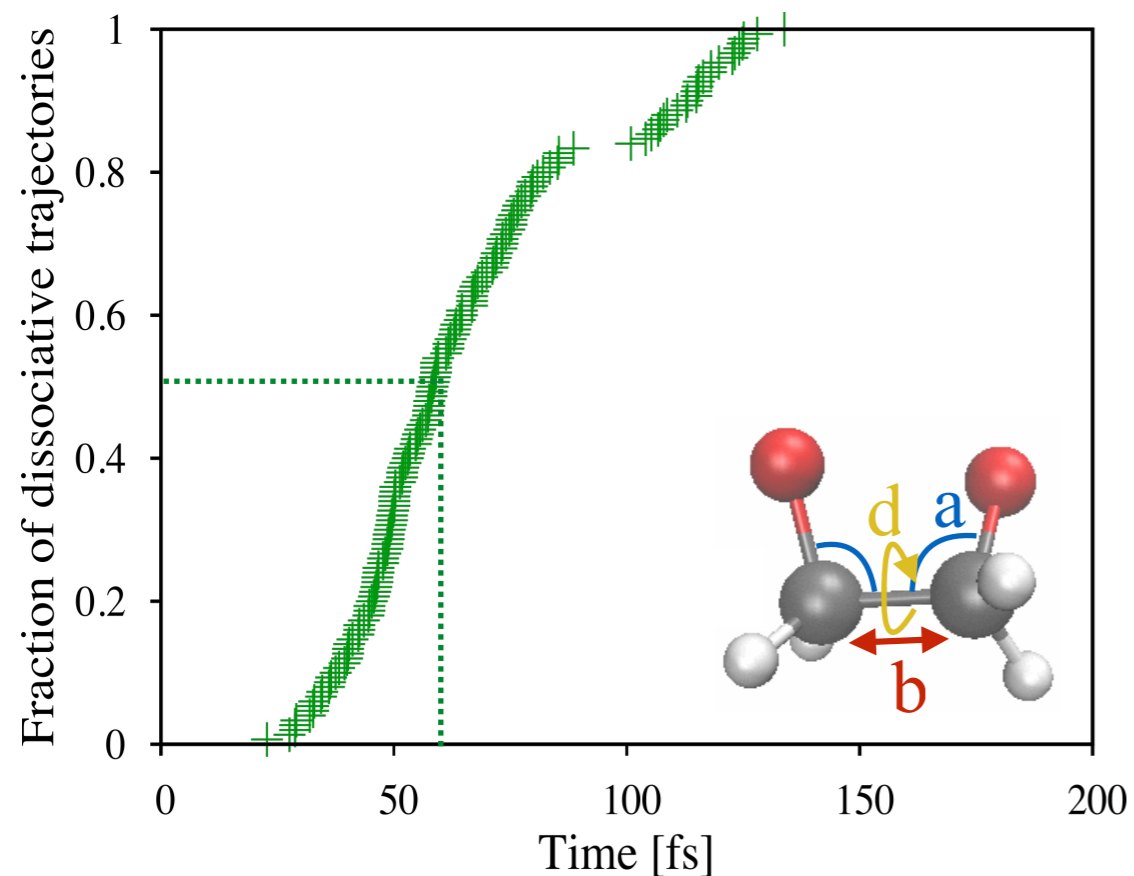
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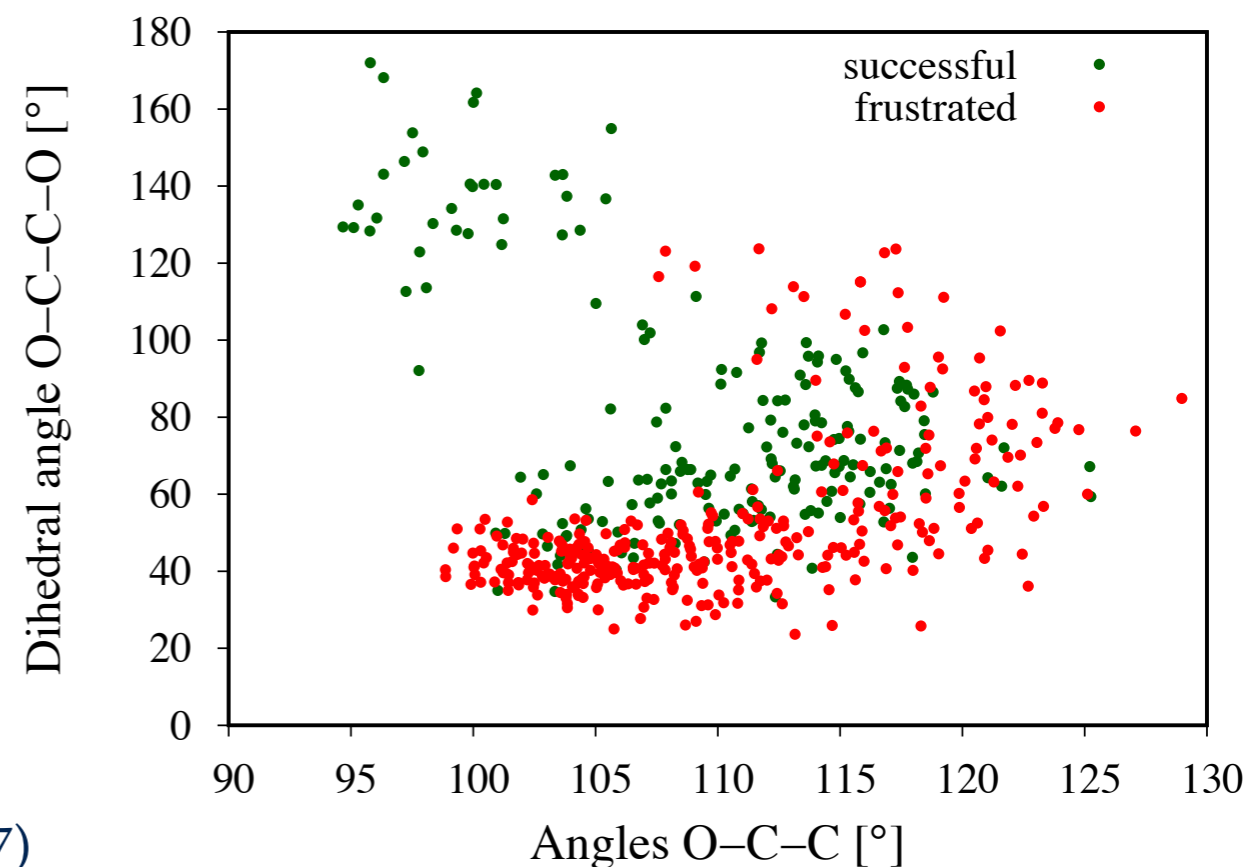
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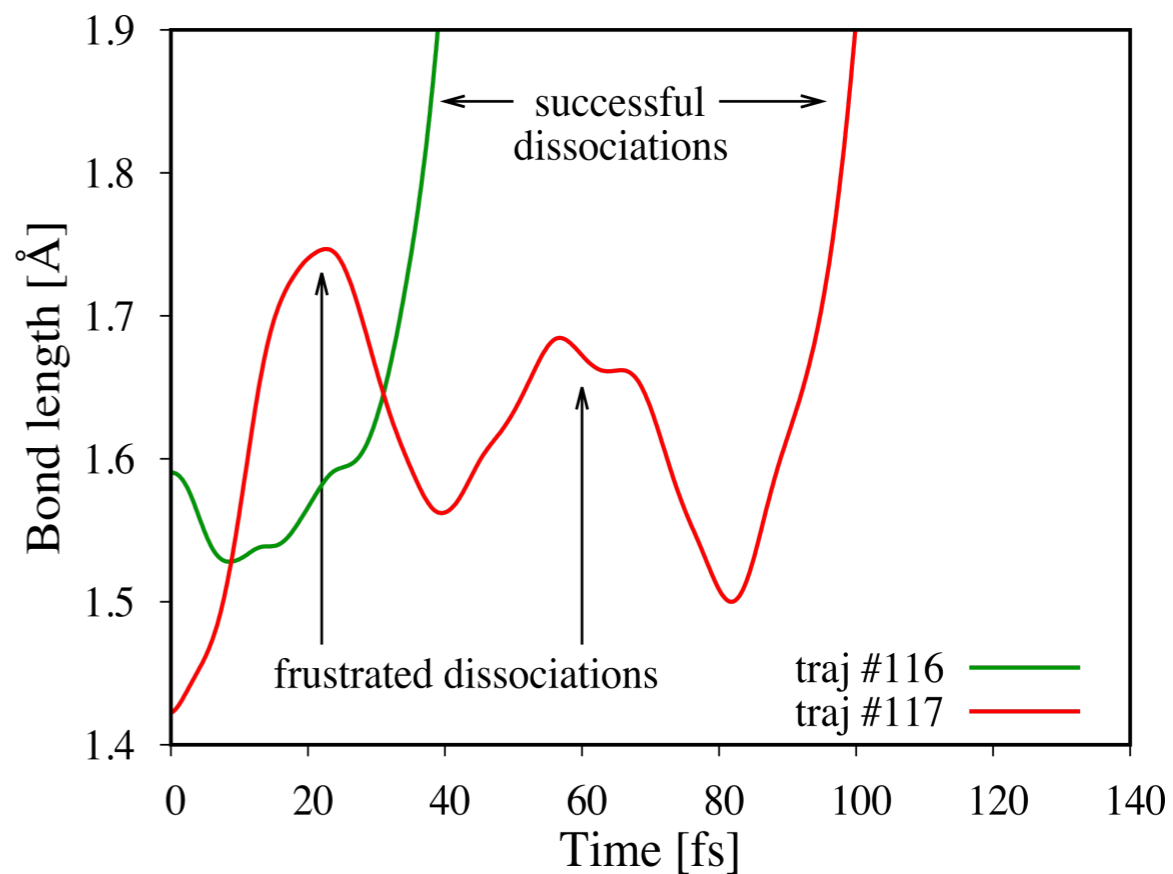
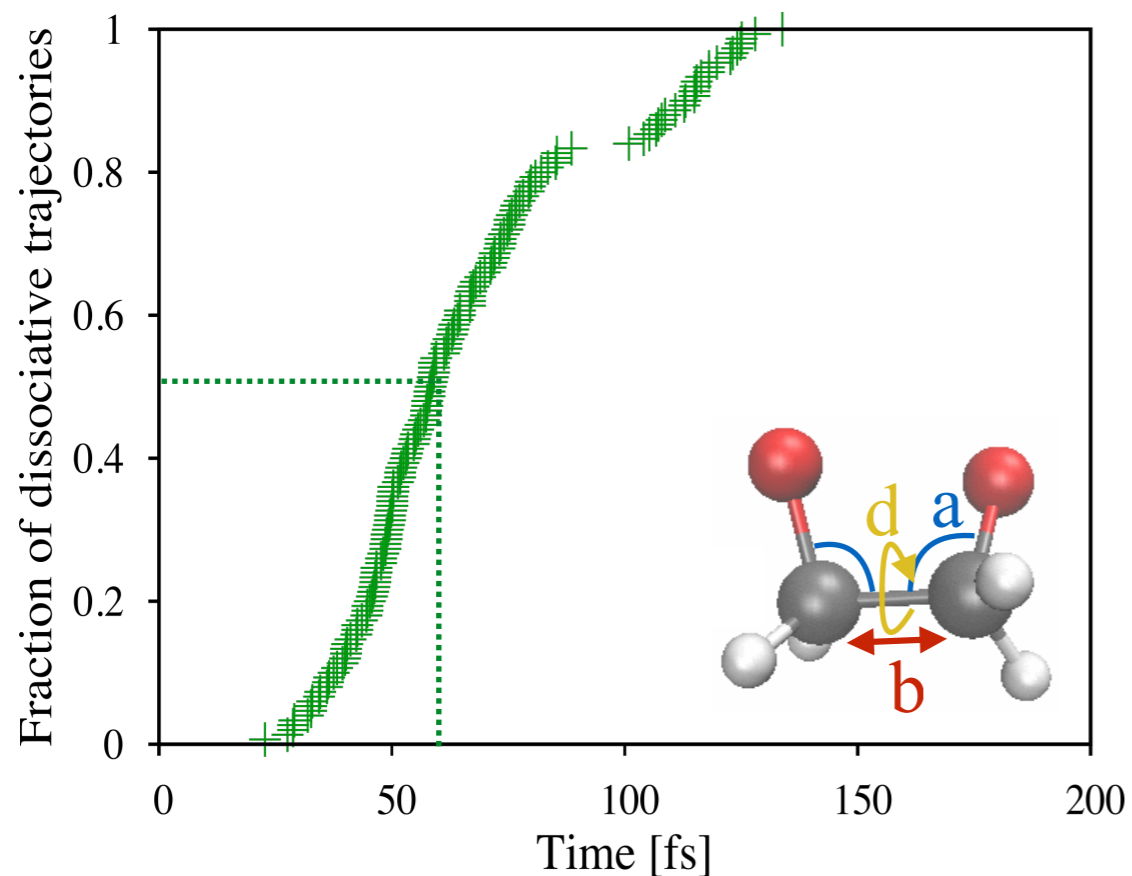


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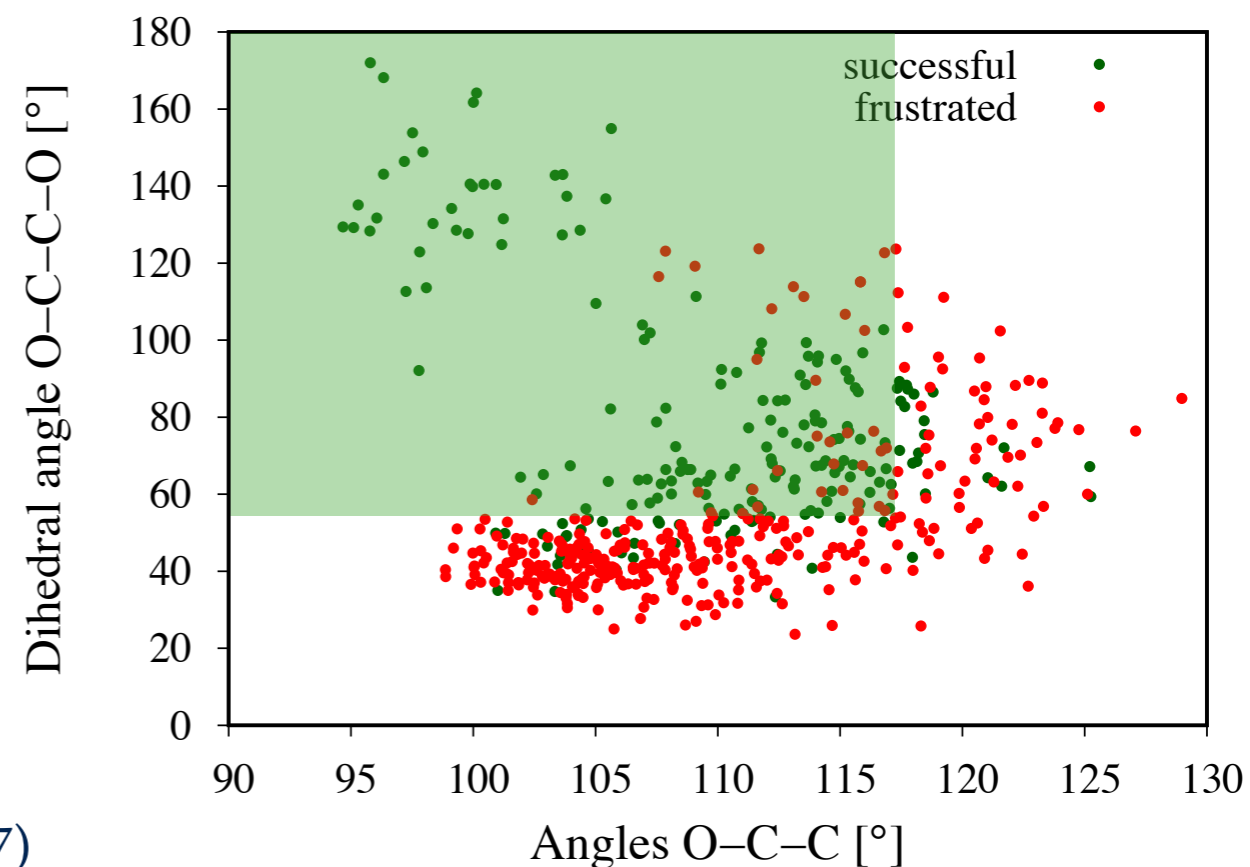
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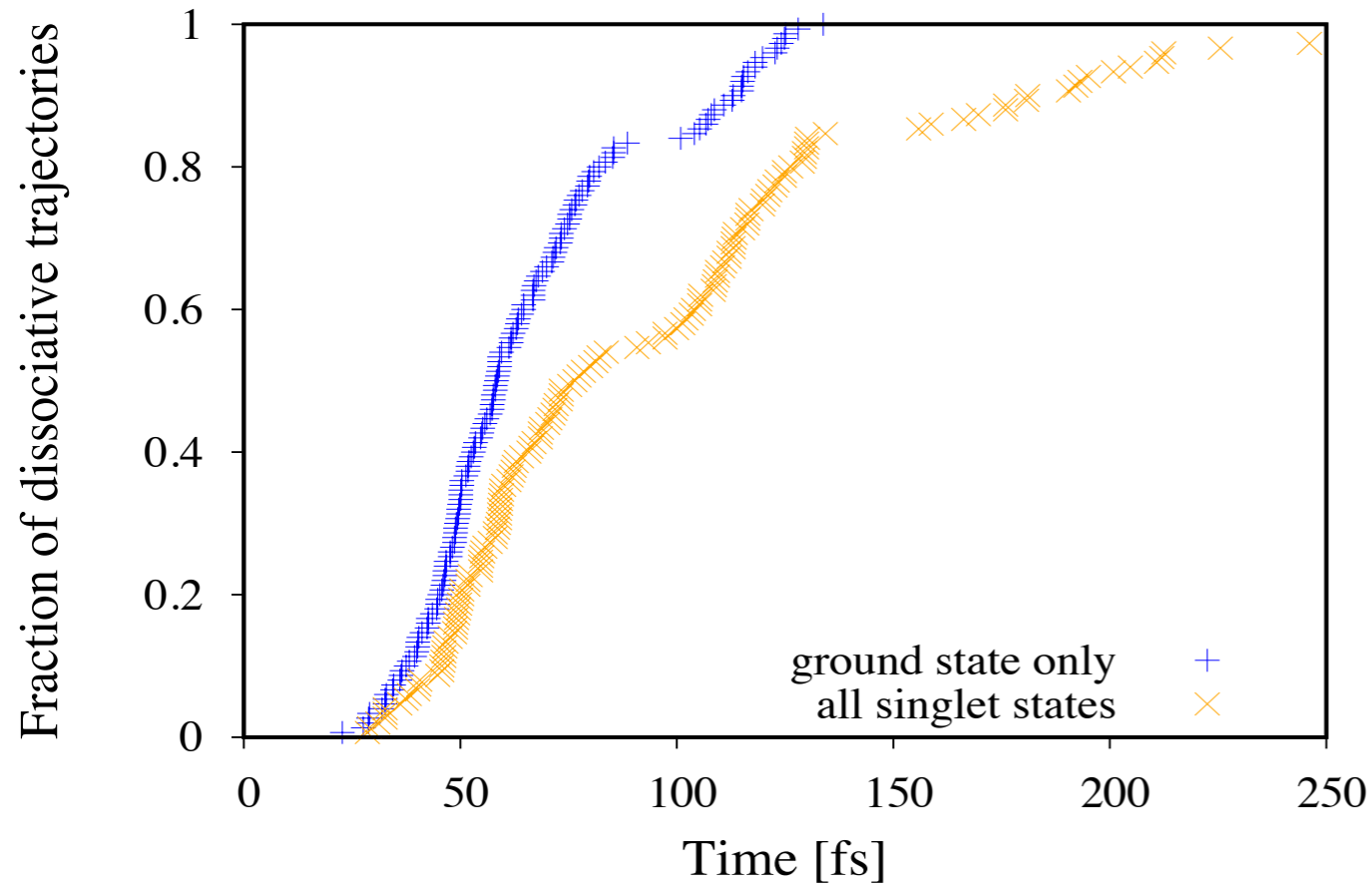
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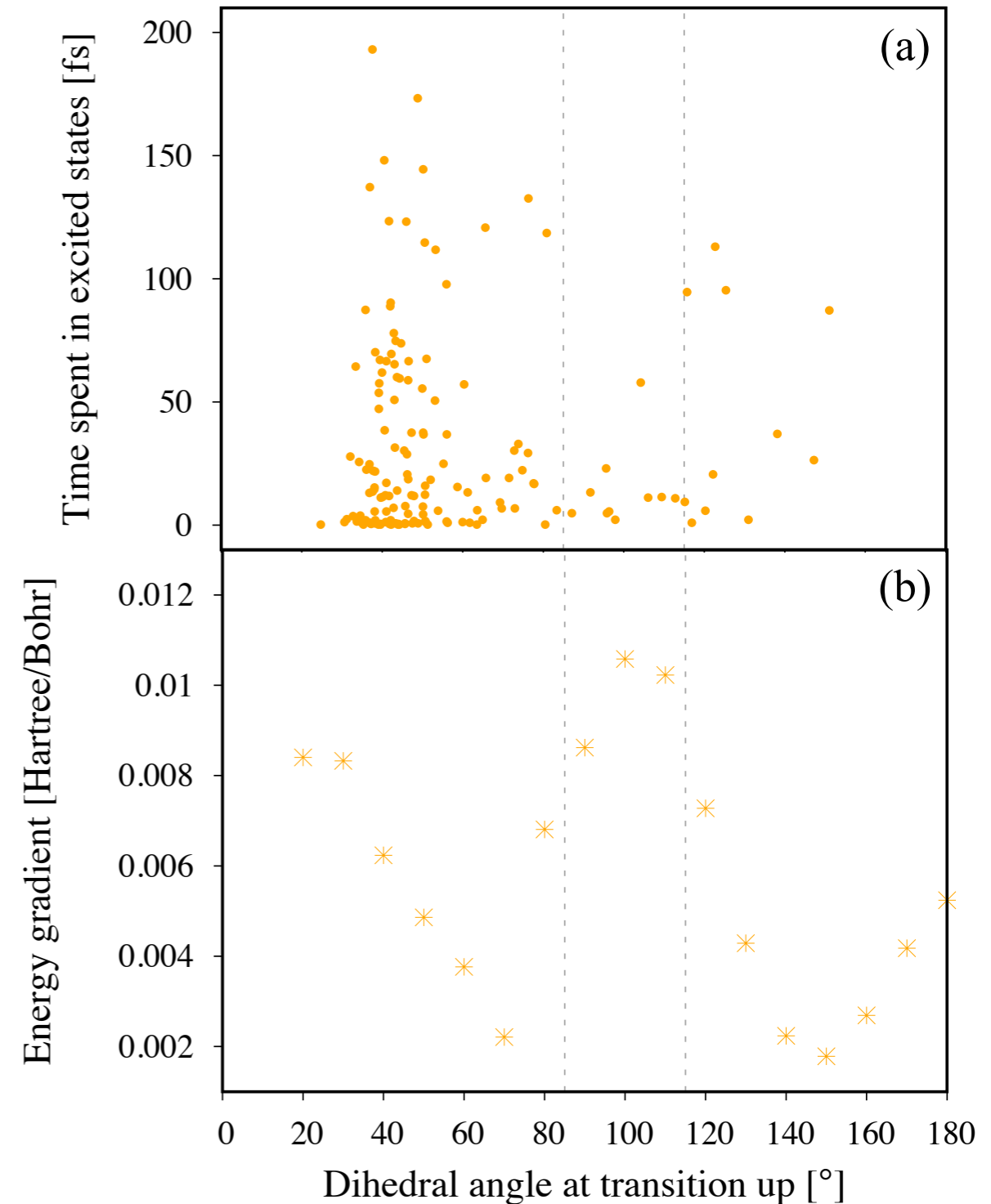
O-C-C angle  $< 117^\circ$



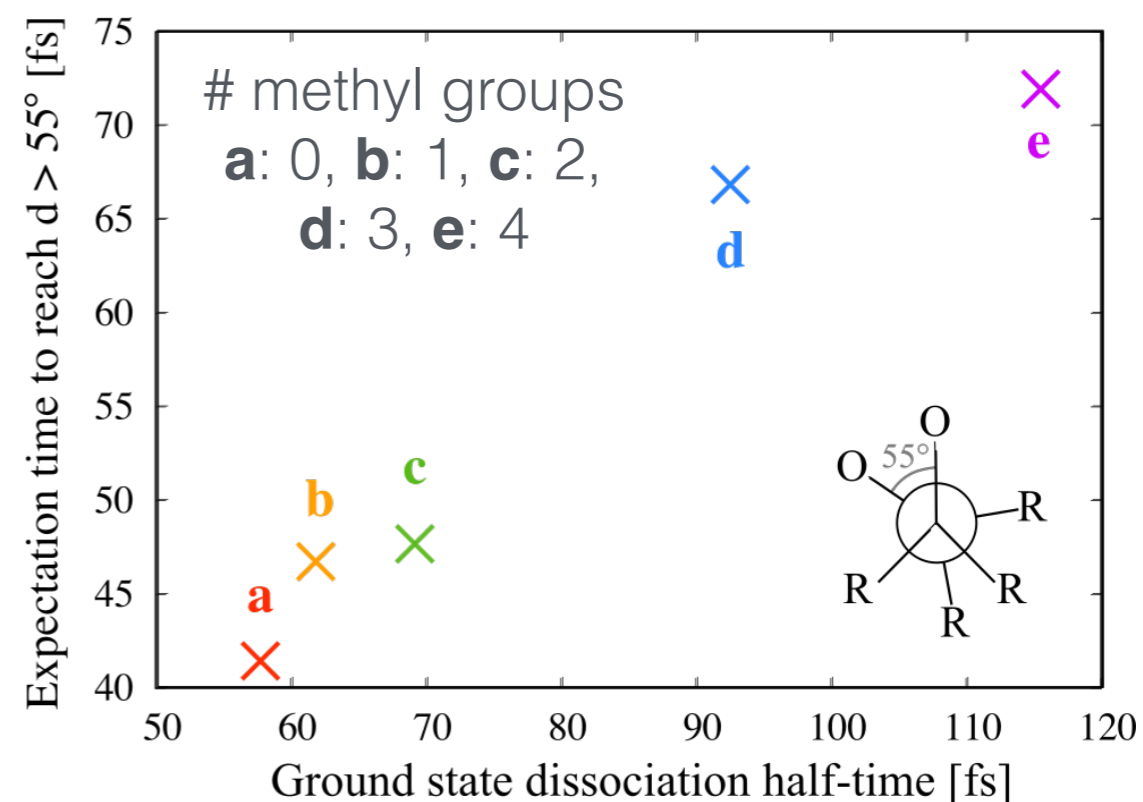
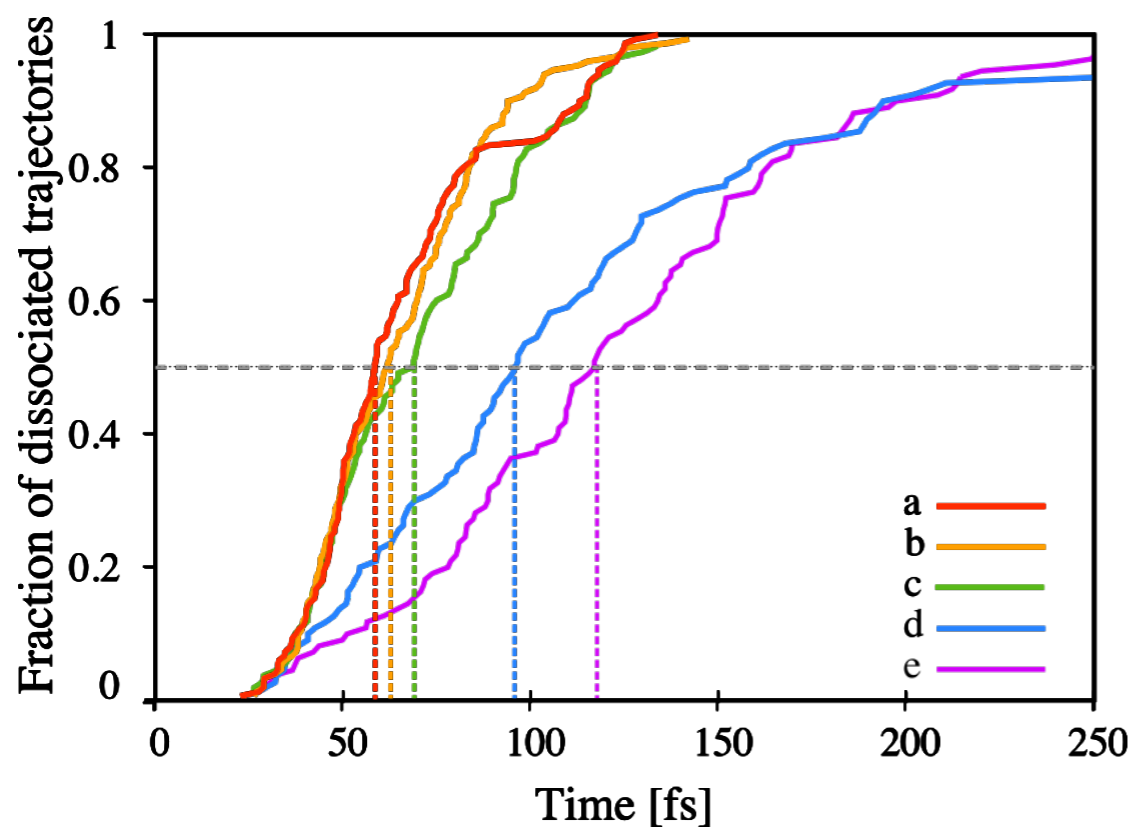
# ...with surface hopping dynamics



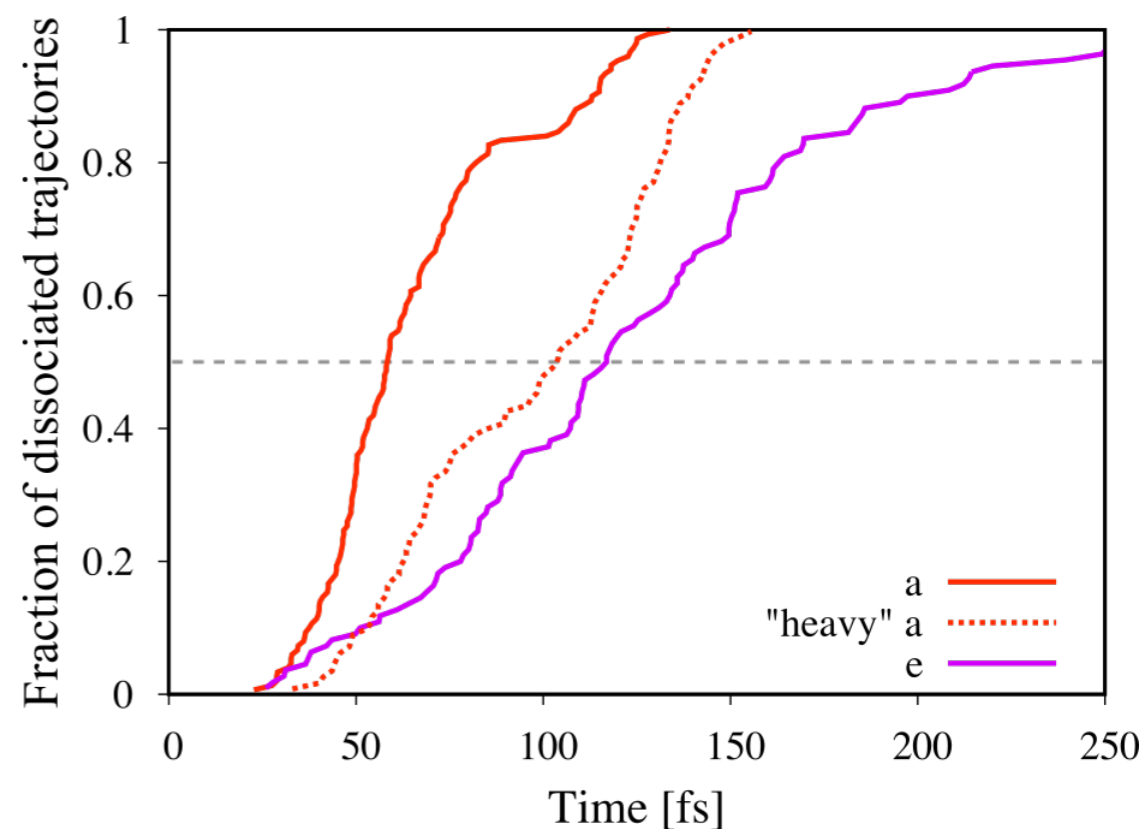
→ The singlet excited states participate as well in the trapping of the molecule



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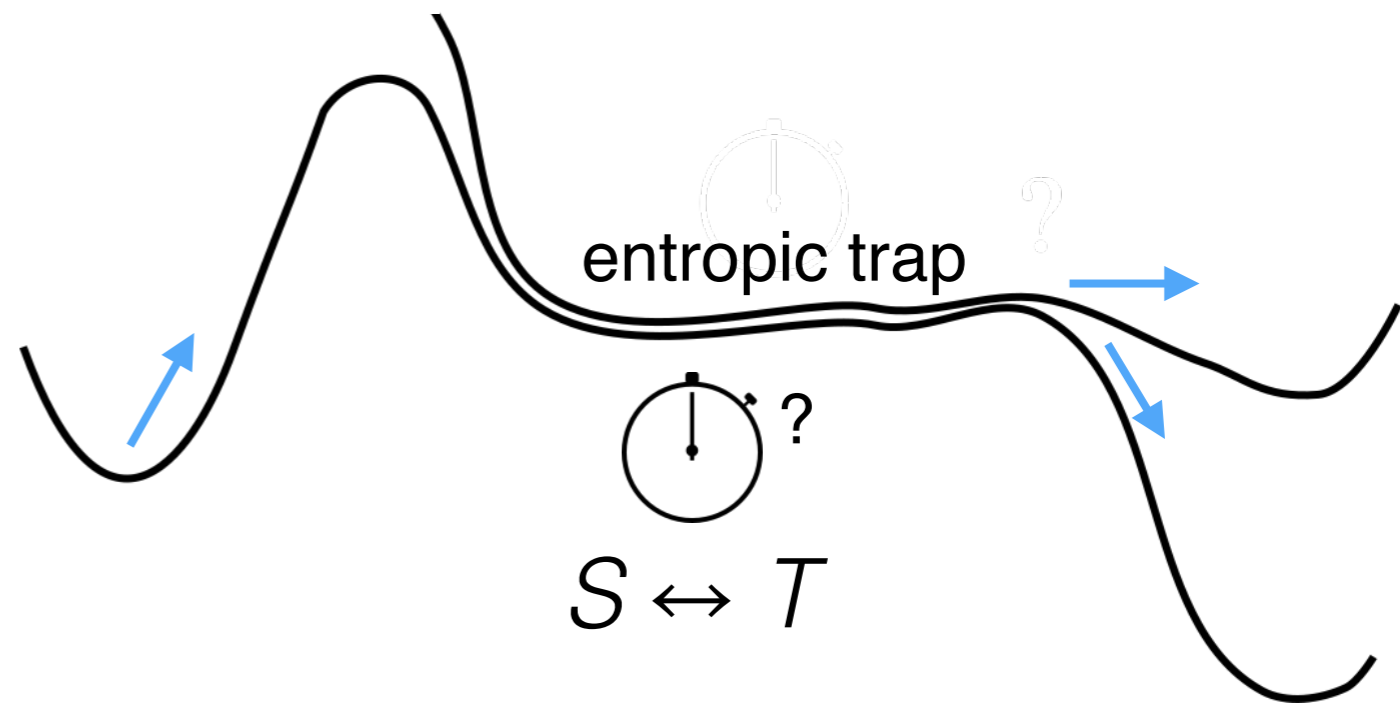
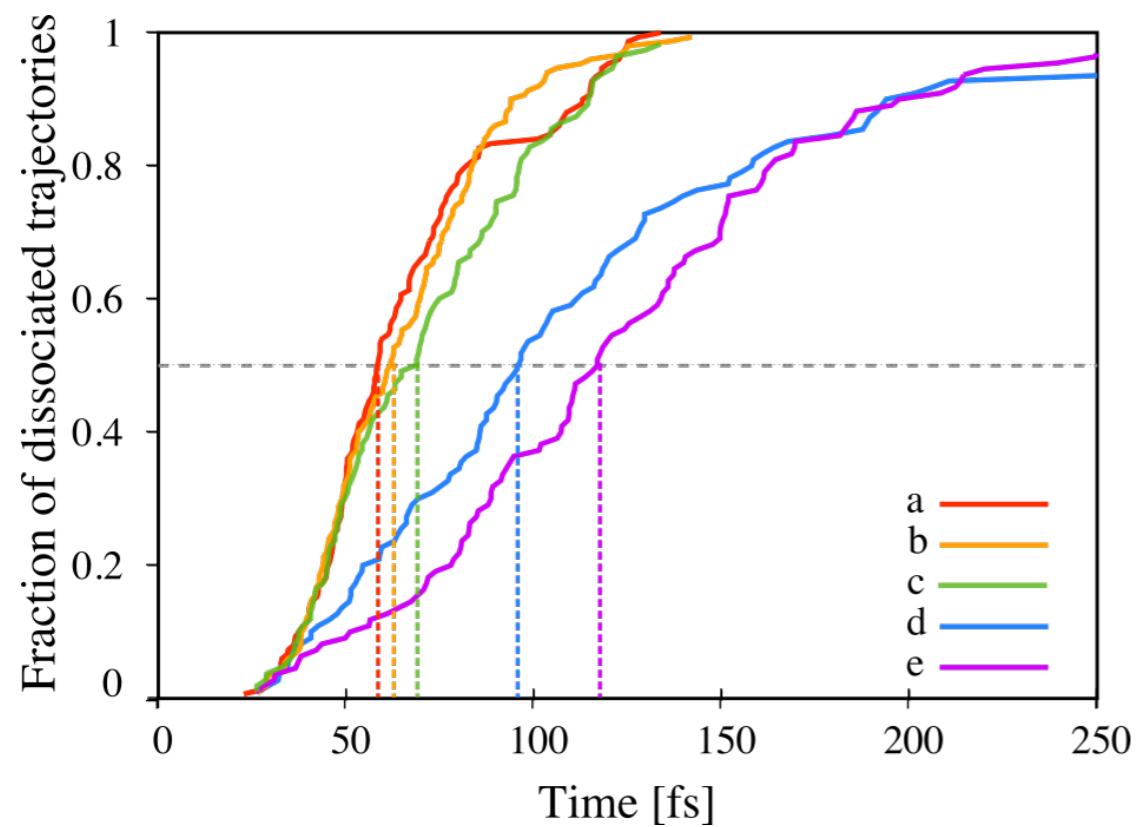


- Significant increase in the dissociation time scale upon methyl-substitution
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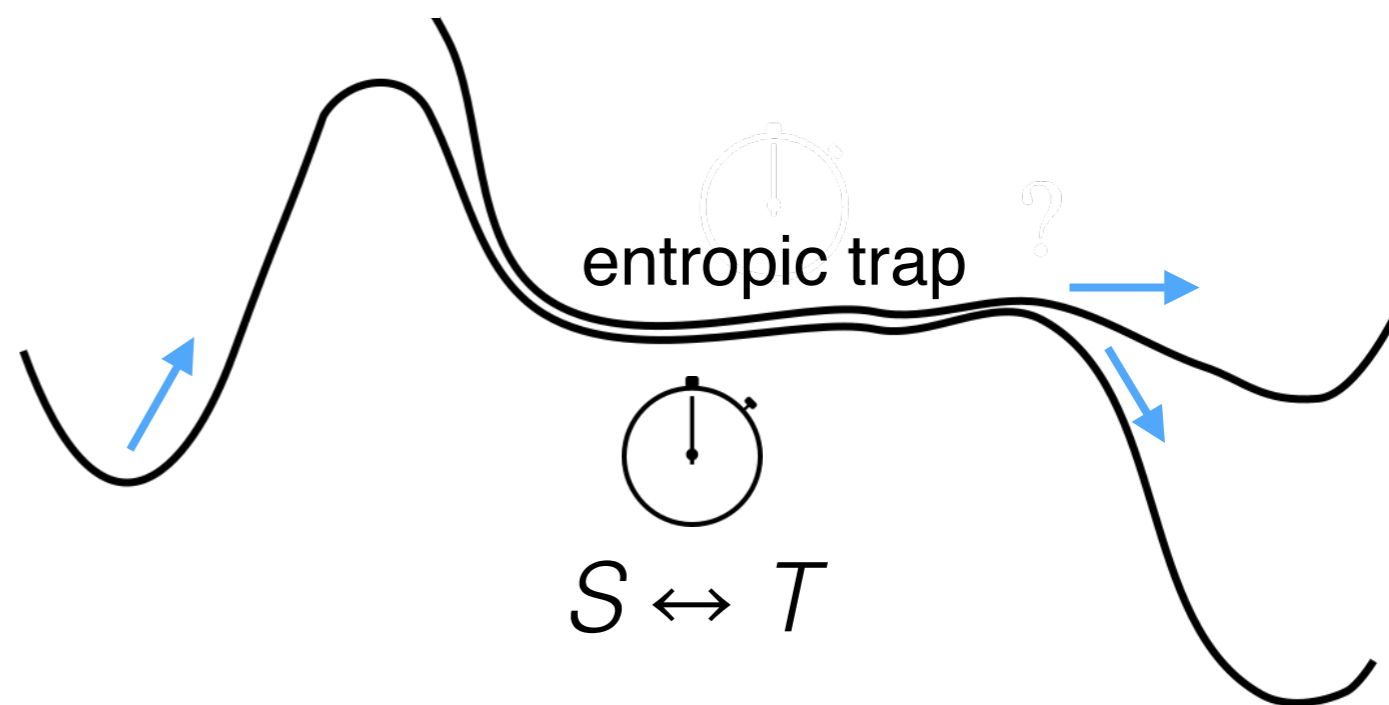
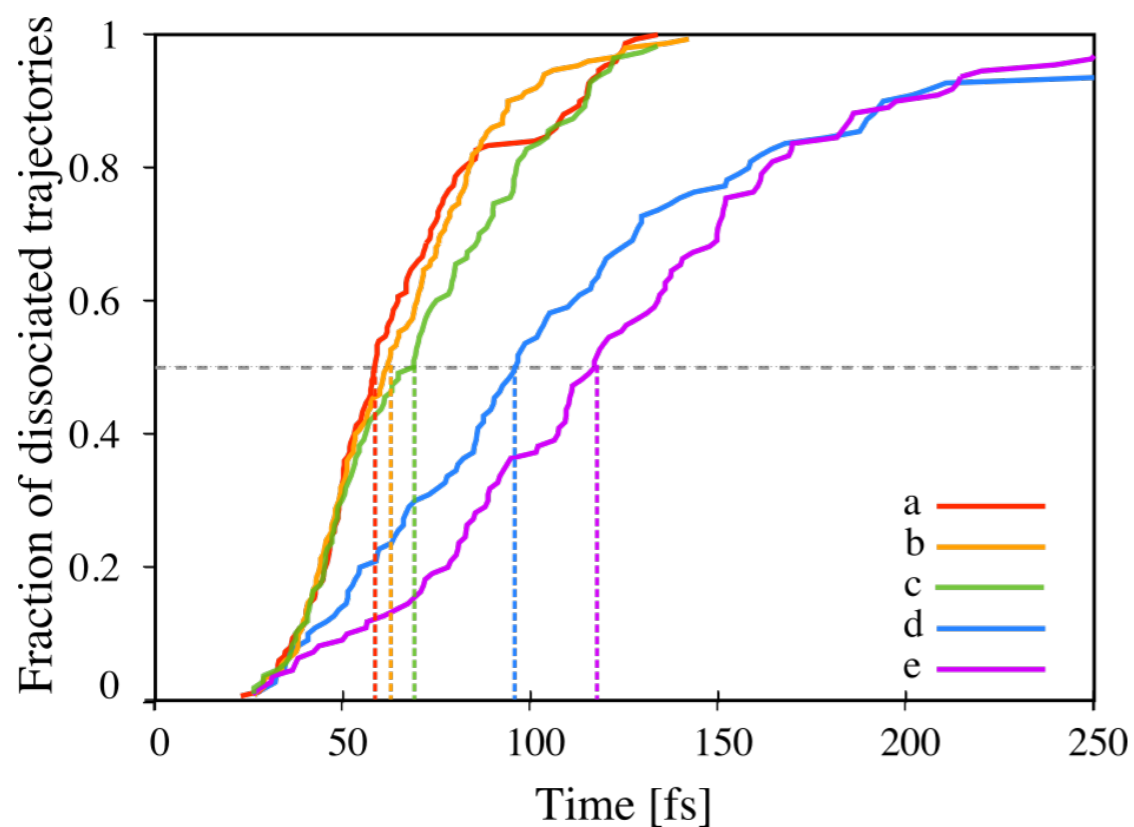


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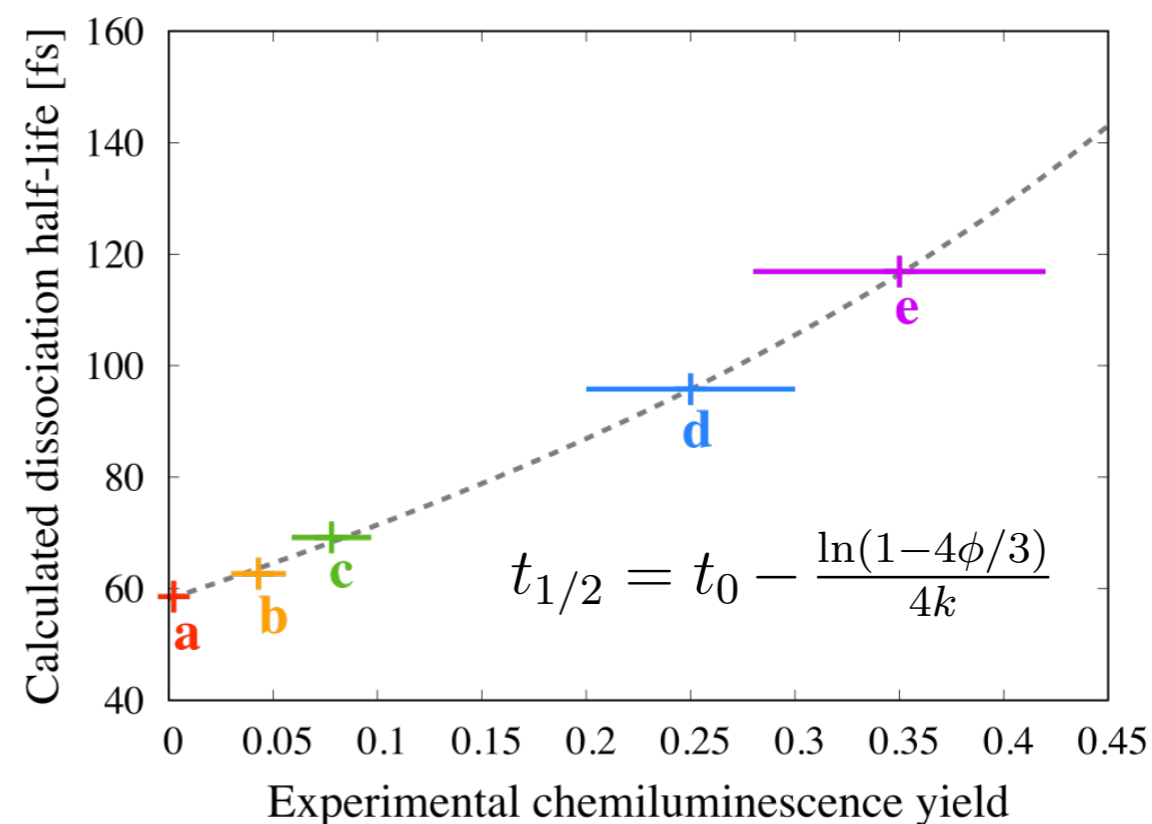


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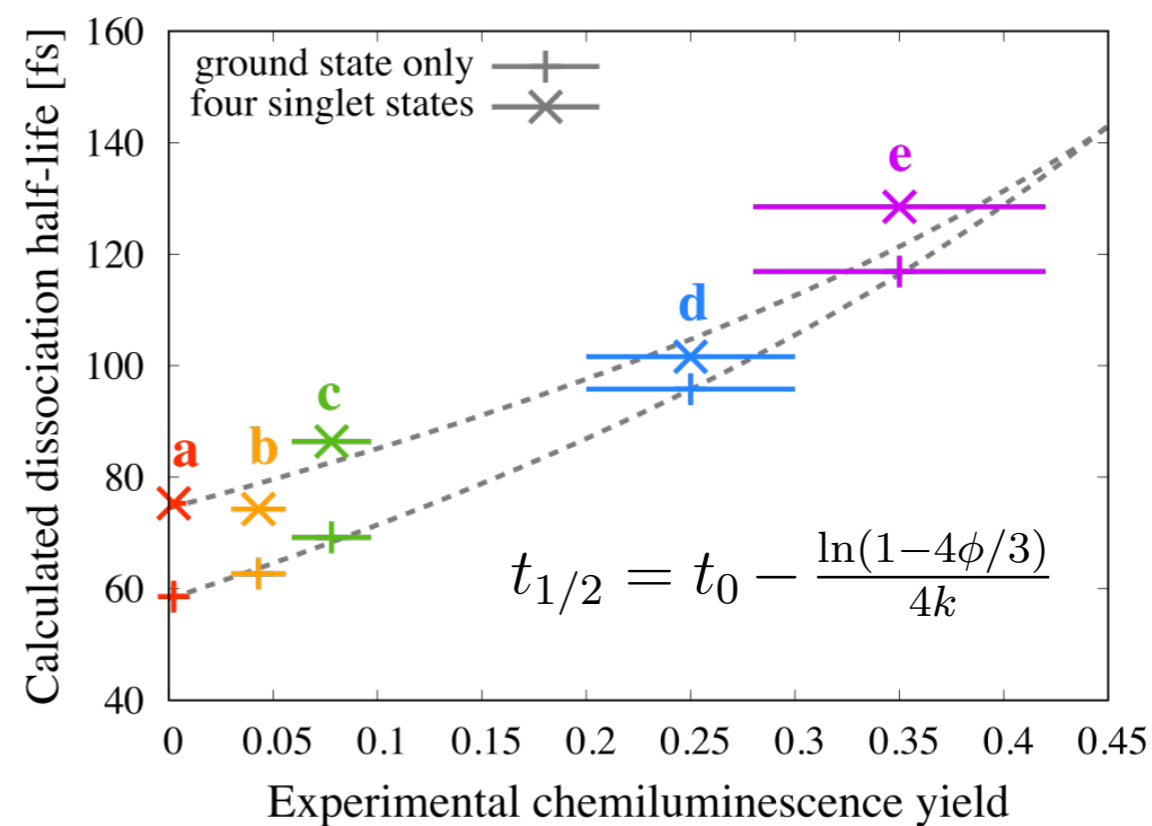
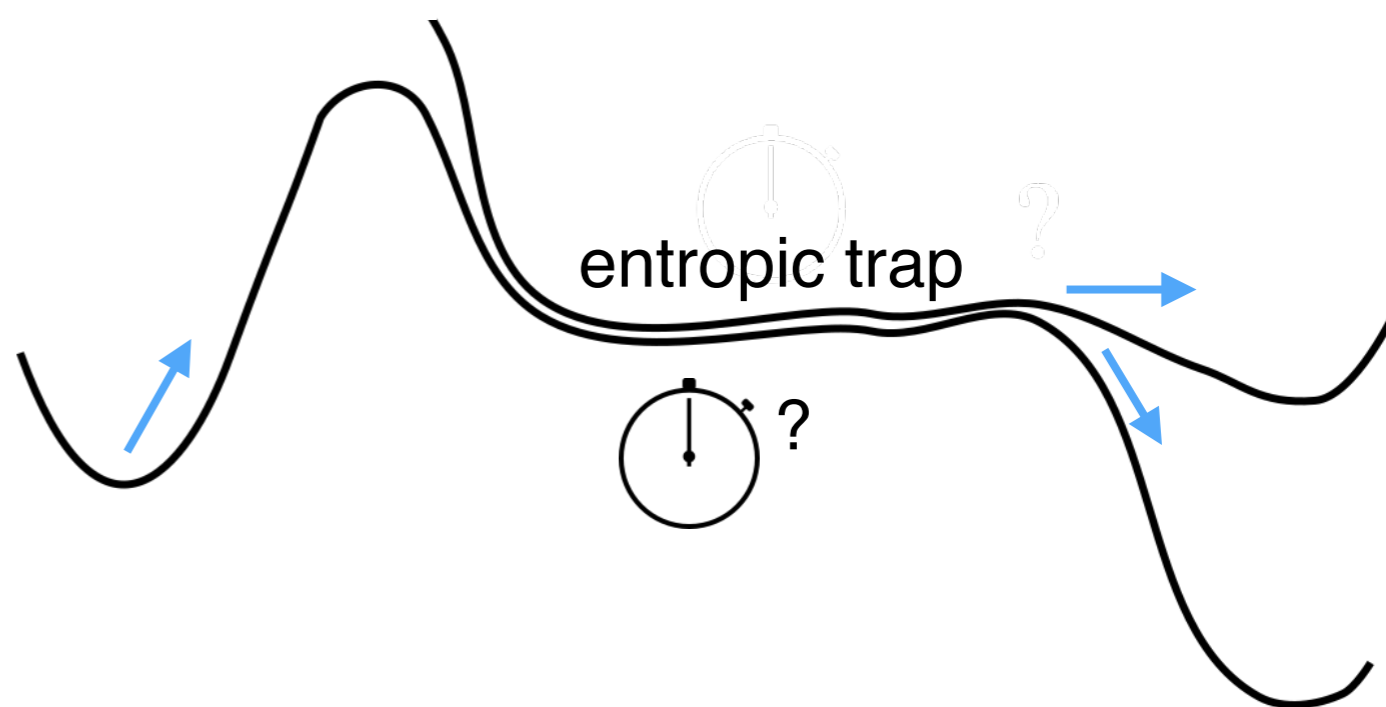
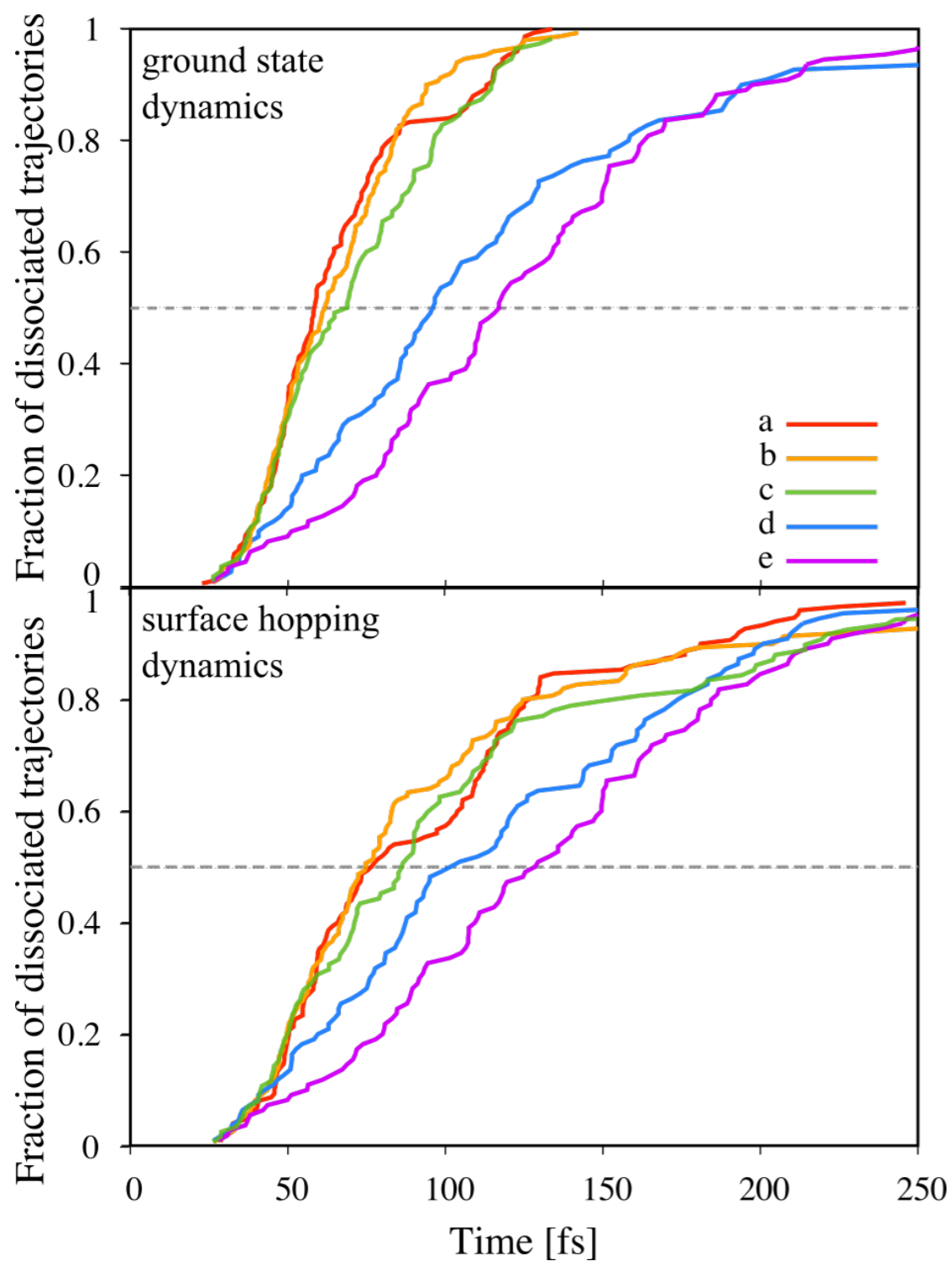
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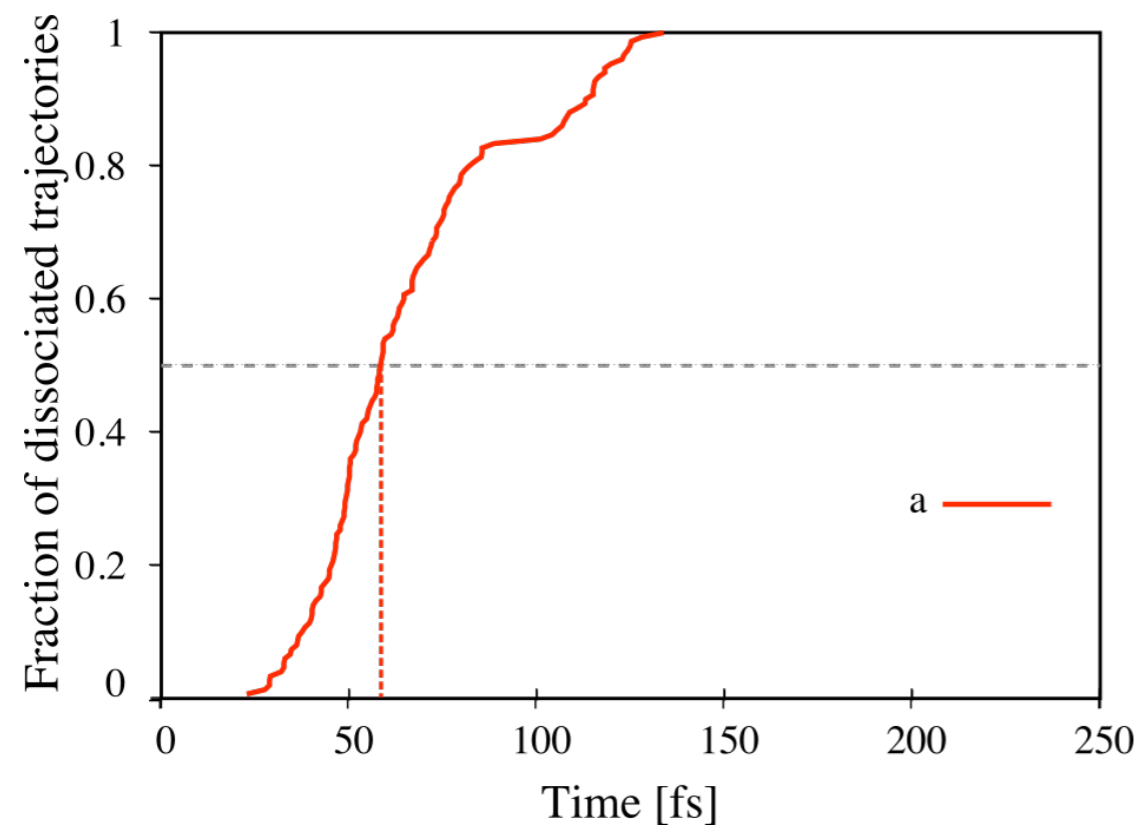
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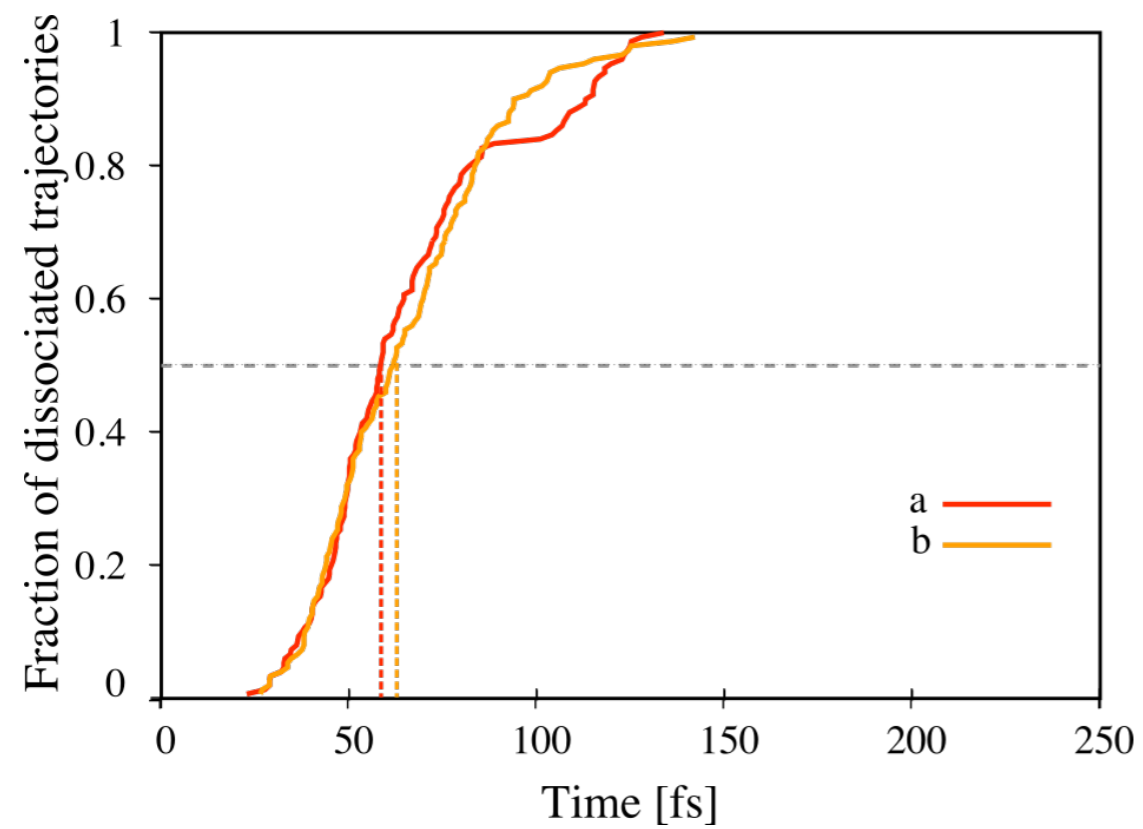


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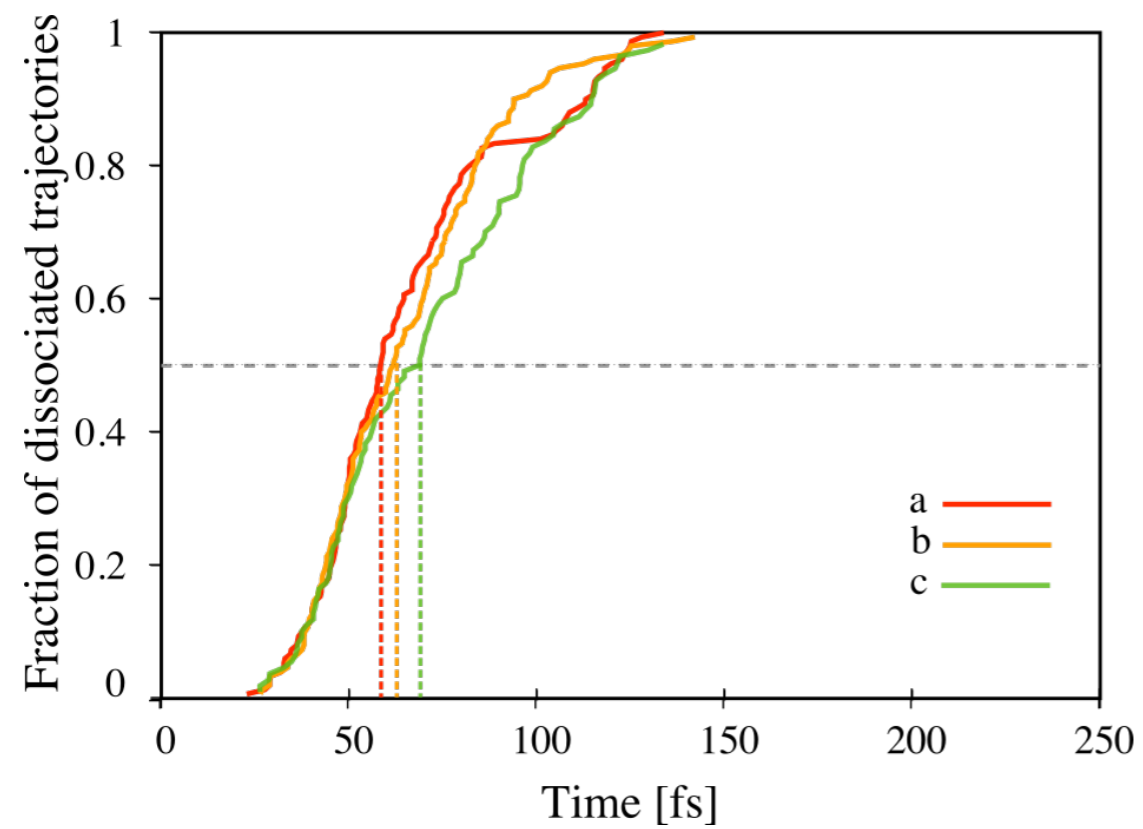
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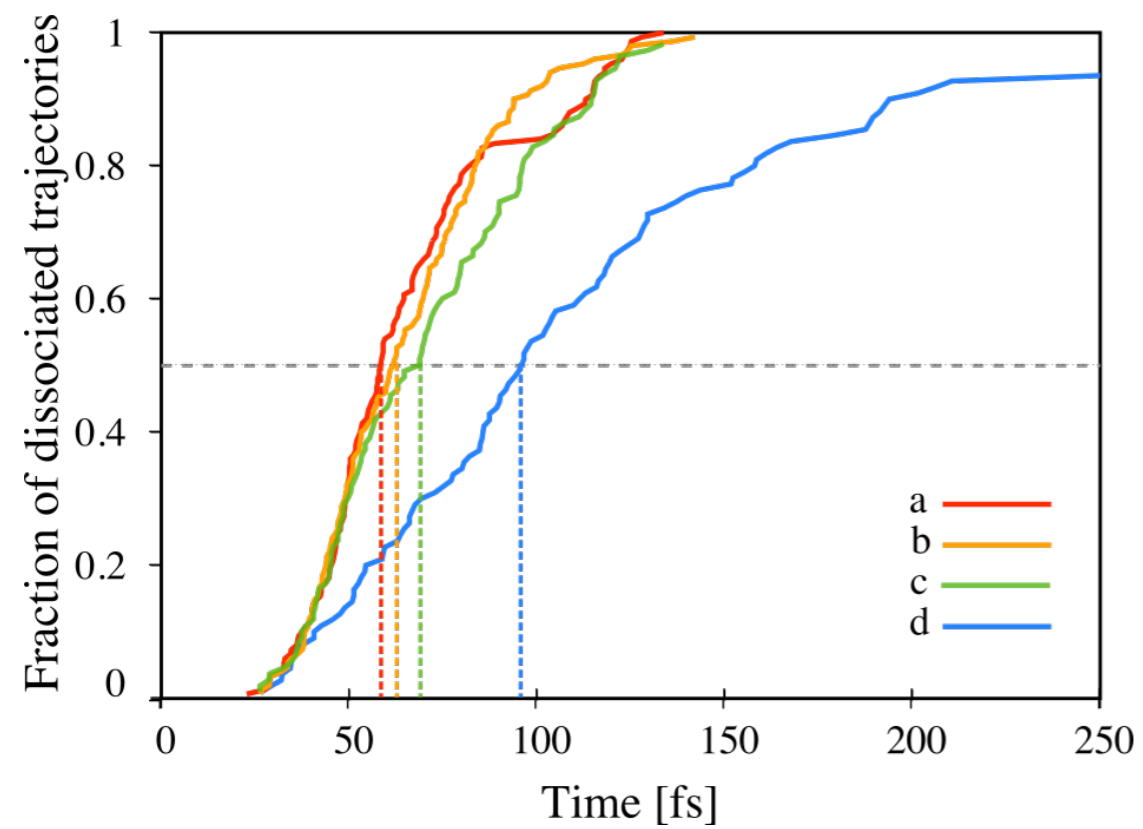
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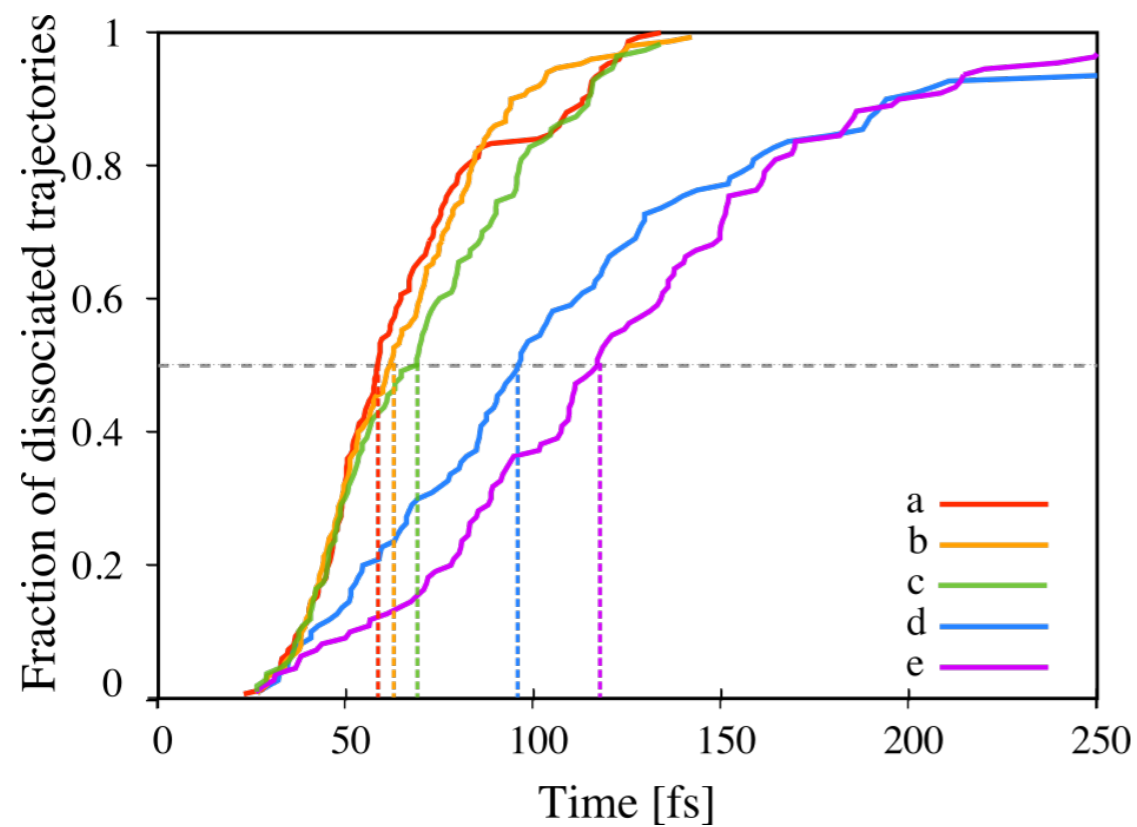
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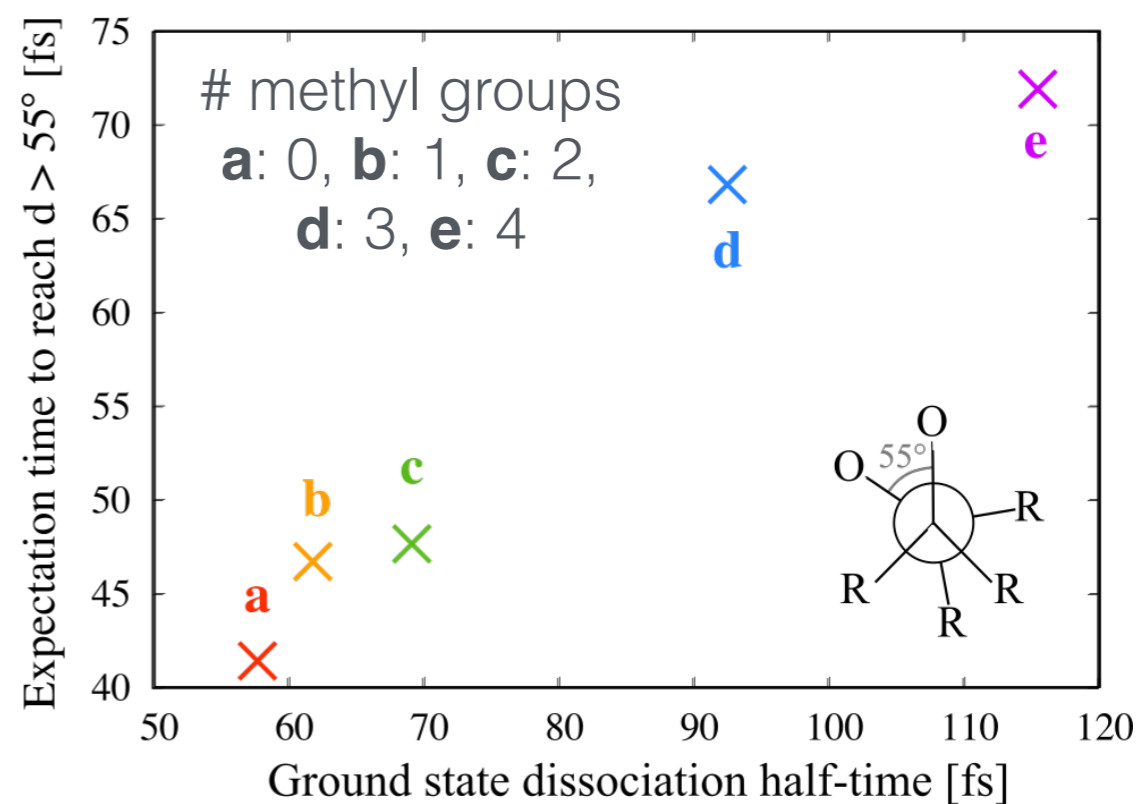
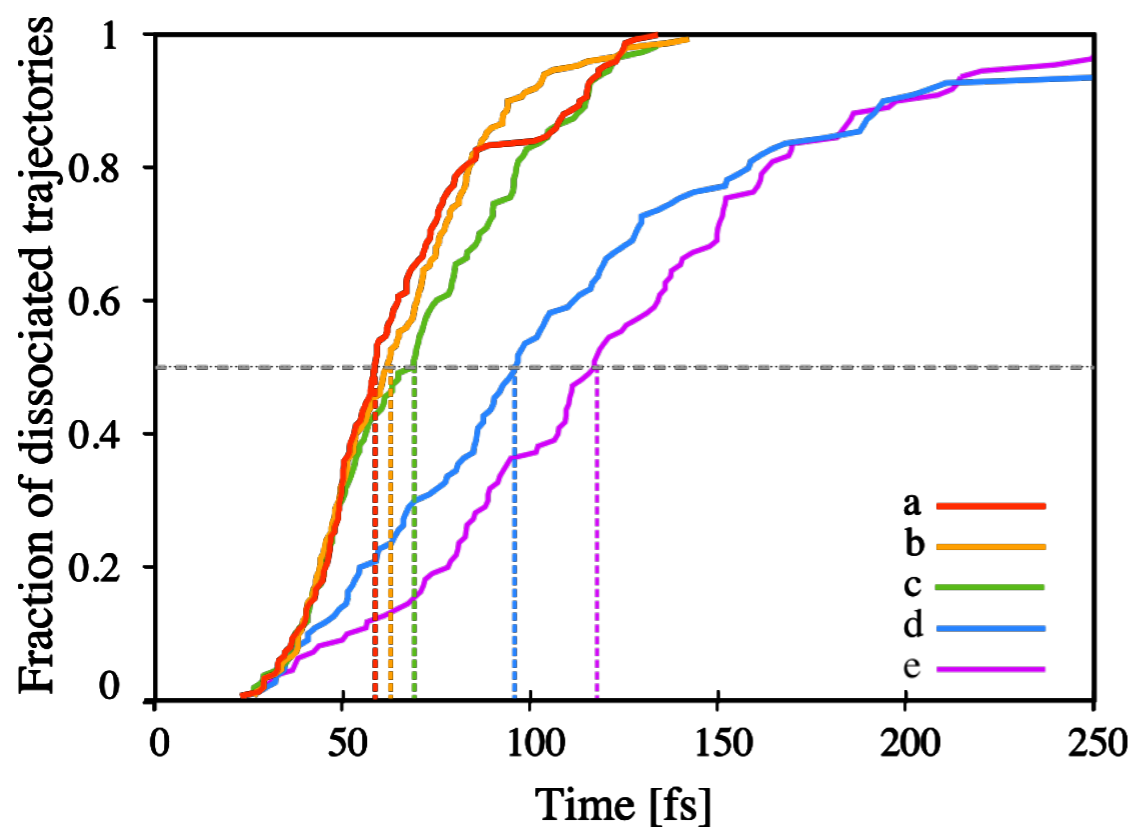


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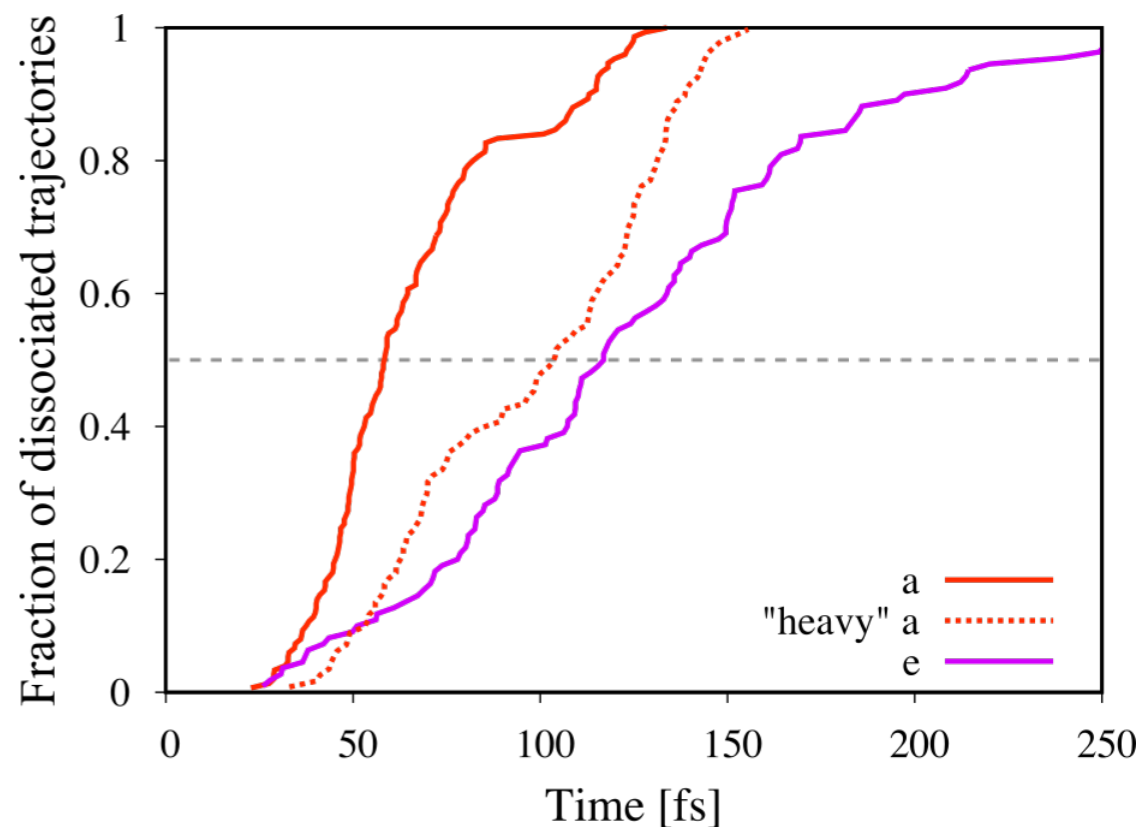
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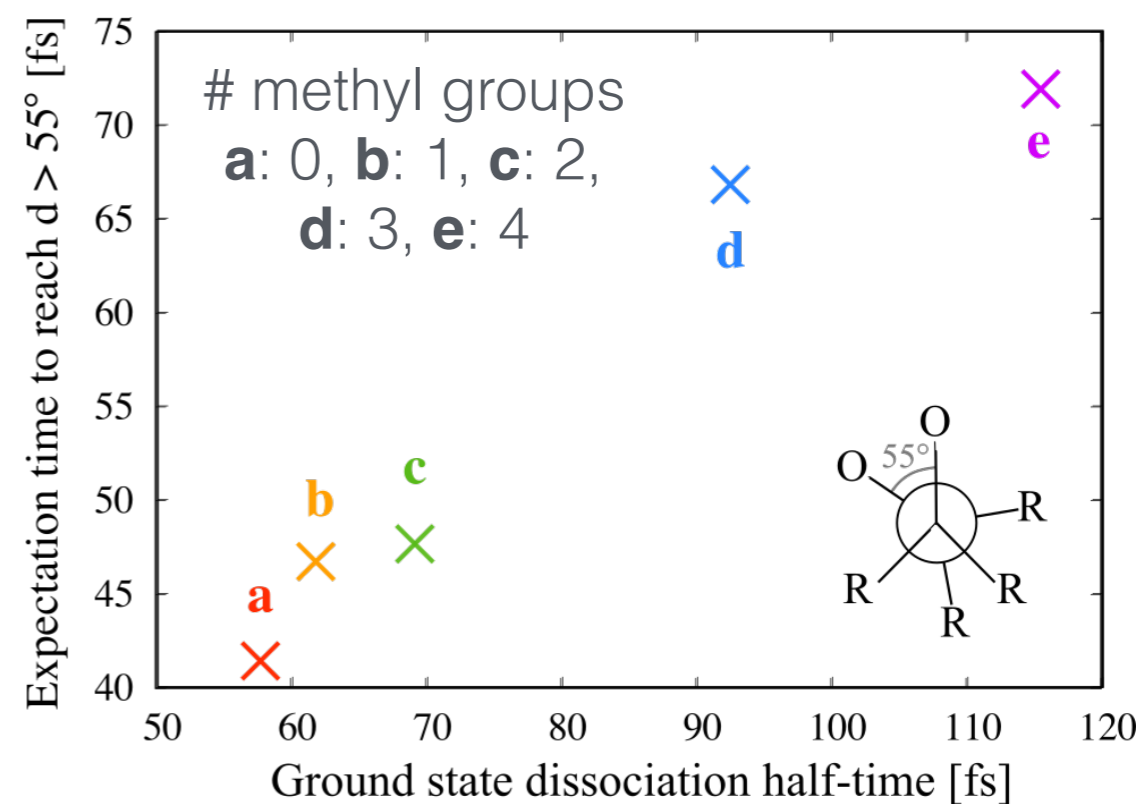
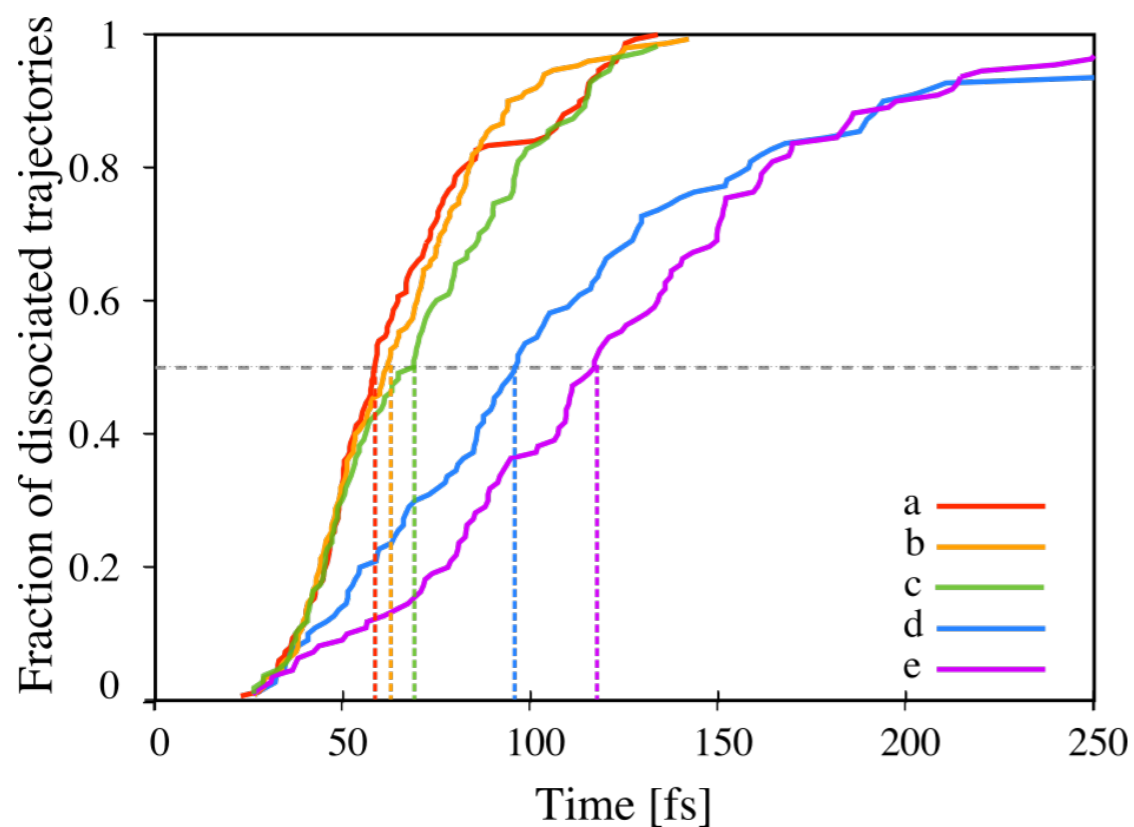
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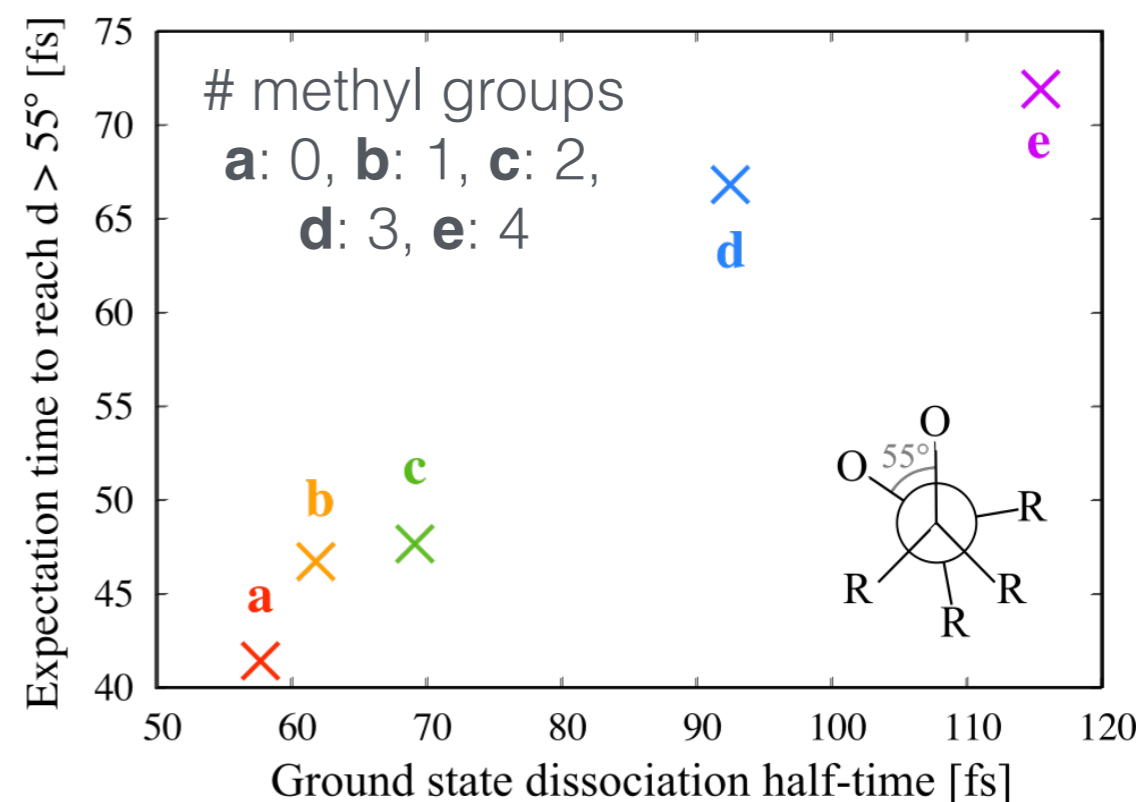
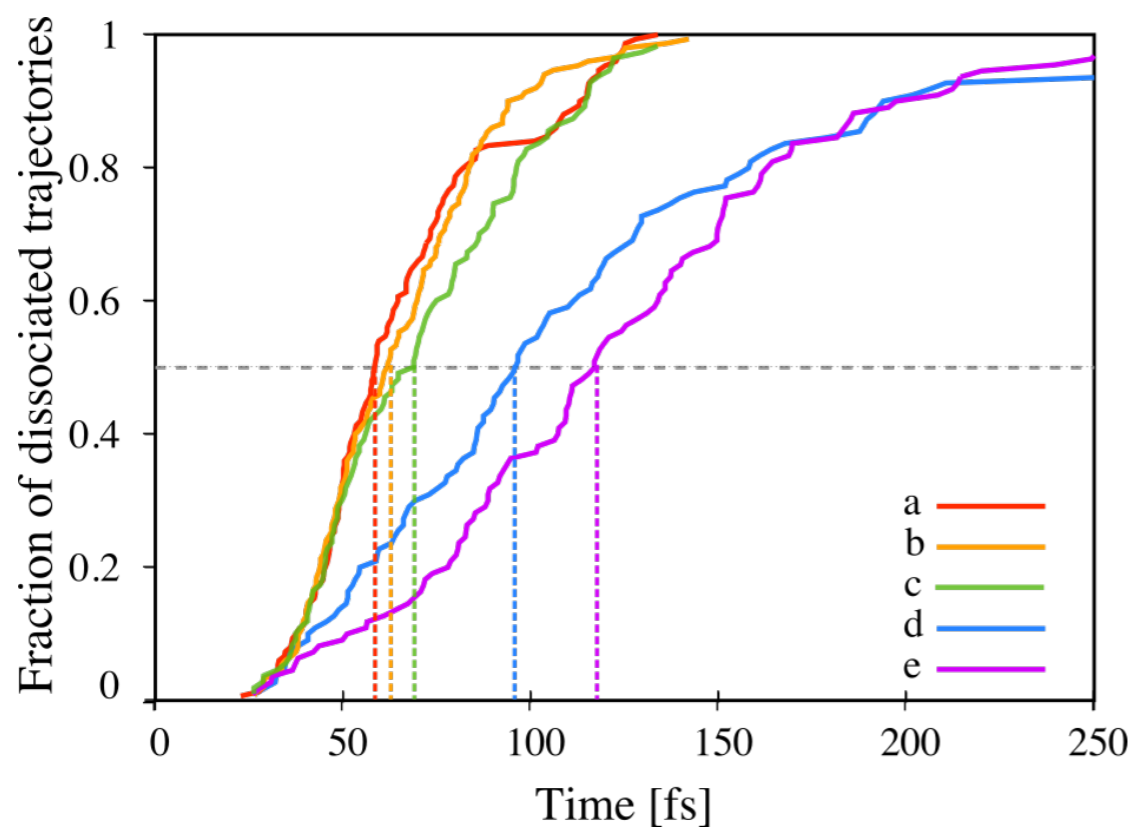
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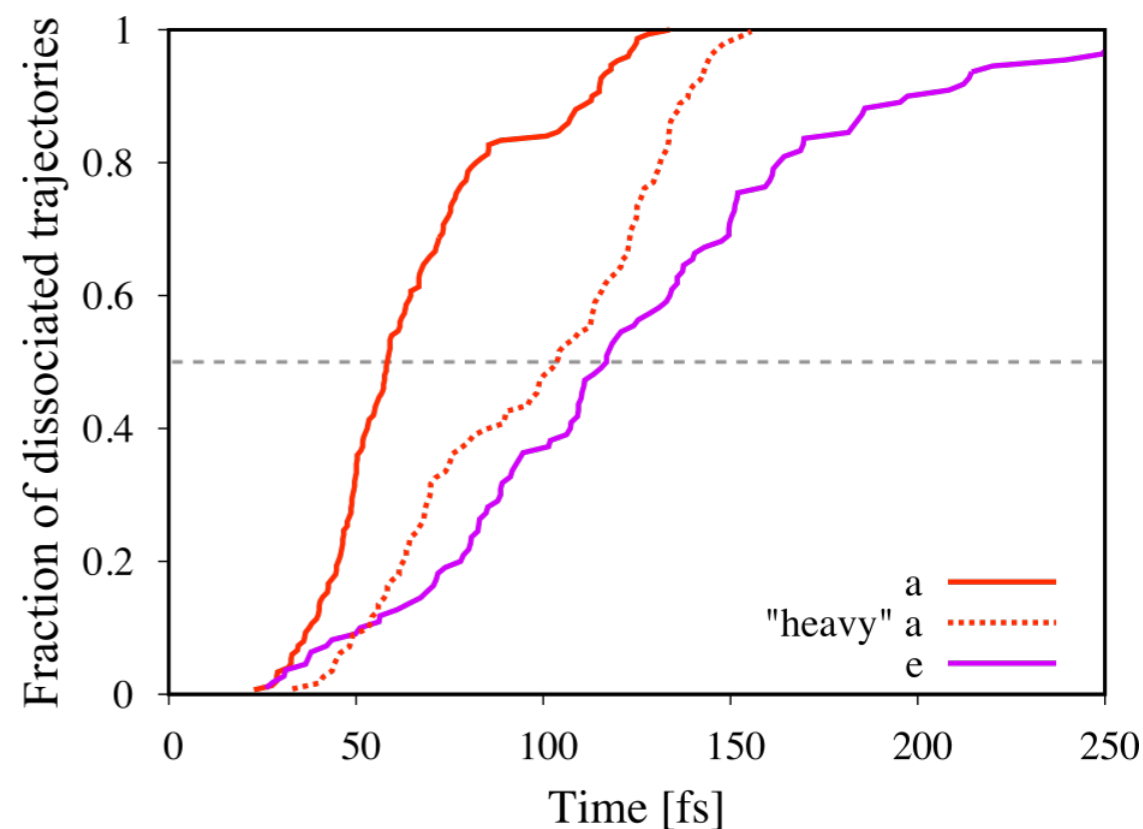
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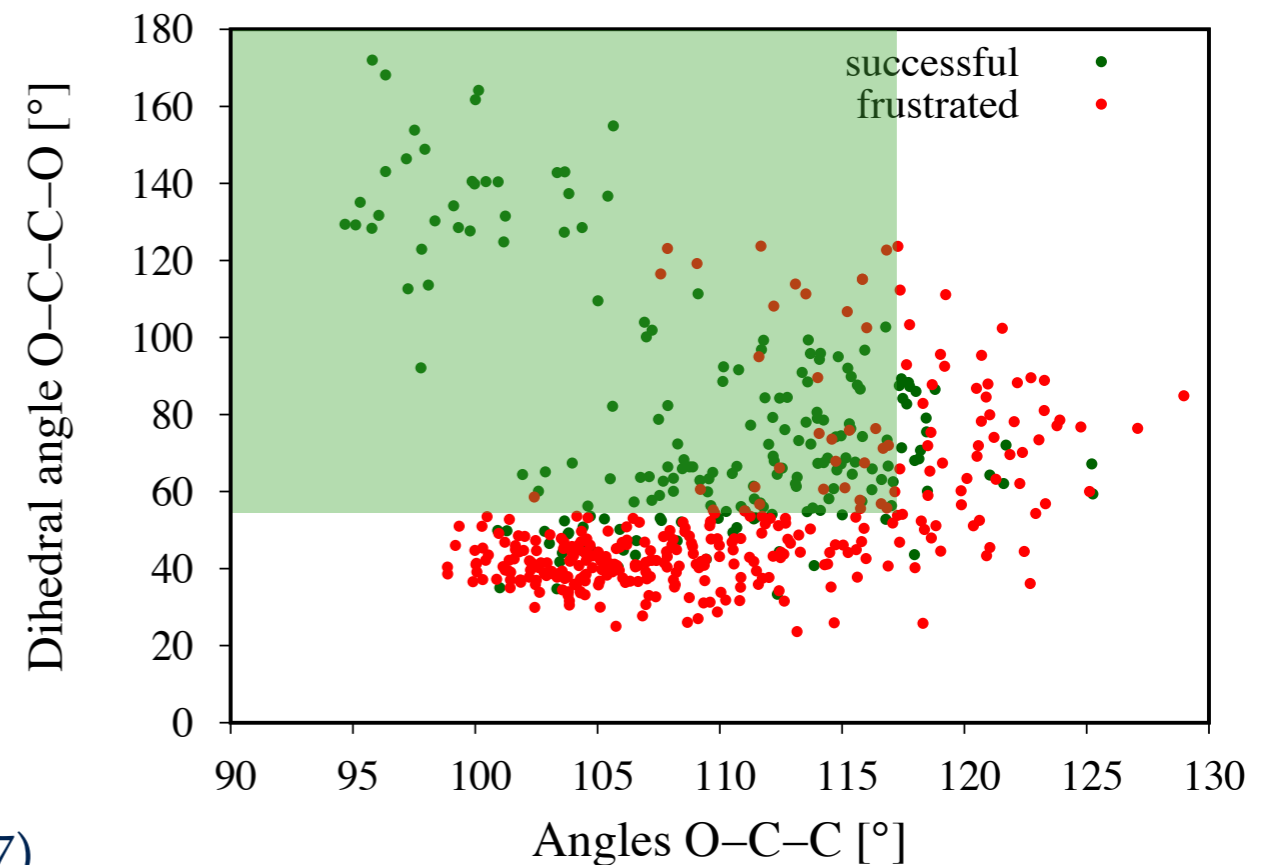
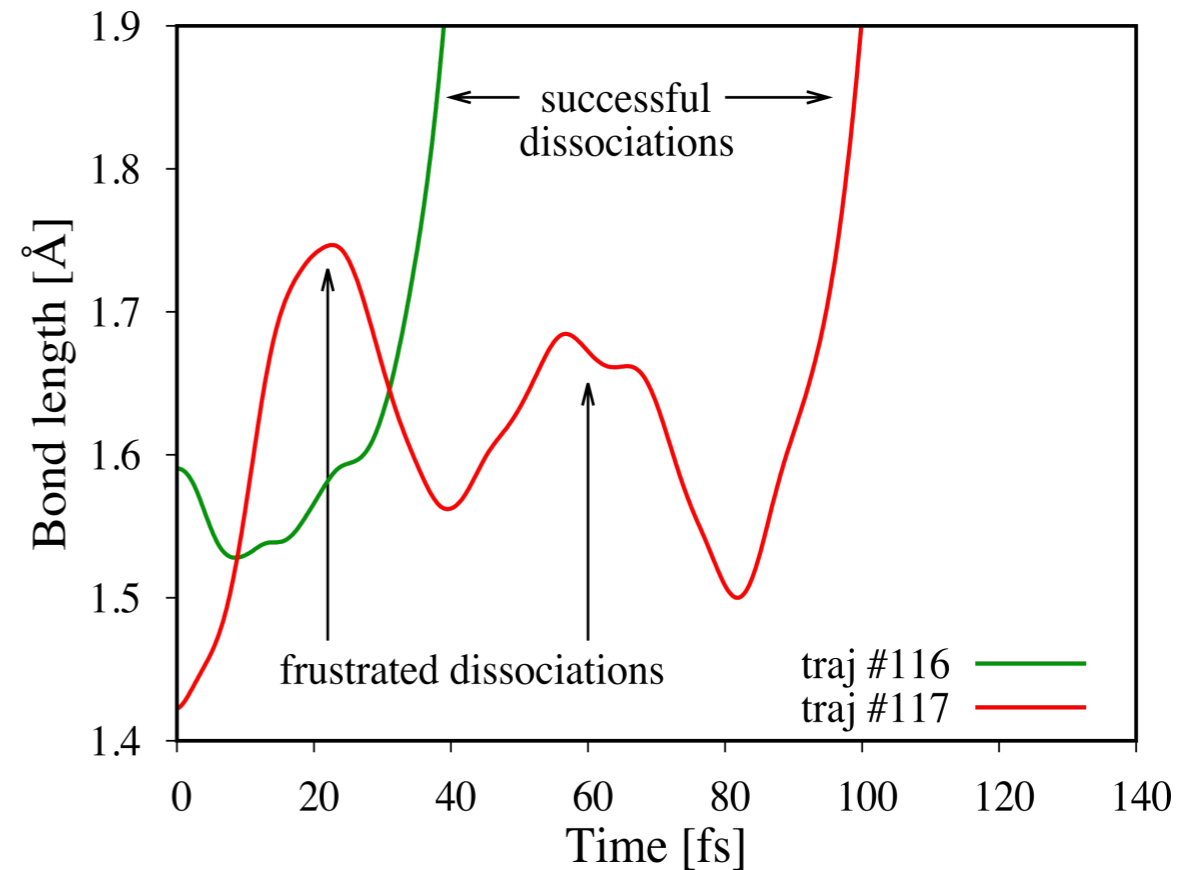
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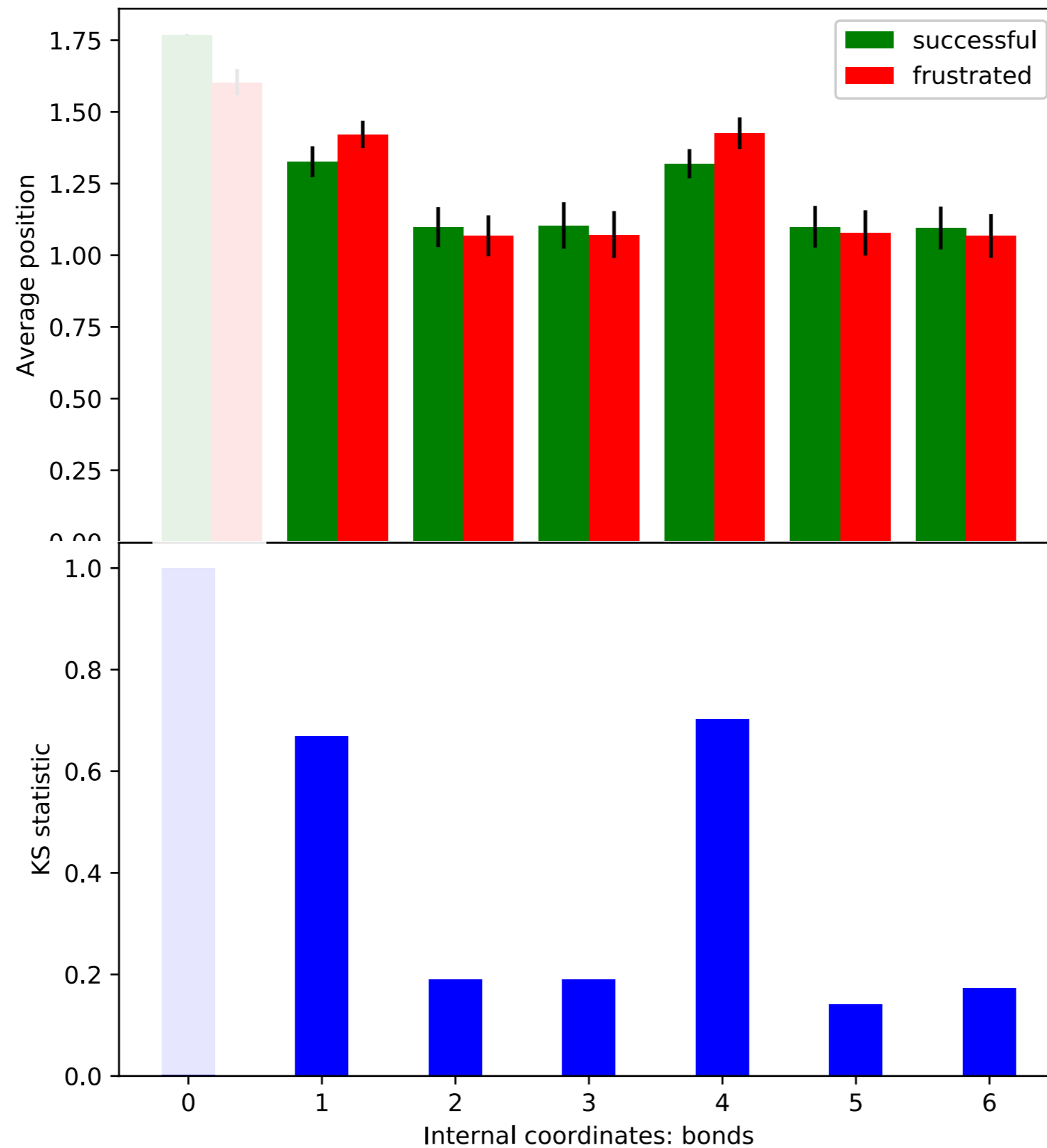
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Geometrical conditions necessary to escape the entropic trap:

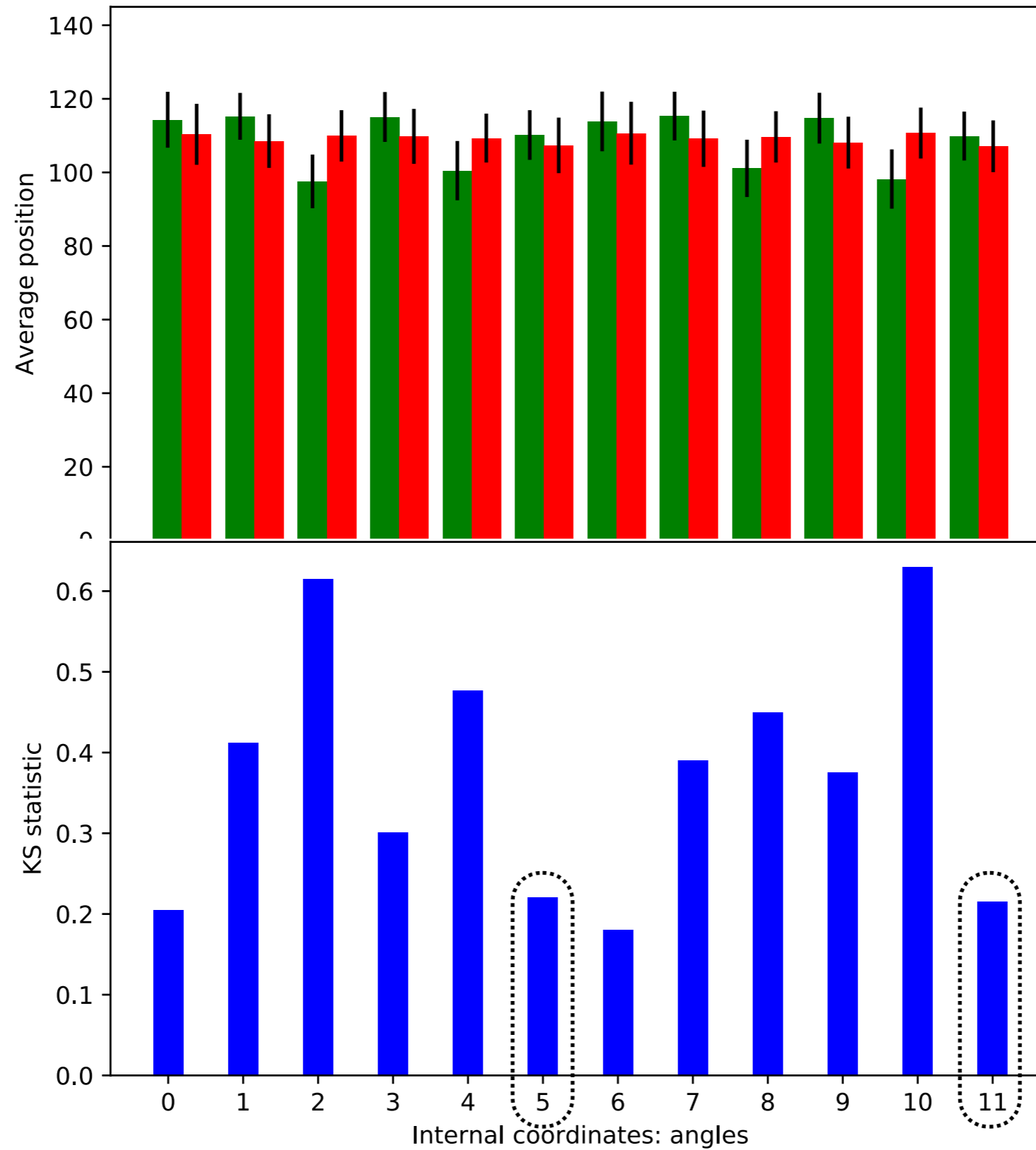
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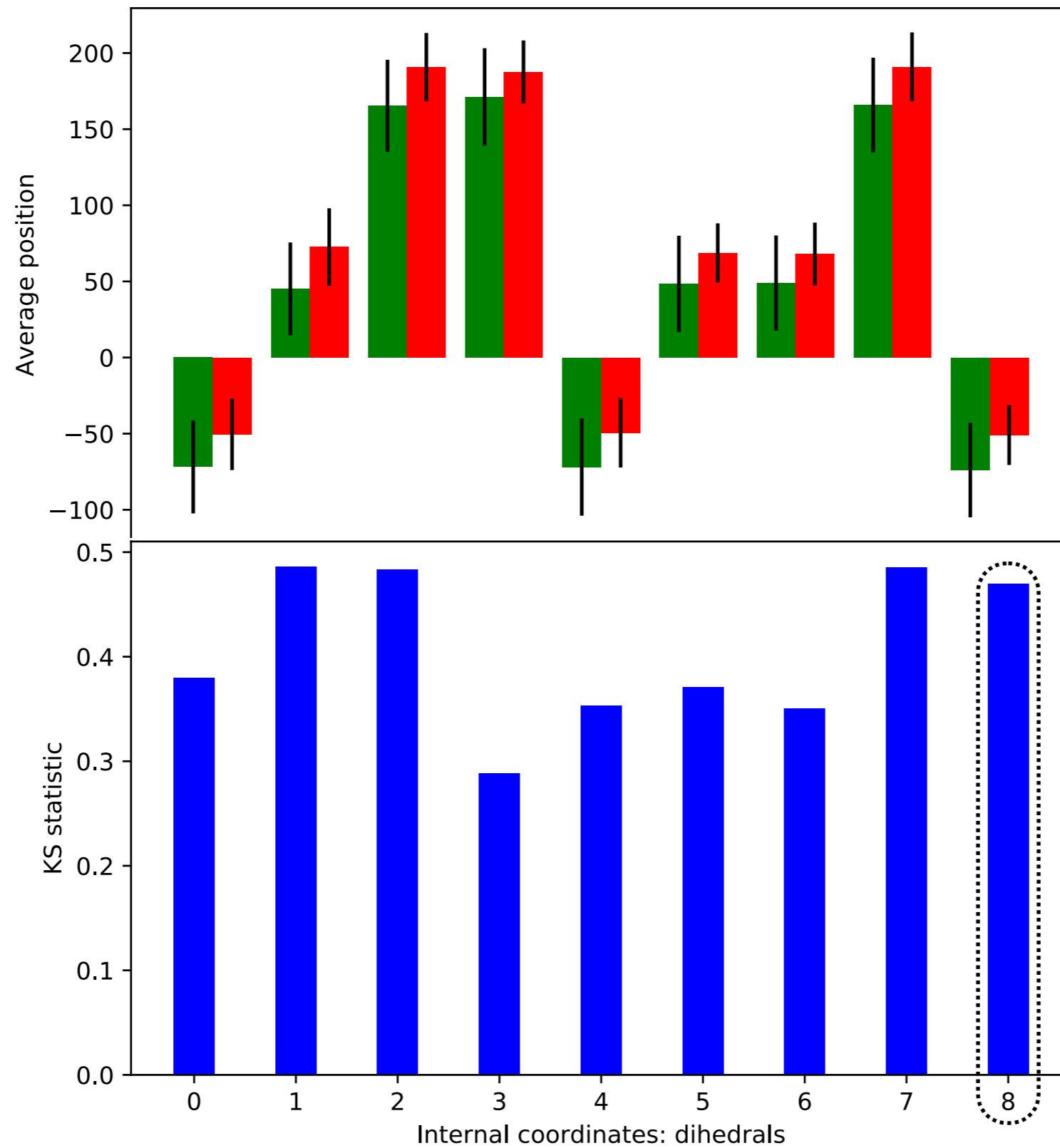
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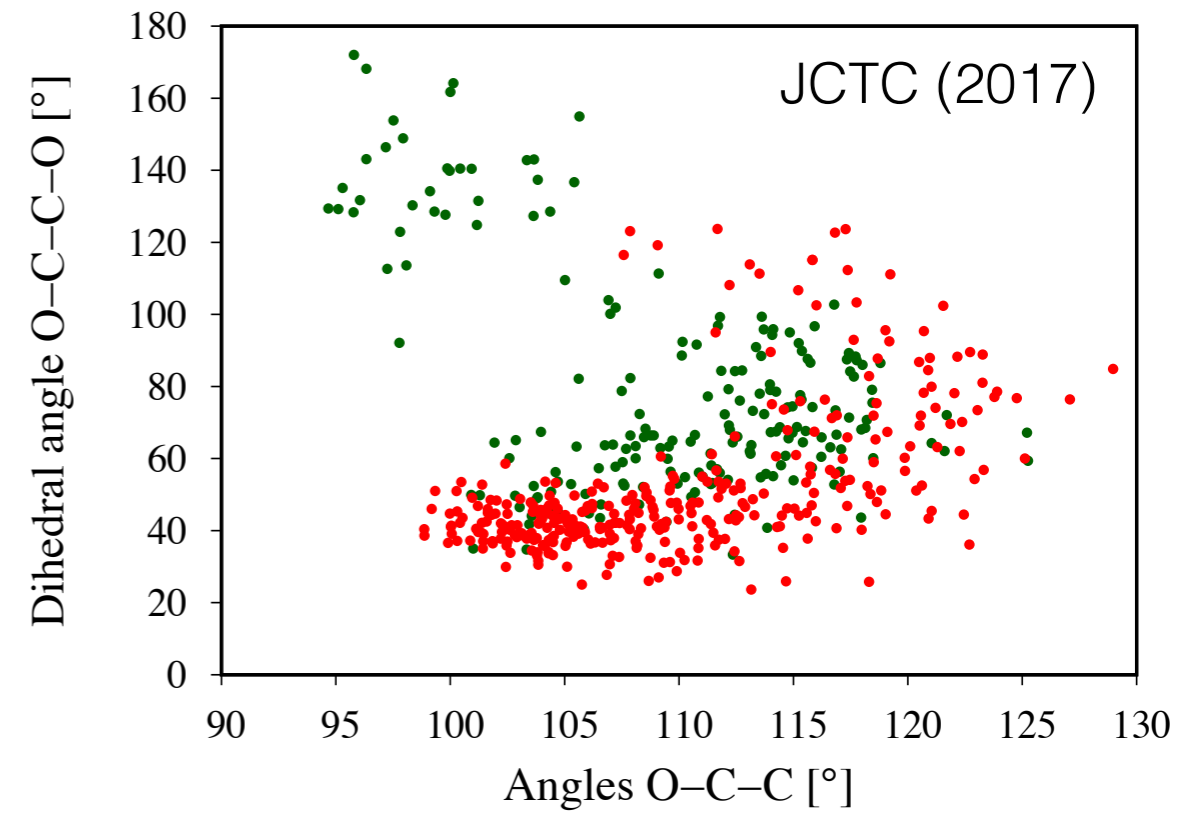
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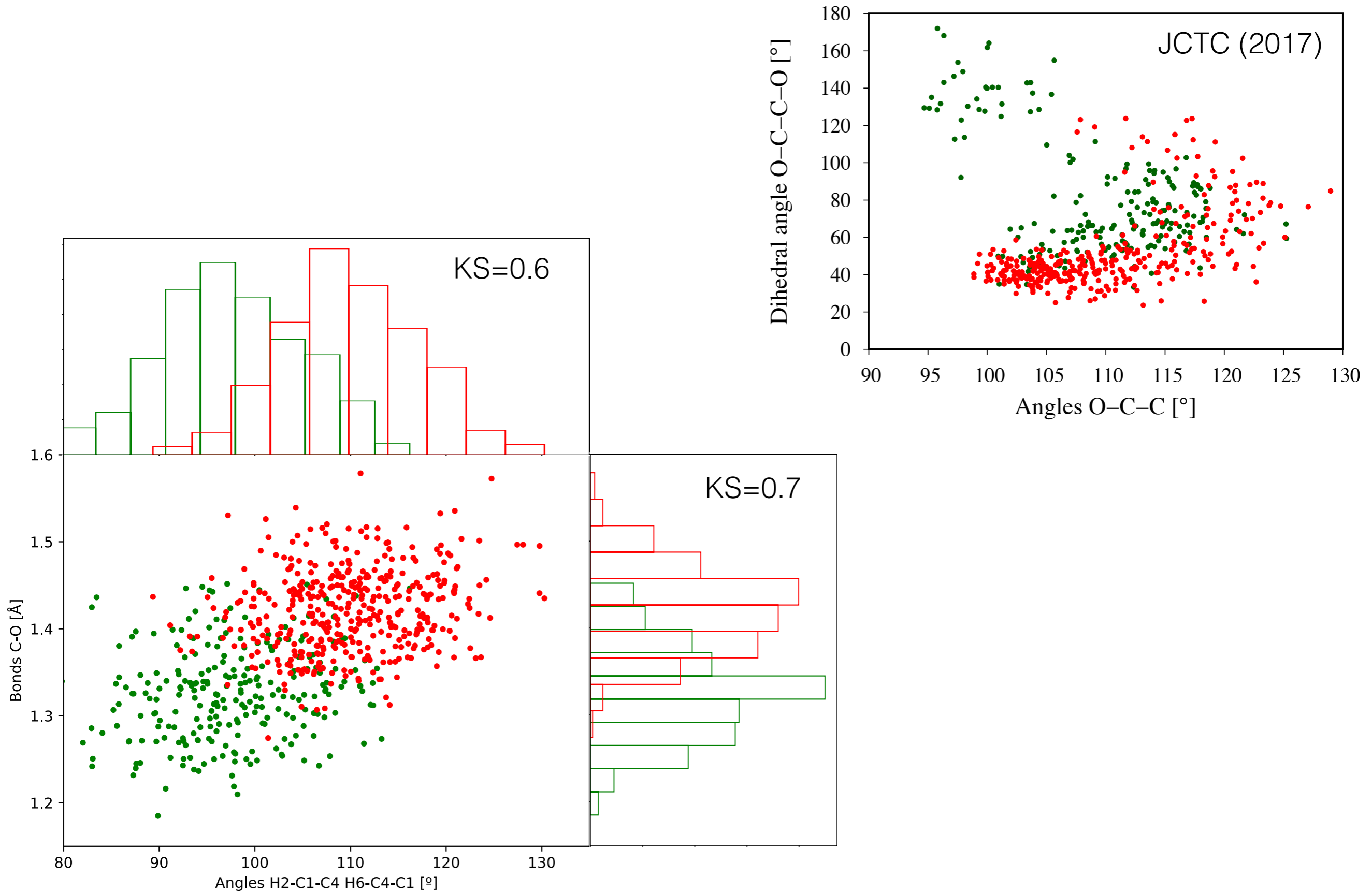


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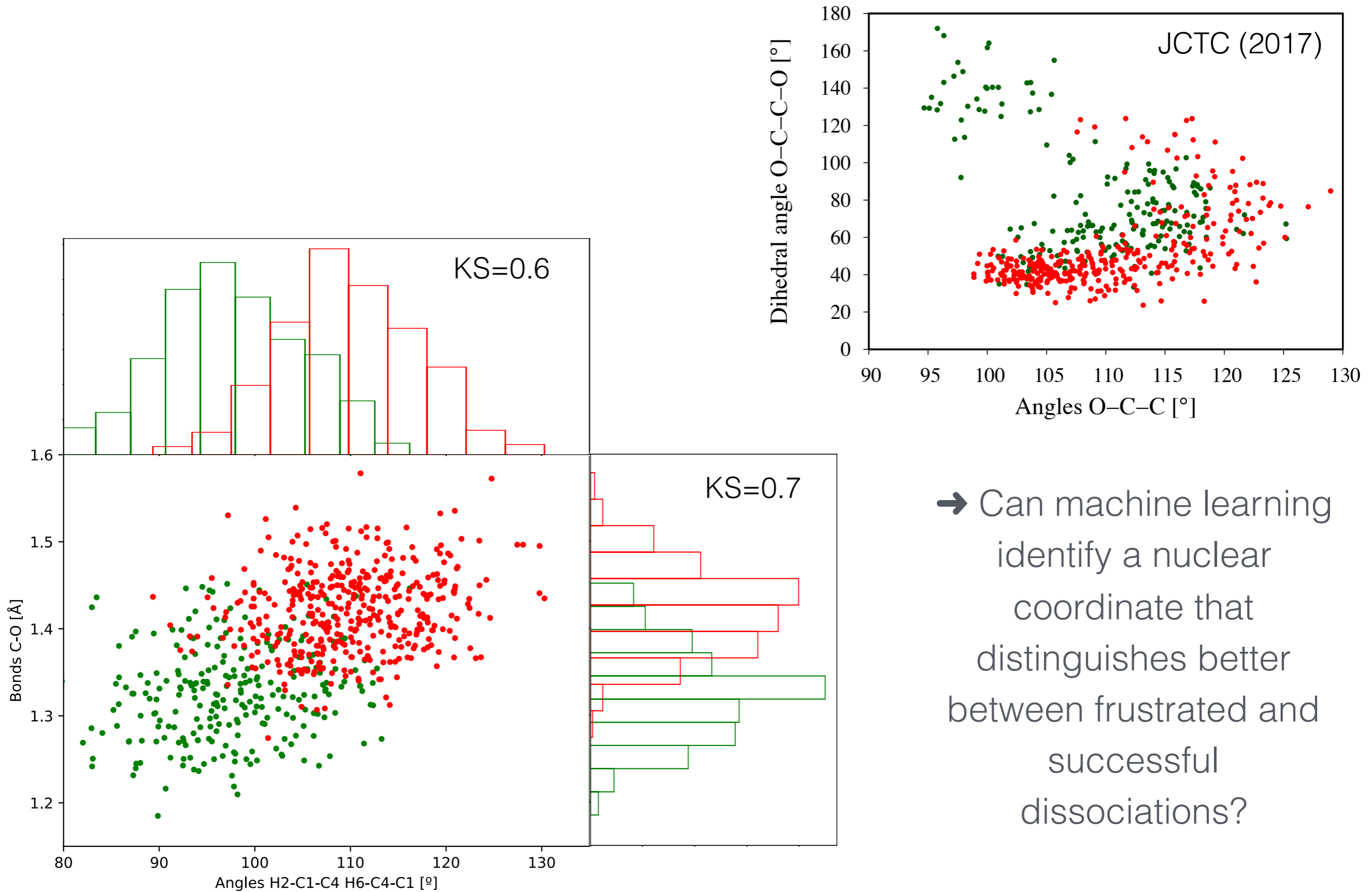




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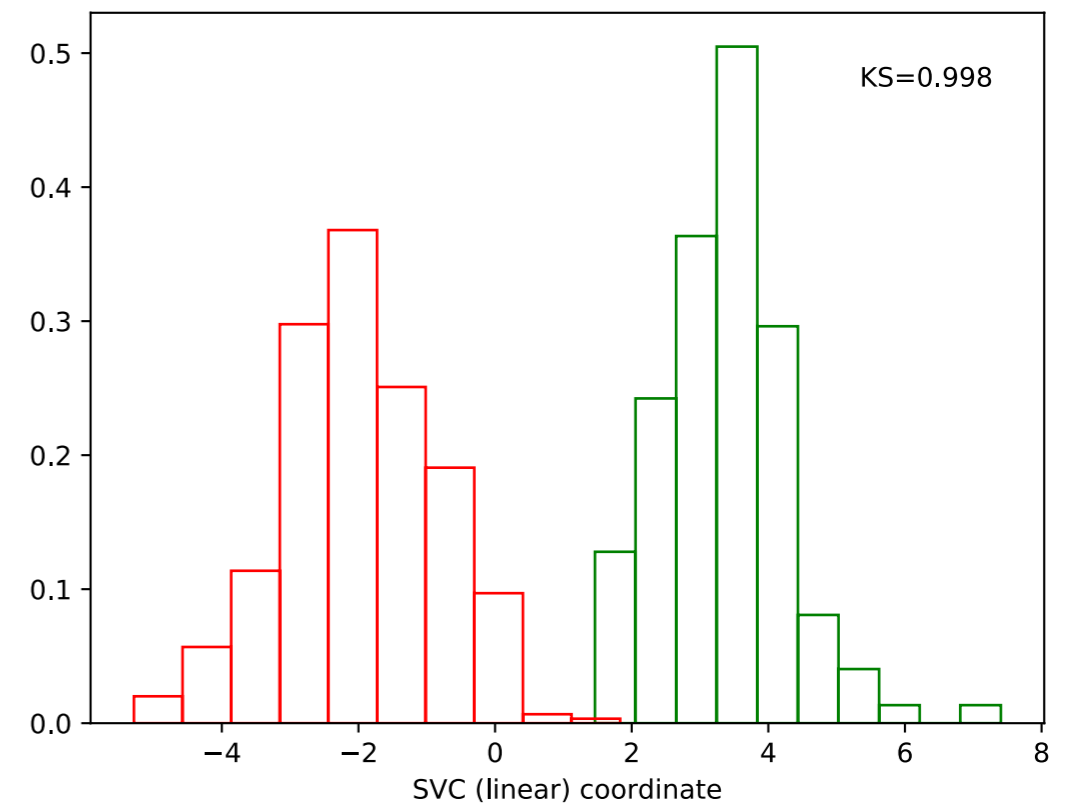
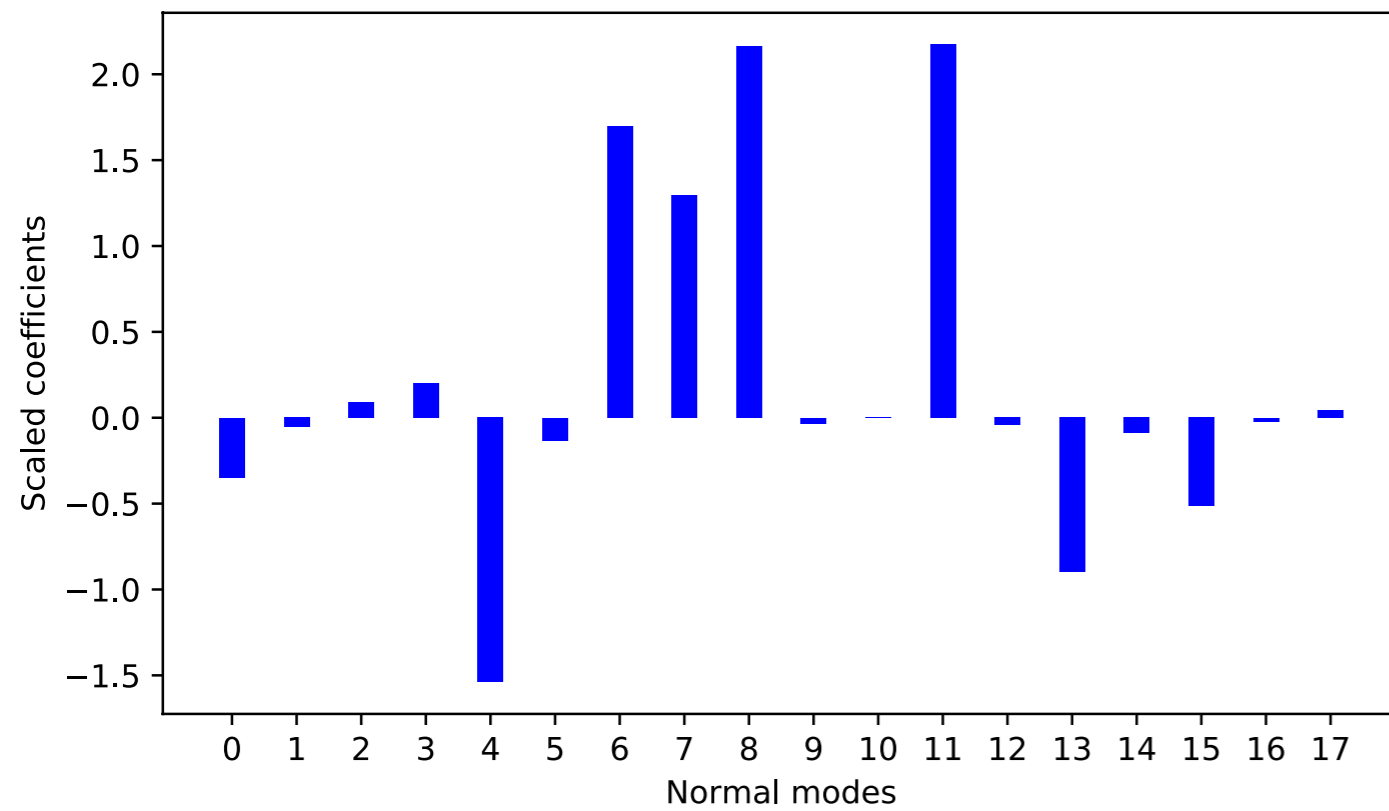
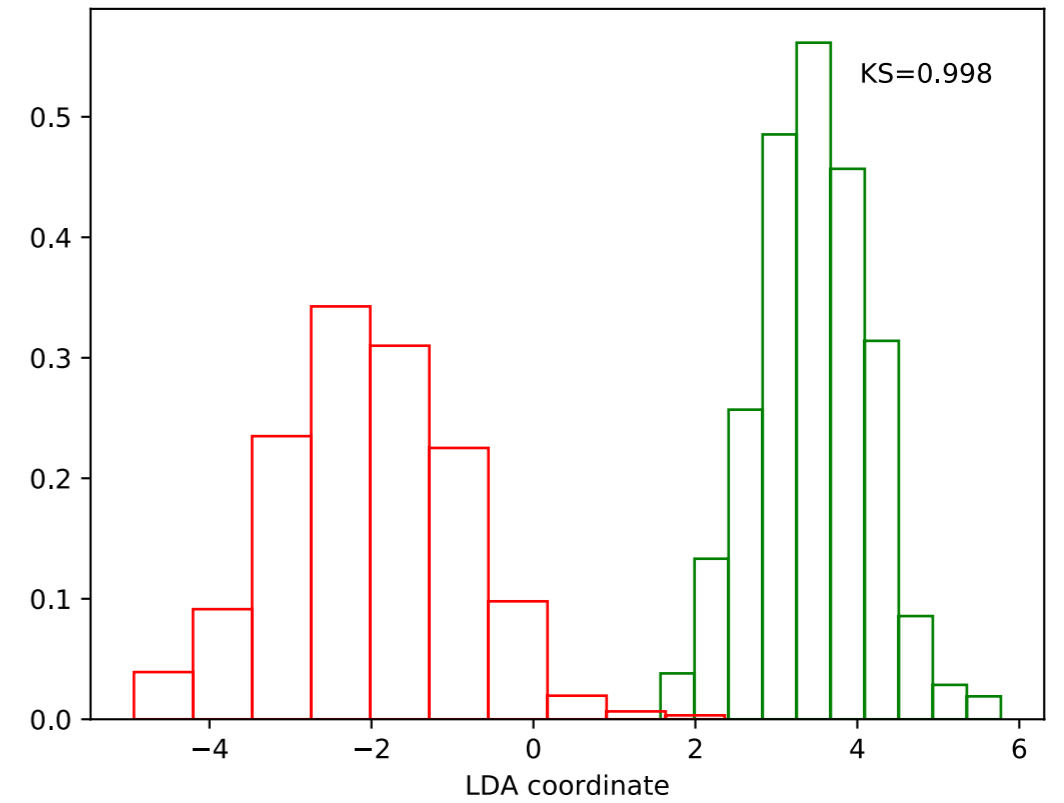
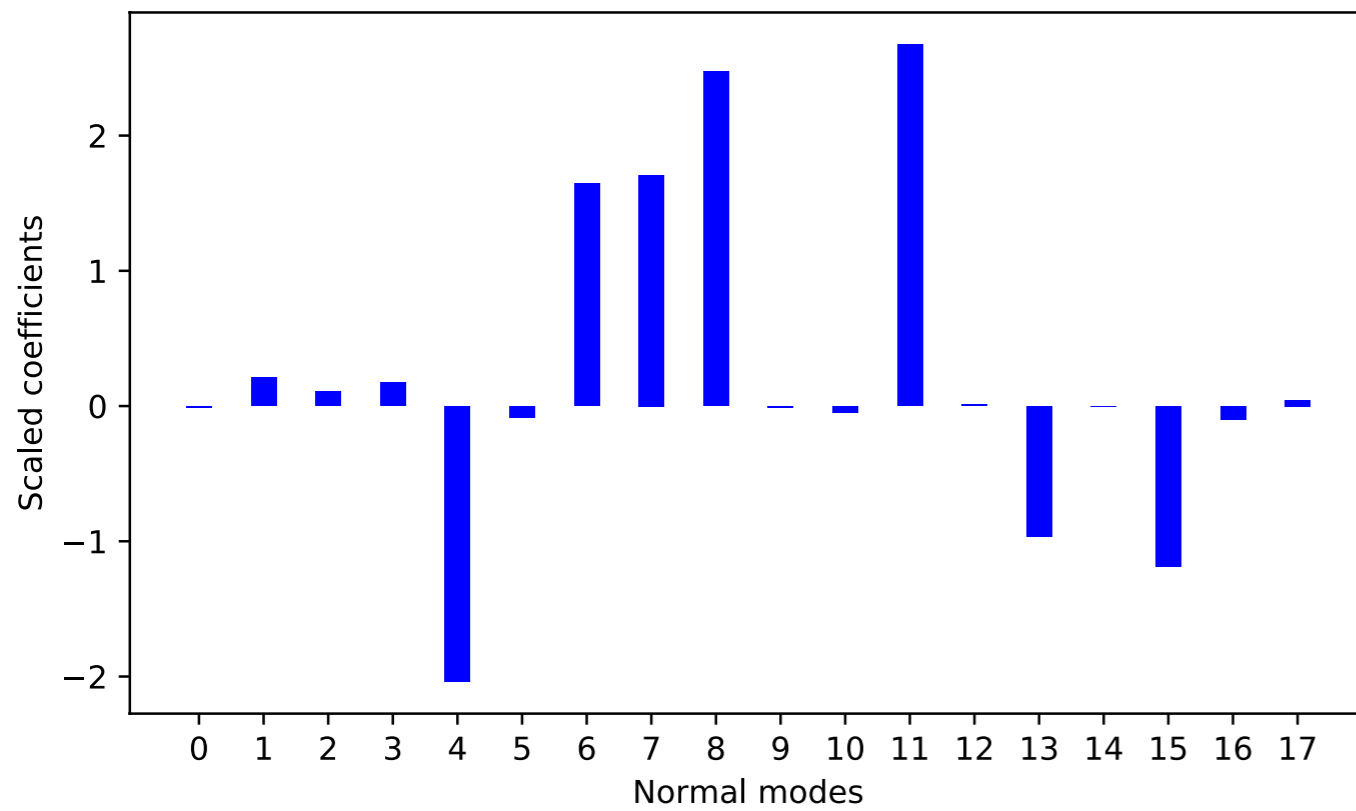


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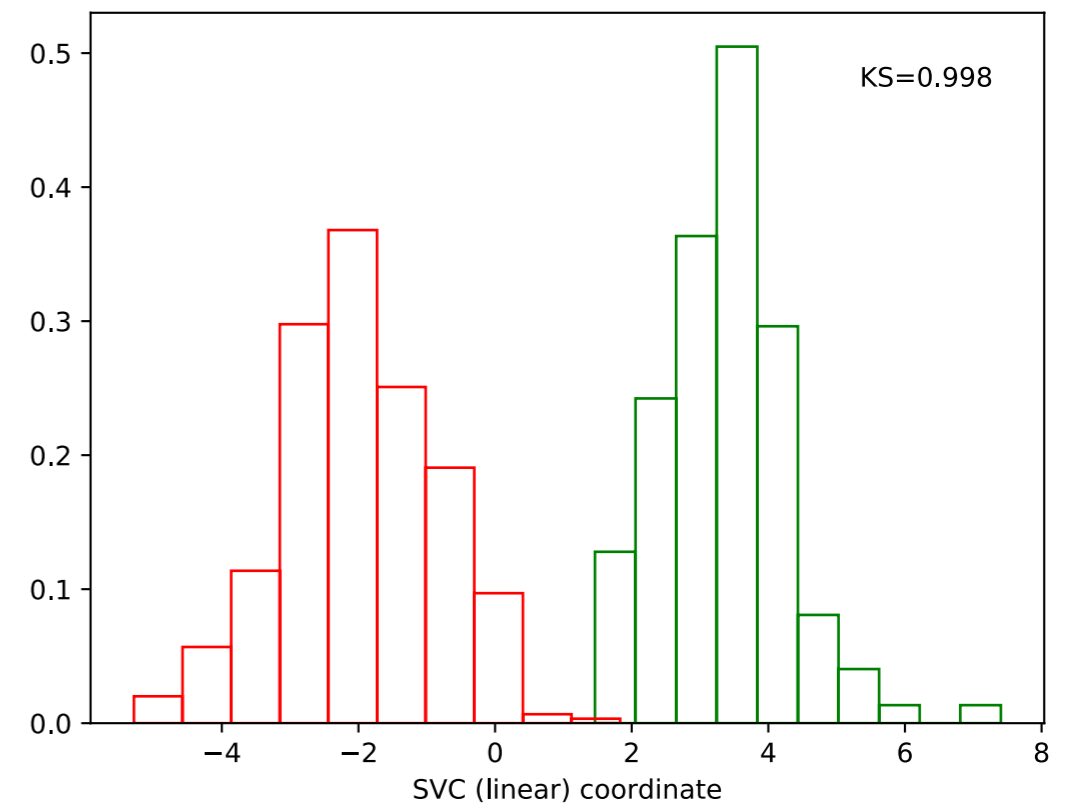
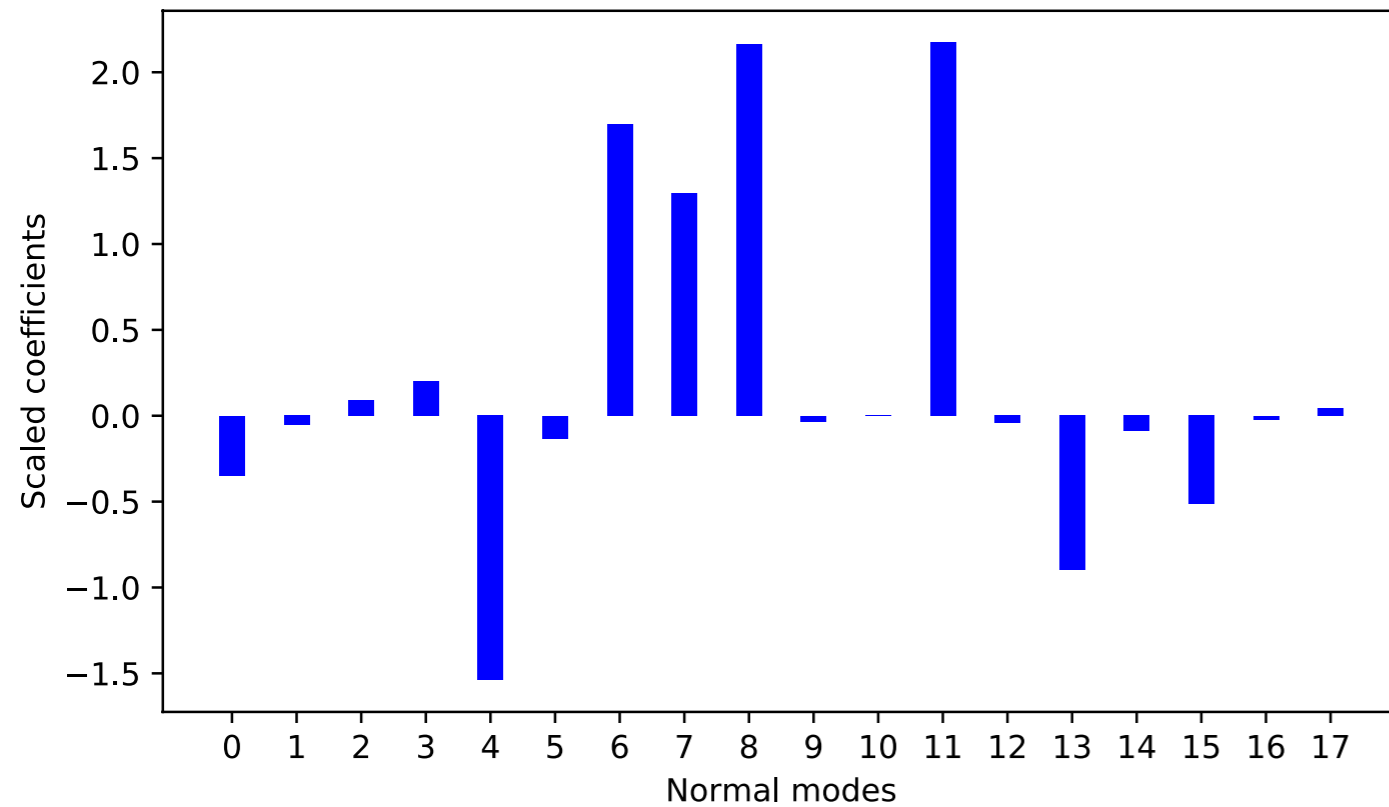
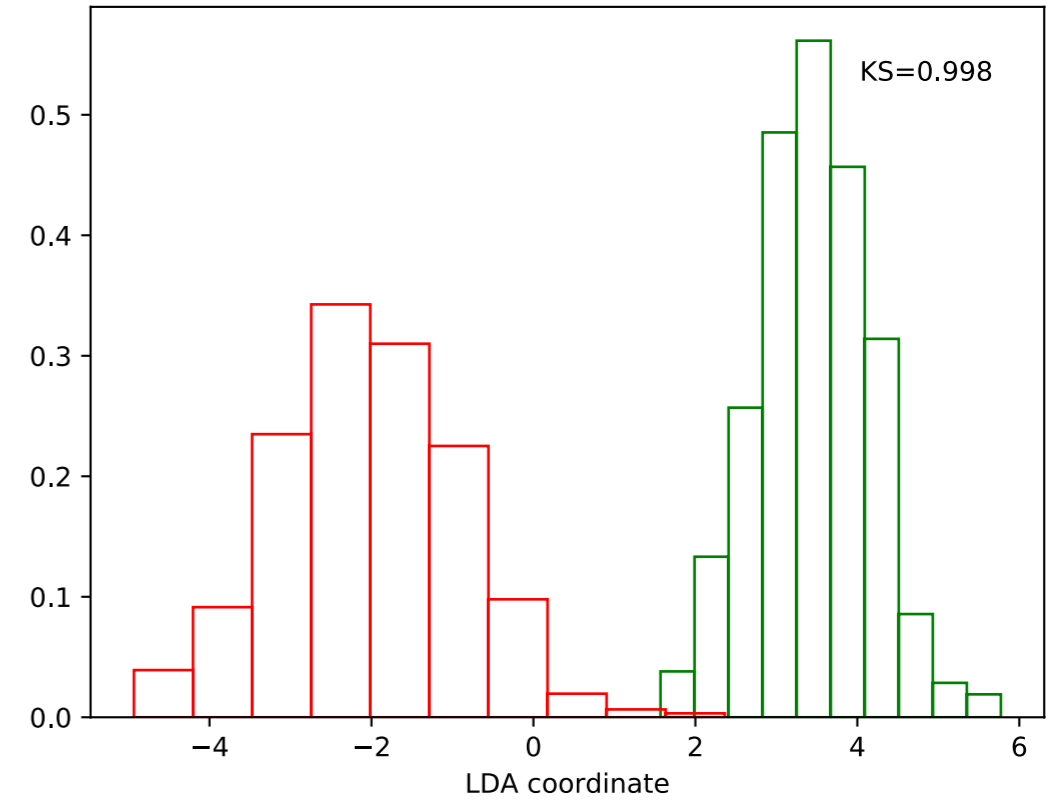
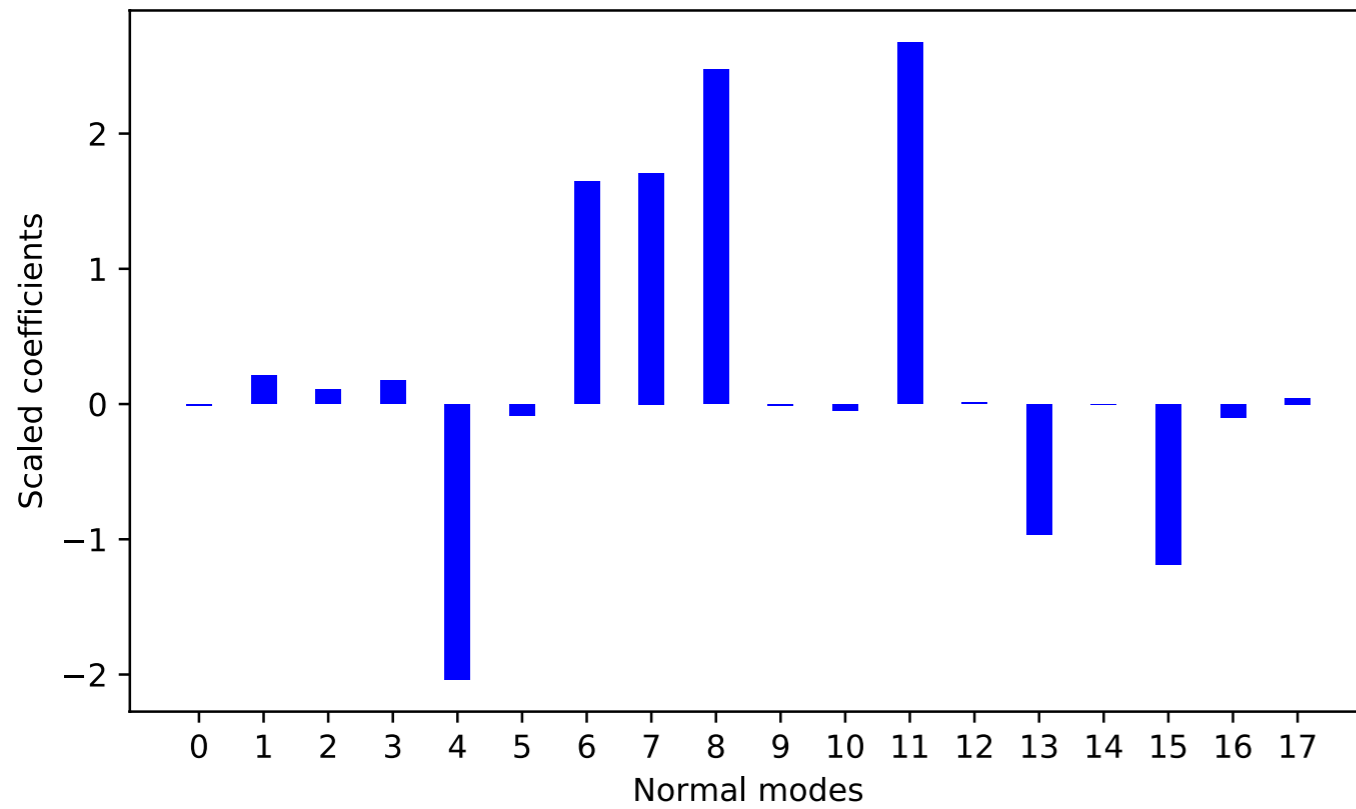


→ Can machine learning identify a nuclear coordinate that distinguishes better between frustrated and successful dissociations?

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