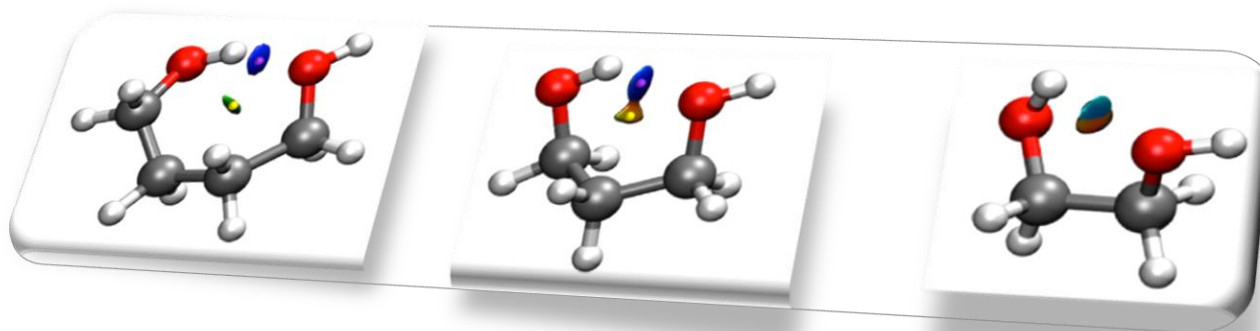


Non covalent interactions

Real space point of view



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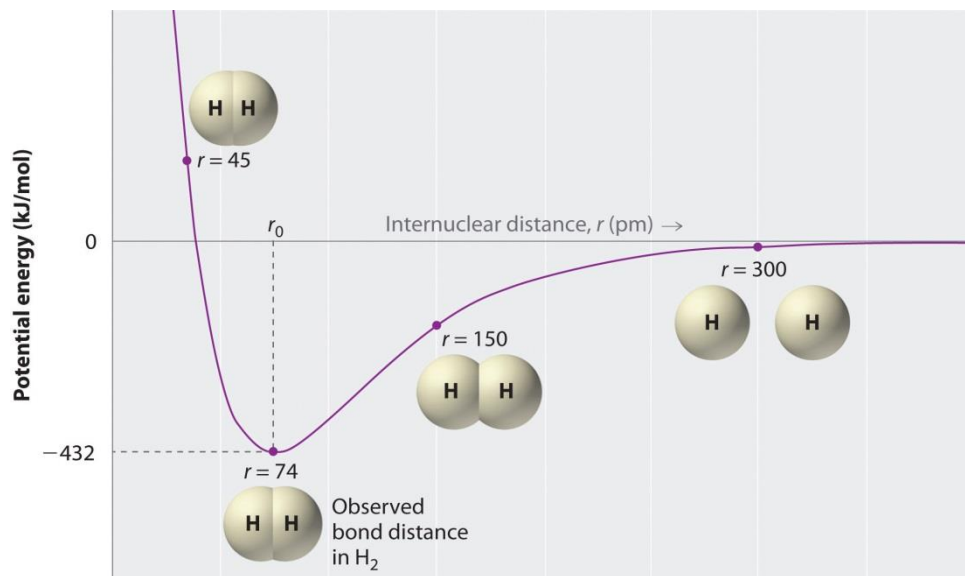
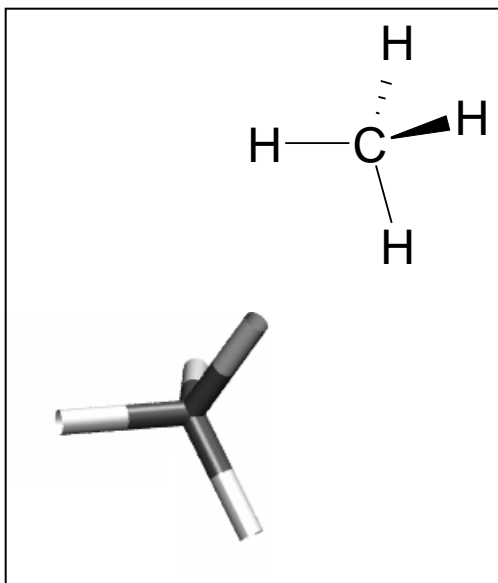
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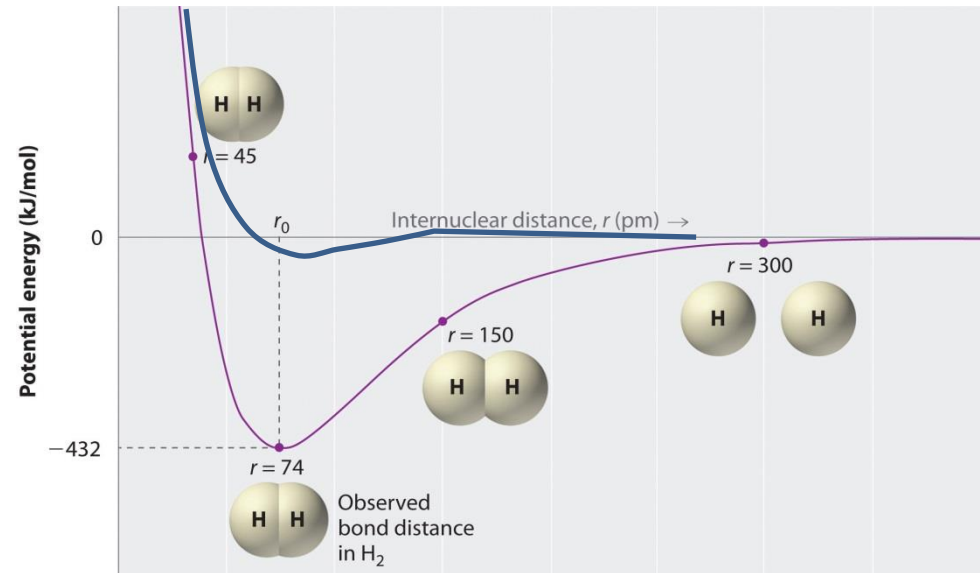
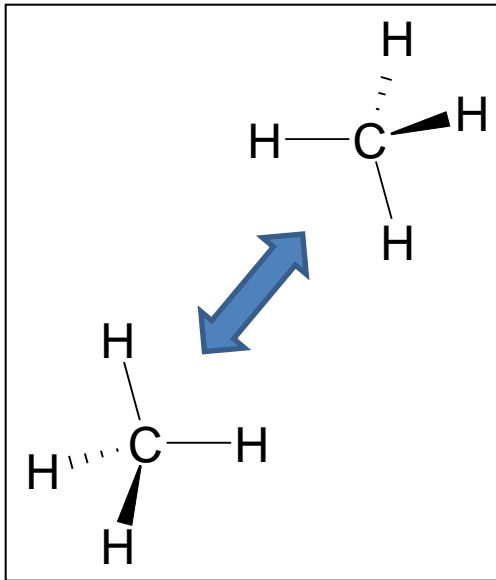


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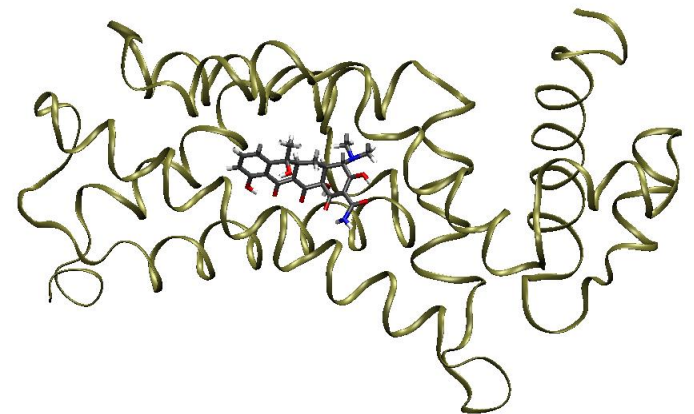
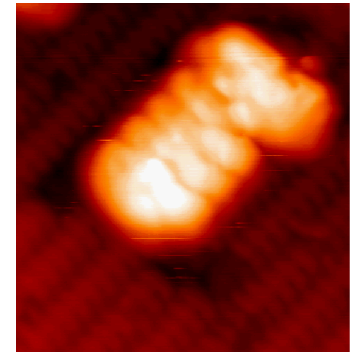


- The binding energy well is shallow (much more non local too!)
 - Less directional
 - Interactions between many atoms...
- This makes it more difficult to detect, calculate, model, add, ...

Motivation

Weak interactions are critical for:

- states of matter, water properties, solubility,
- surface chemistry,
- nano-scale and materials chemistry,
- biological chemistry
 - protein folding,
 - ligand-receptor binding,
 - drug interactions



Electron density

- Quantum mechanical information in 3D...
electron density!

- $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ is a fundamental property of any electronic system

$$\rho(\vec{r}) = N \int \dots \int |\Psi(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \dots, \vec{x}_N)|^2 ds d\vec{x}_2 \dots \vec{x}_N$$

- is experimentally accessible
- is defined within the exact many-body theory,
- is supported by the Hohenberg–Kohn theorem

Electron density

QTAIM: From electronic density to chemical structure

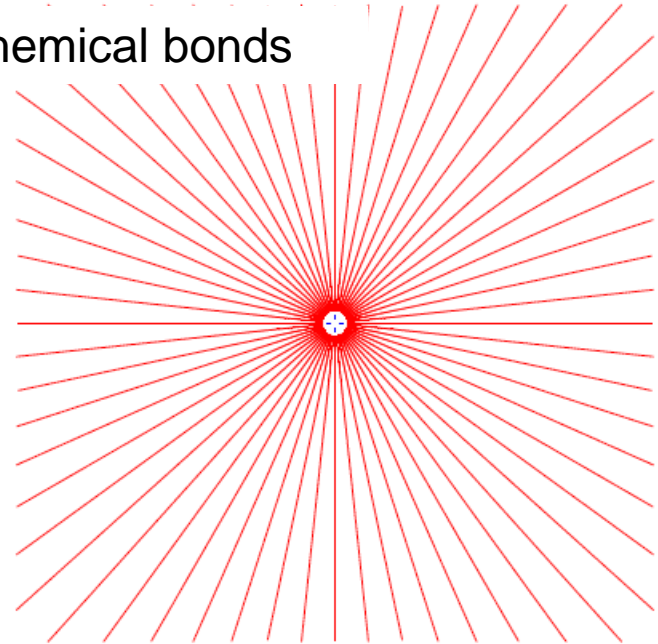
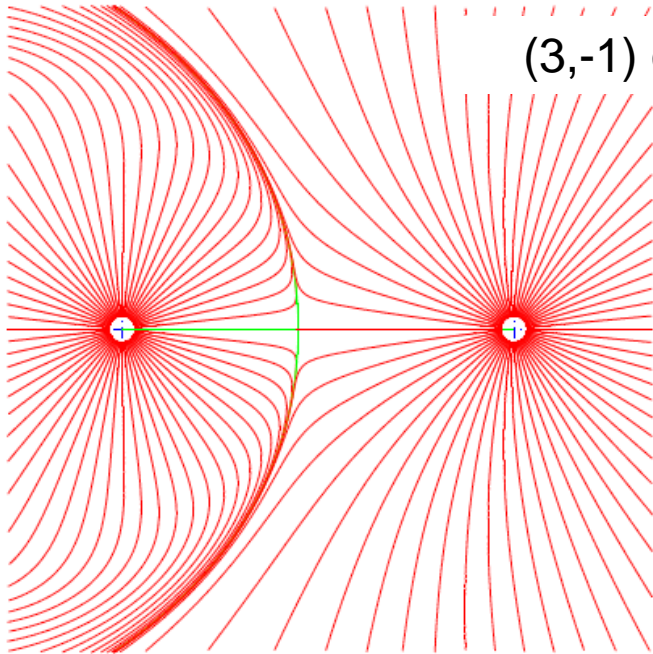


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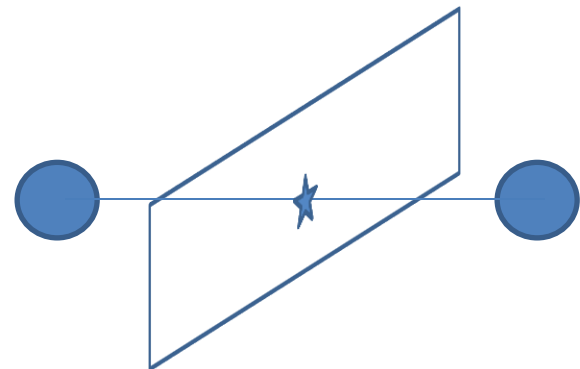
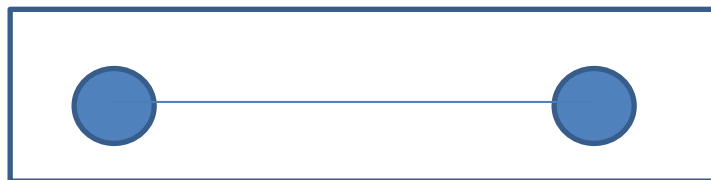
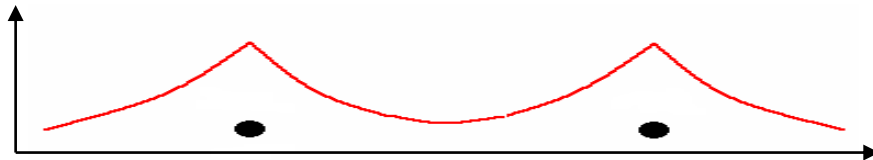
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Electron density

(3,-1) occur at chemical bonds



Plane that contains the nuclei

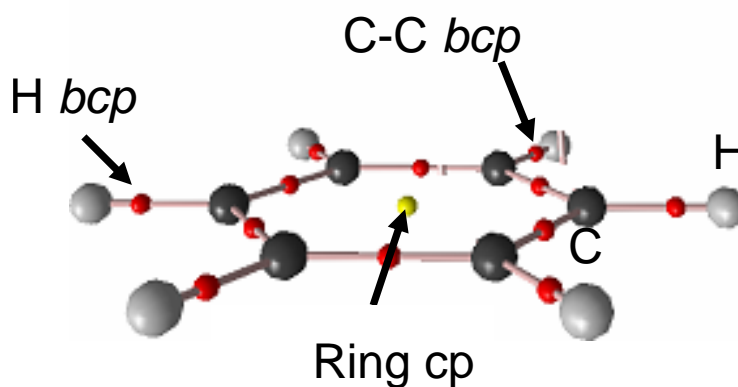


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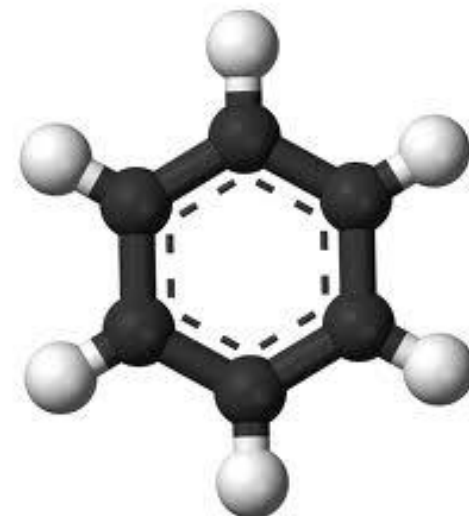
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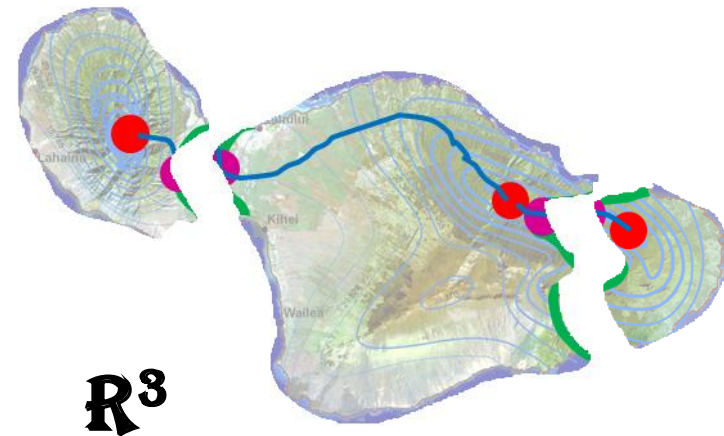
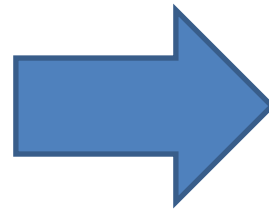
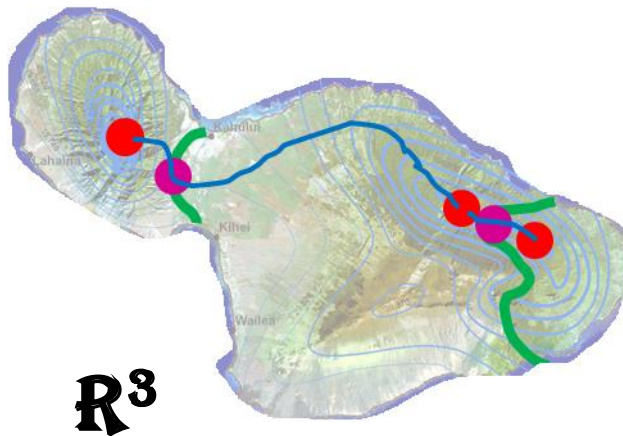


Chemical structure

- Maxima = nuclei
- Bond = 1st order saddle point (*bcp*)

IMPORTANT PROPERTIES

- Each maximum has an associated region of space (basin)
 - Non overlapping
 - They fill up the volume

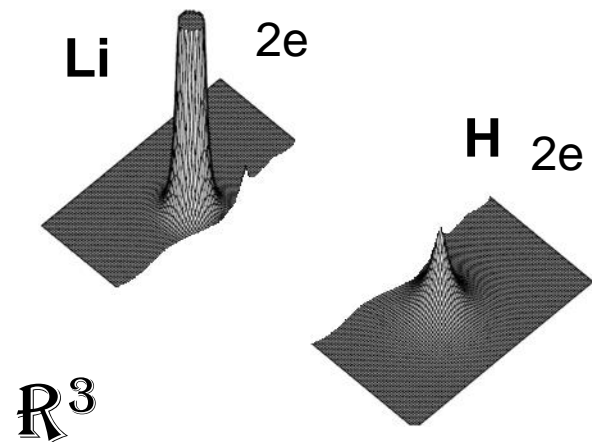
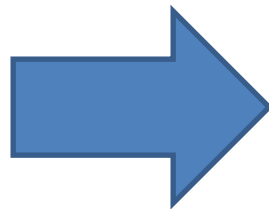
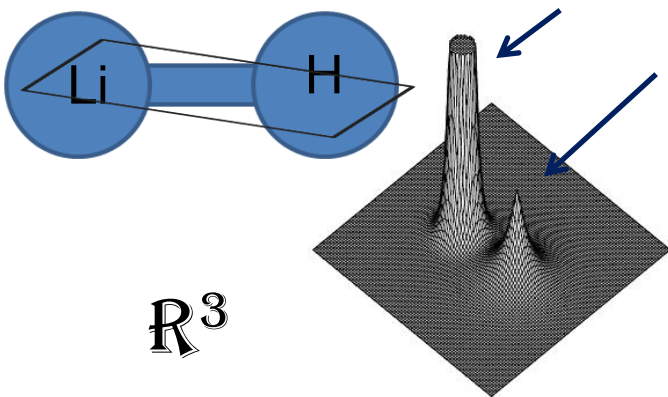


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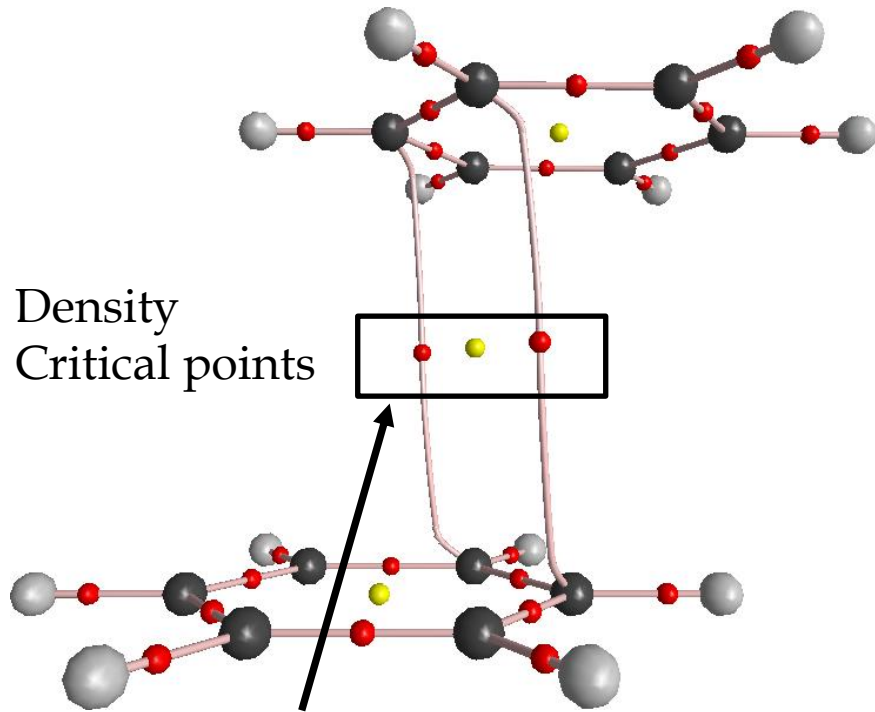
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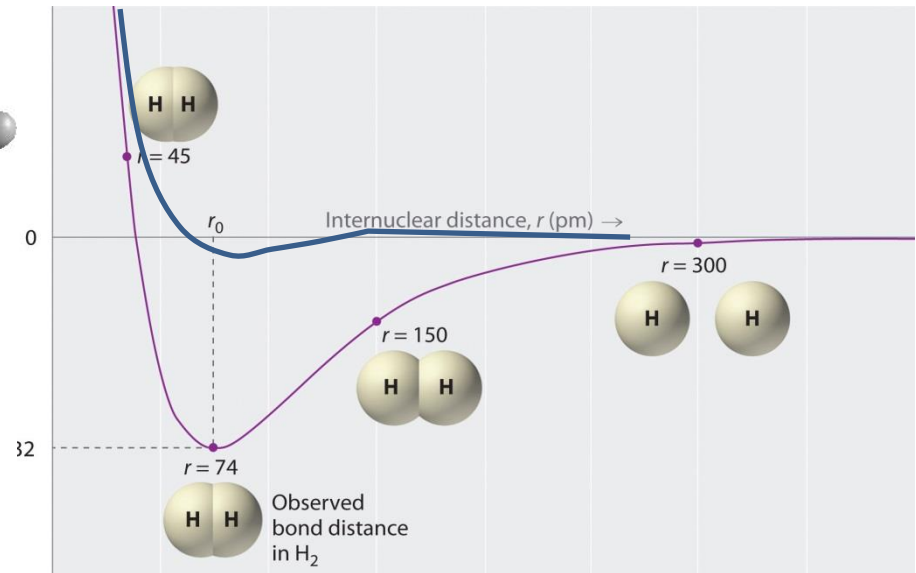


Electron density

The topology of the density alone is not able to provide a satisfactory picture of **weak bonds**



Pair interactions are not well described by critical points



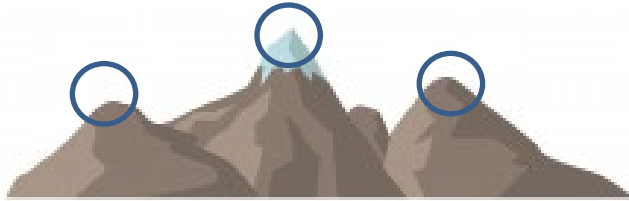
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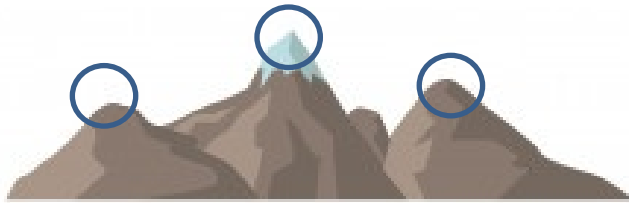
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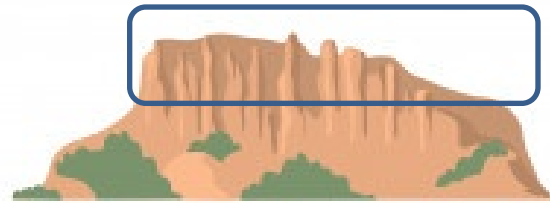
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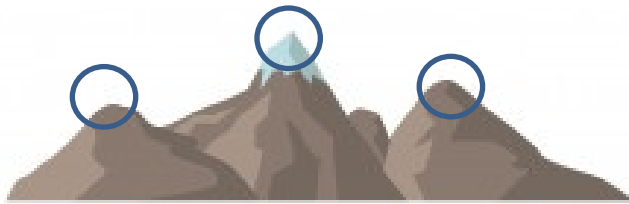
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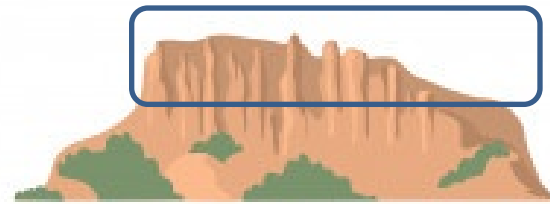
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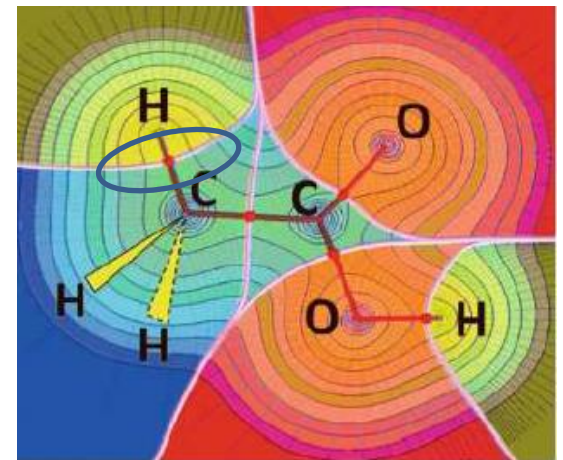
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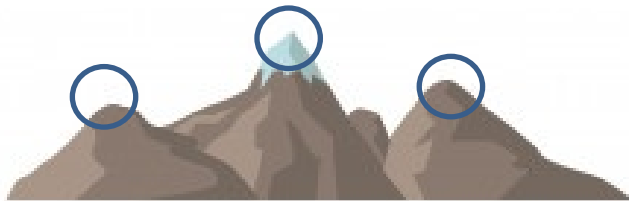
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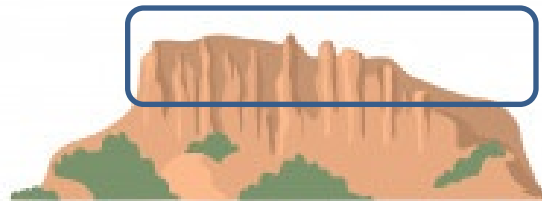
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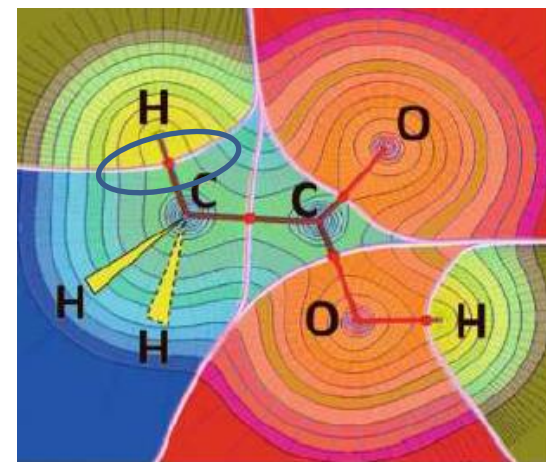


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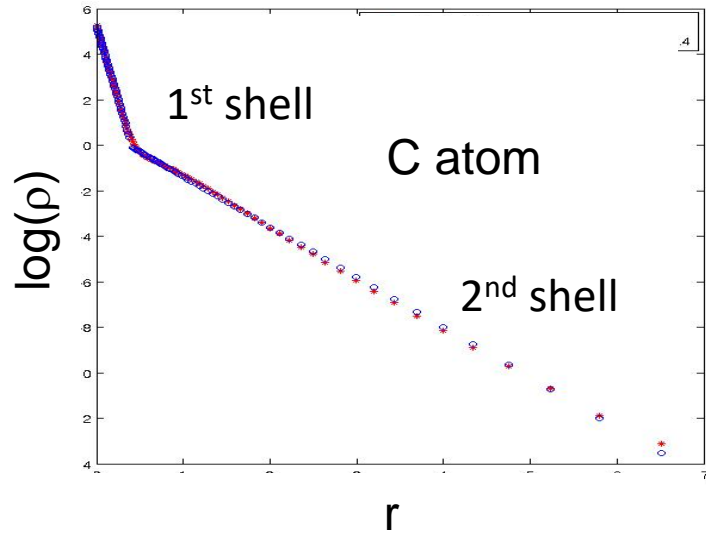
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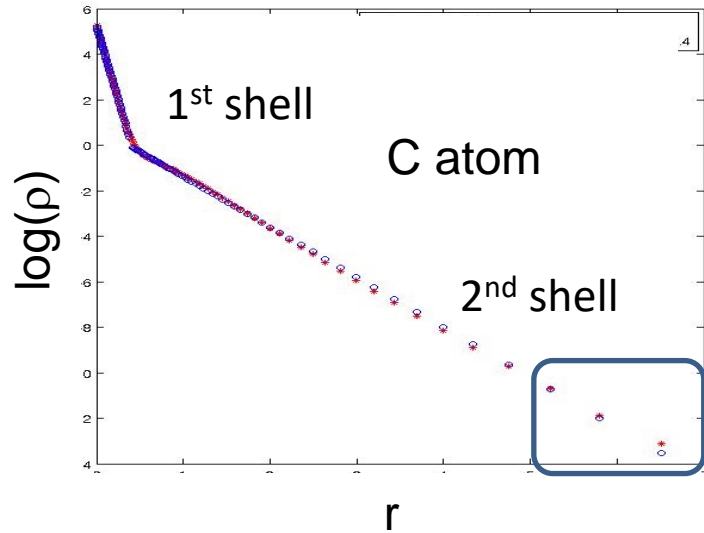


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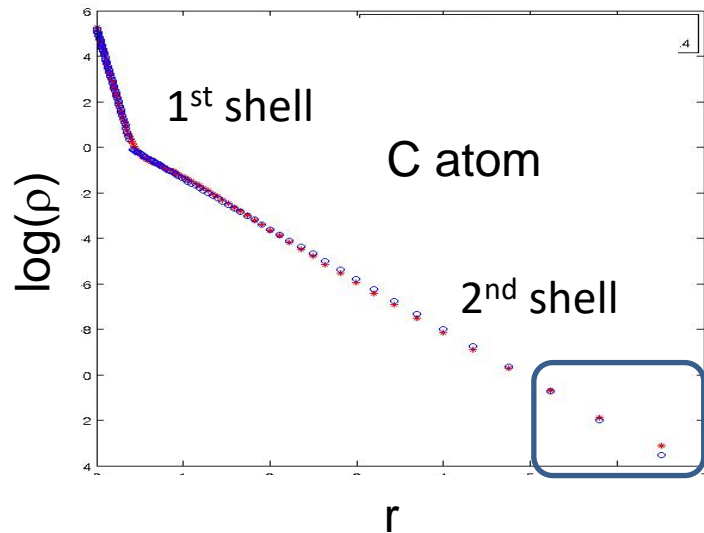


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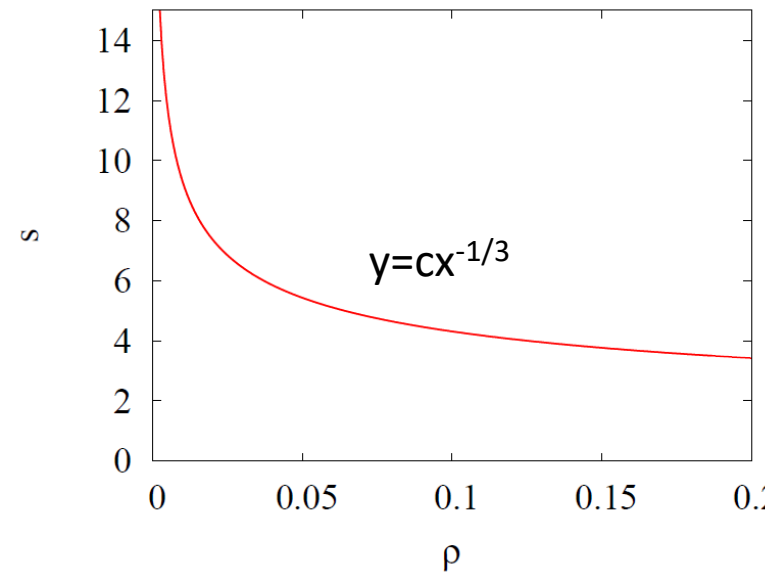
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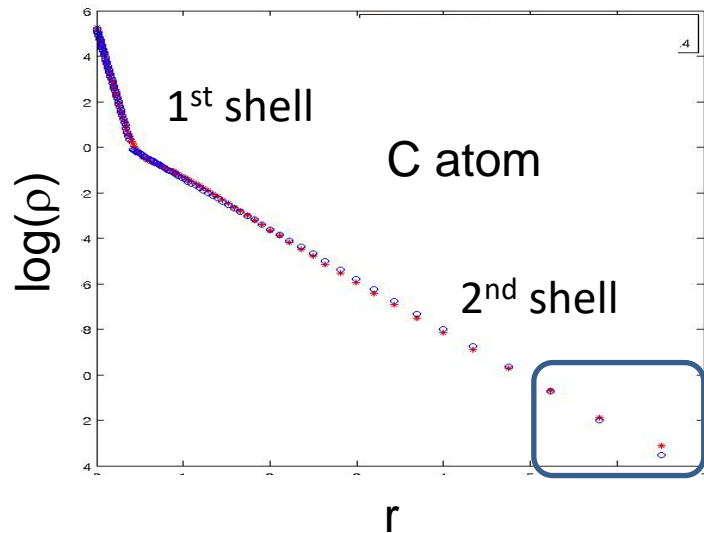
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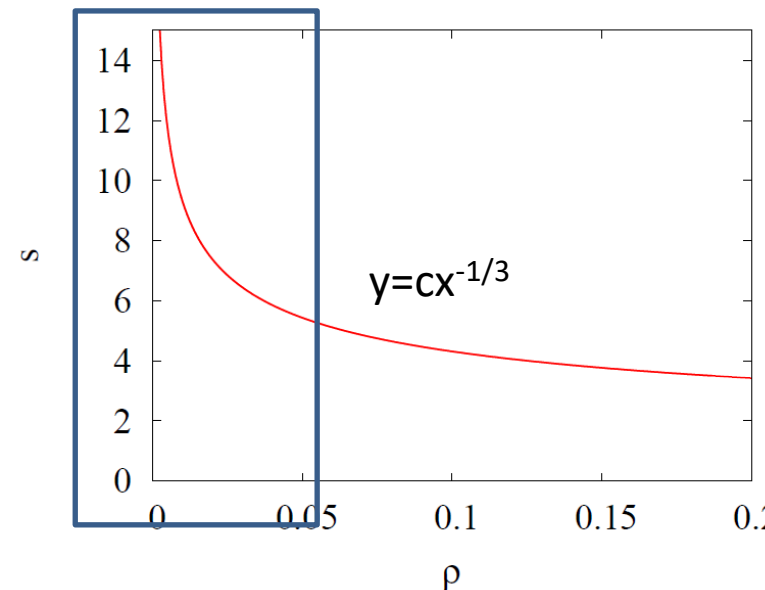
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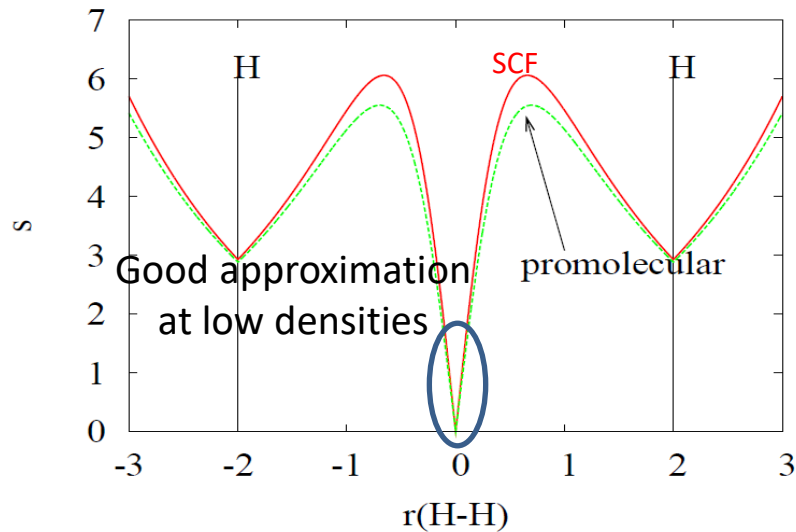
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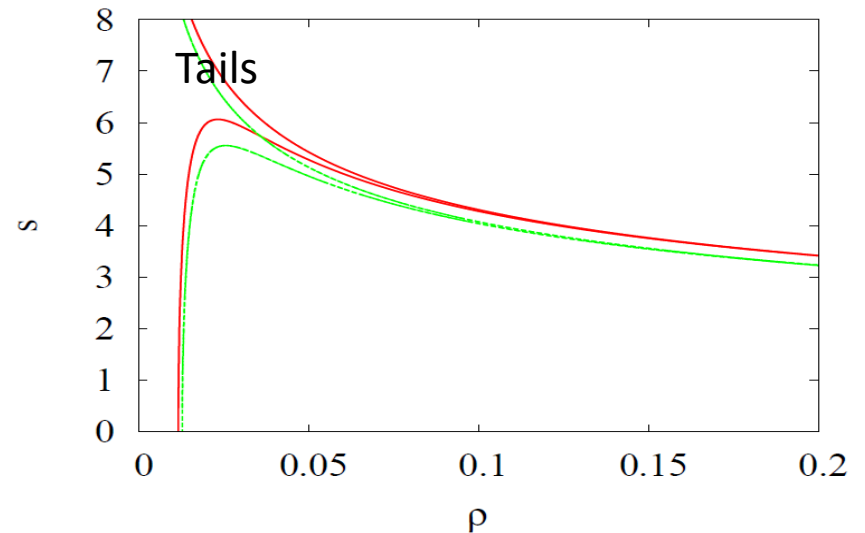
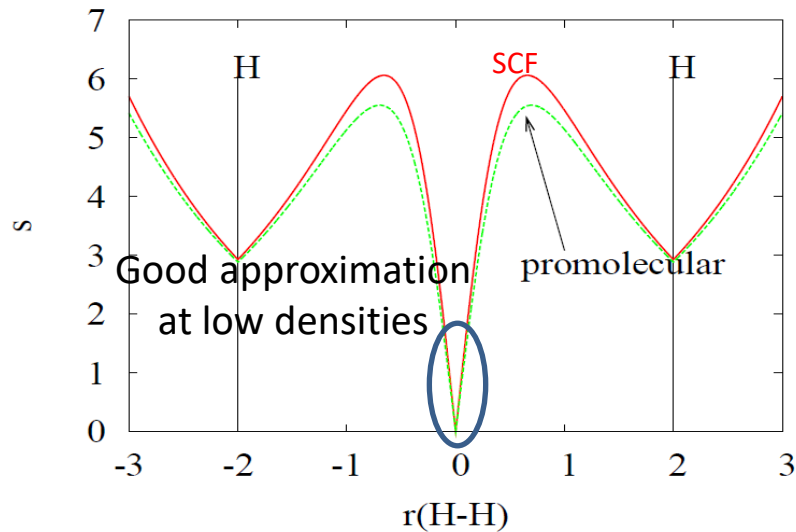


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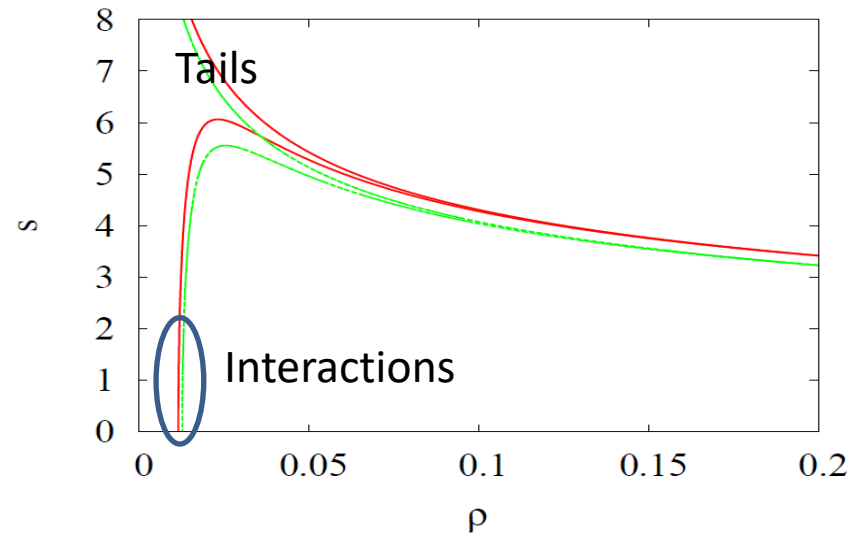
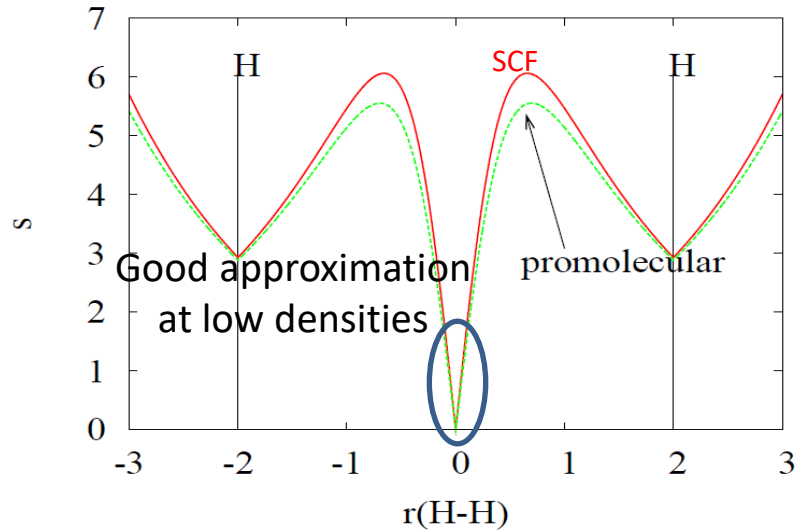
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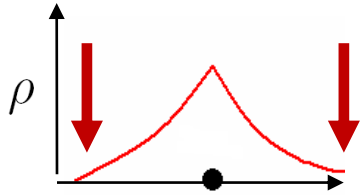
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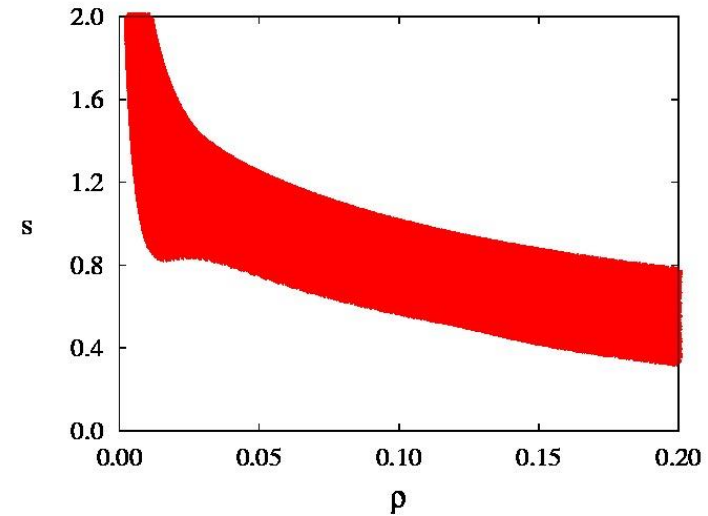
$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} s(\rho) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0} (e^{R/3} r + O(r^3)) = 0$$

The reduced density gradient

Non-interacting densities

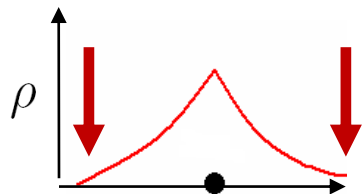


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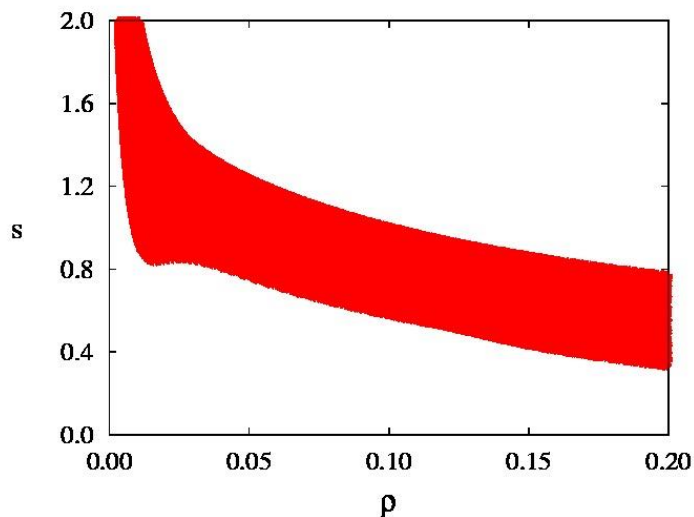


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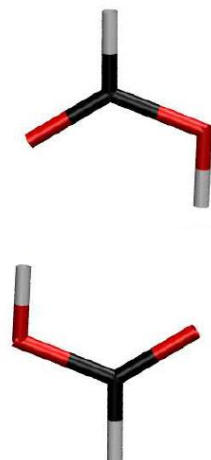
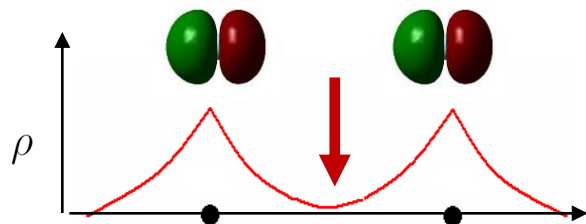
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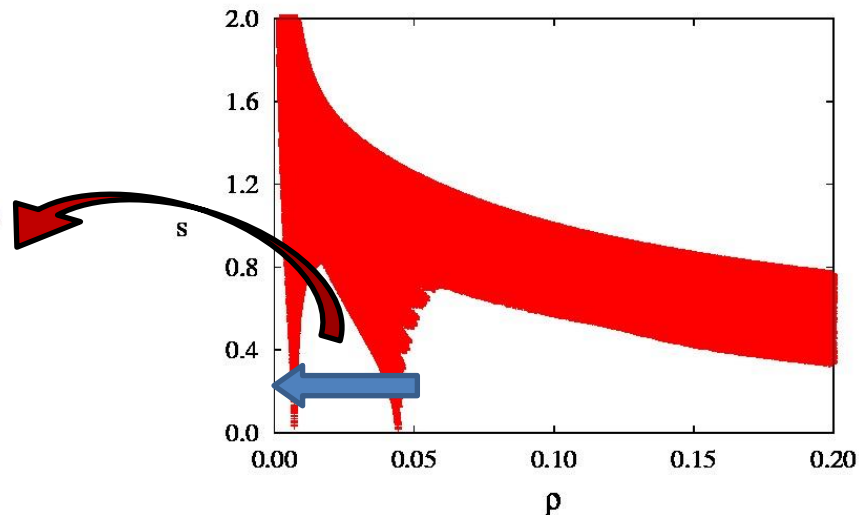
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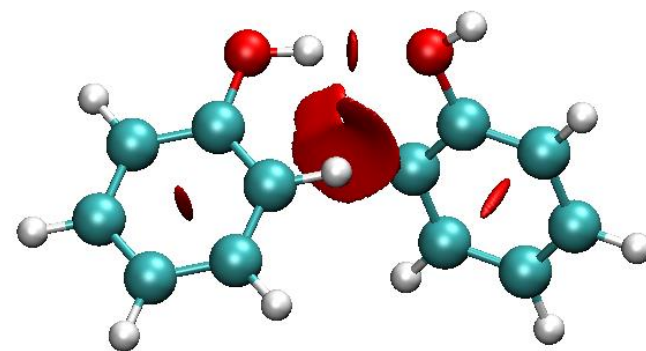
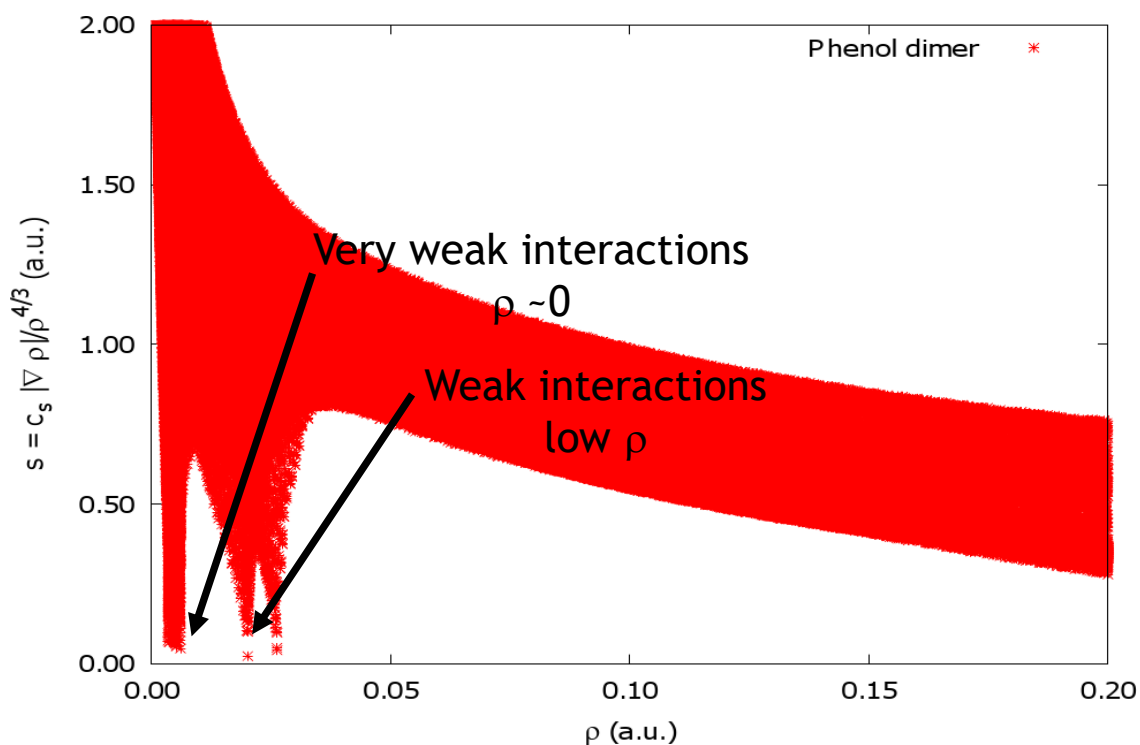


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Differentiating interaction types

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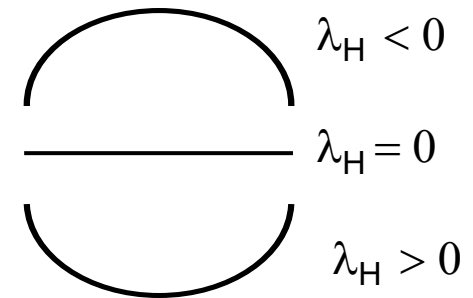
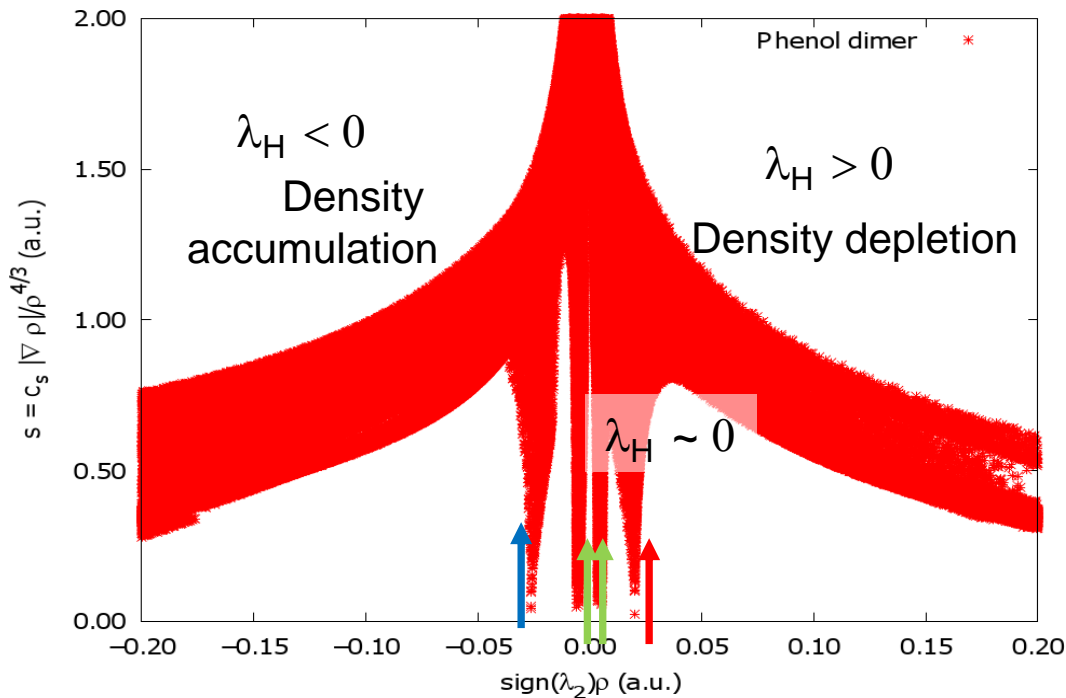
- Density is proportional to the strength of the interaction



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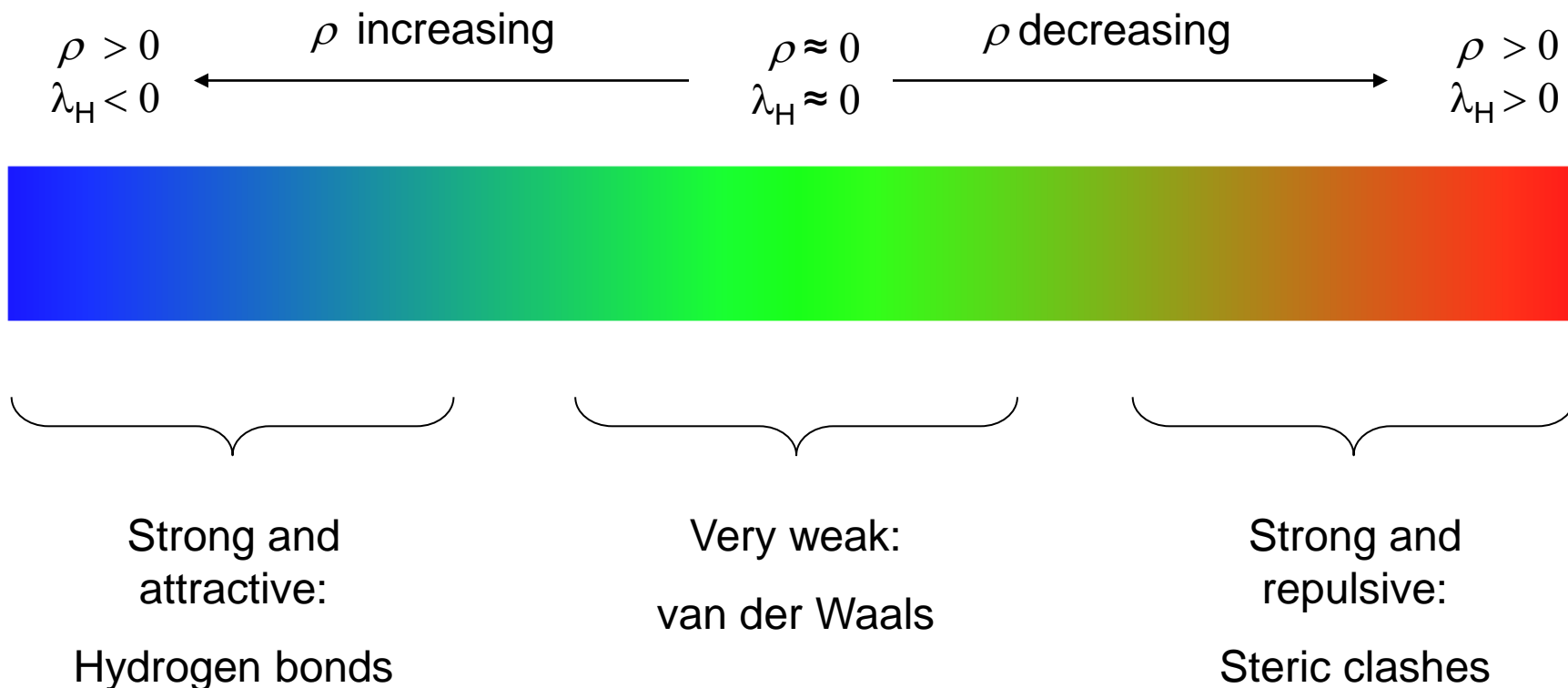
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- Bonding interactions \rightarrow charge accumulation ($\lambda_H < 0$)
 - Antibonding interactions \rightarrow charge depletion ($\lambda_H > 0$)

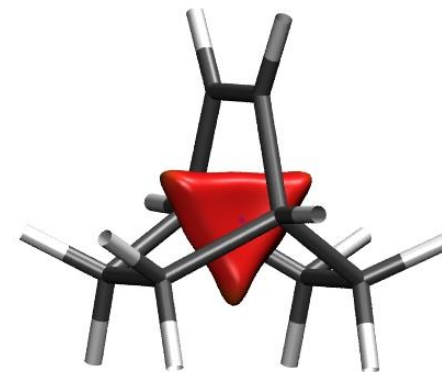
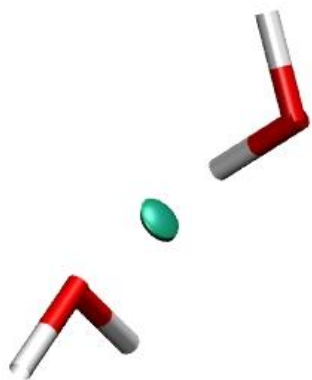


Interaction types

Different interaction types are represented with different colours



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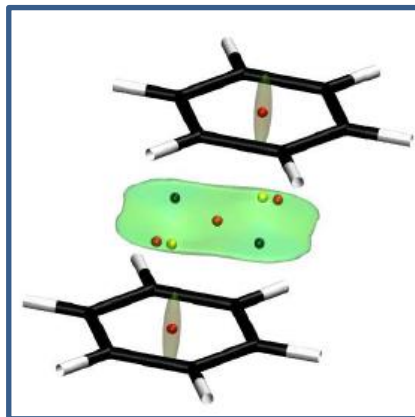
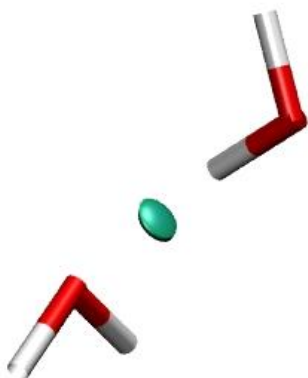
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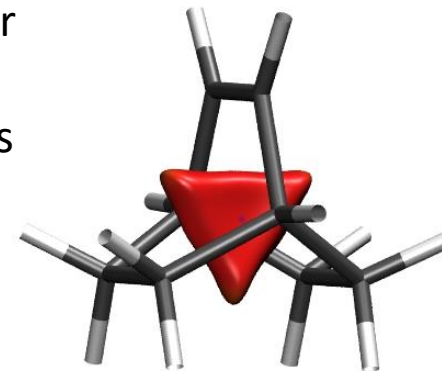
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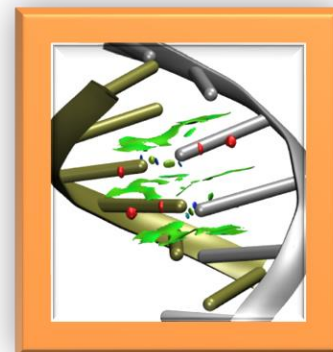
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The programs

NCI PLOT

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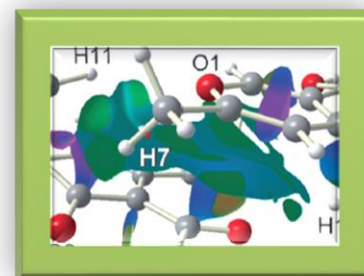
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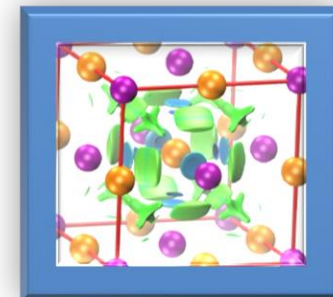
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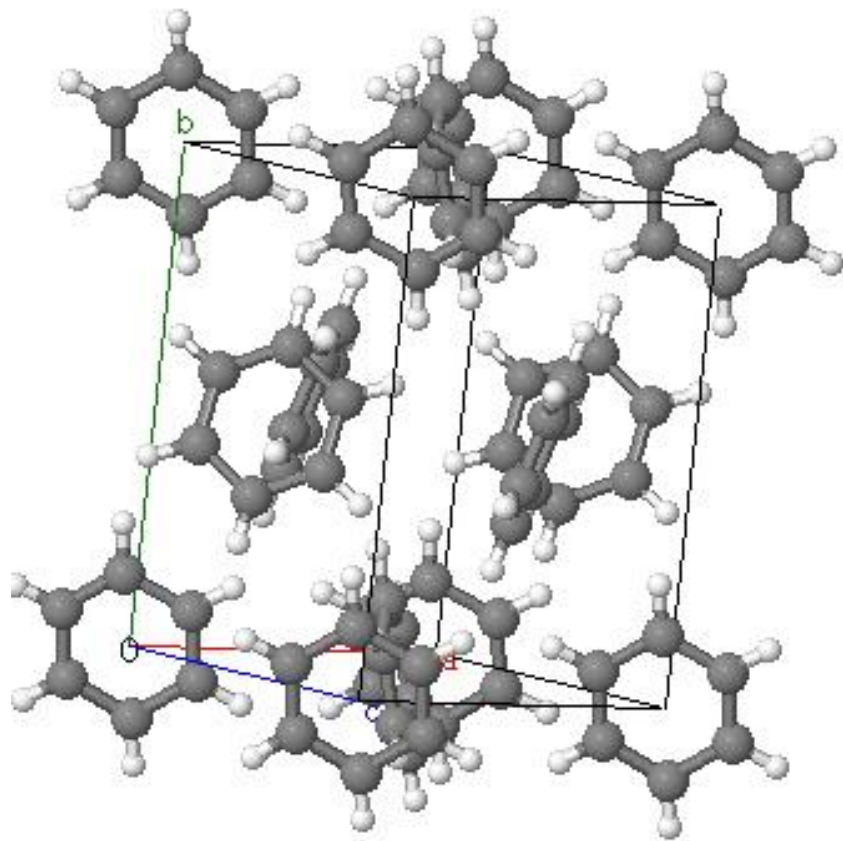


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NCI vs AIM

Nevertheless, thanks to the shape of the isosurface we can visually collect more information...



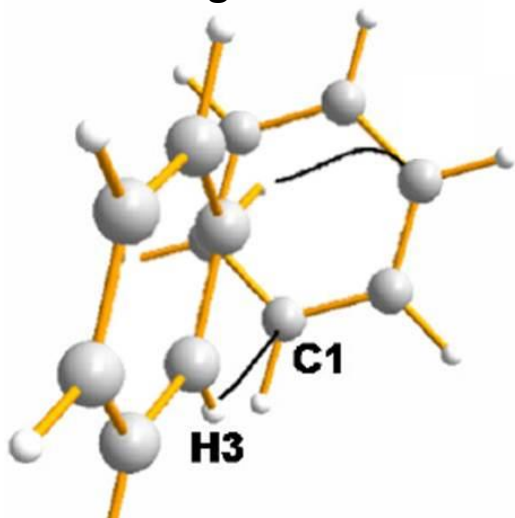
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NCI vs AIM

Delocalized interactions

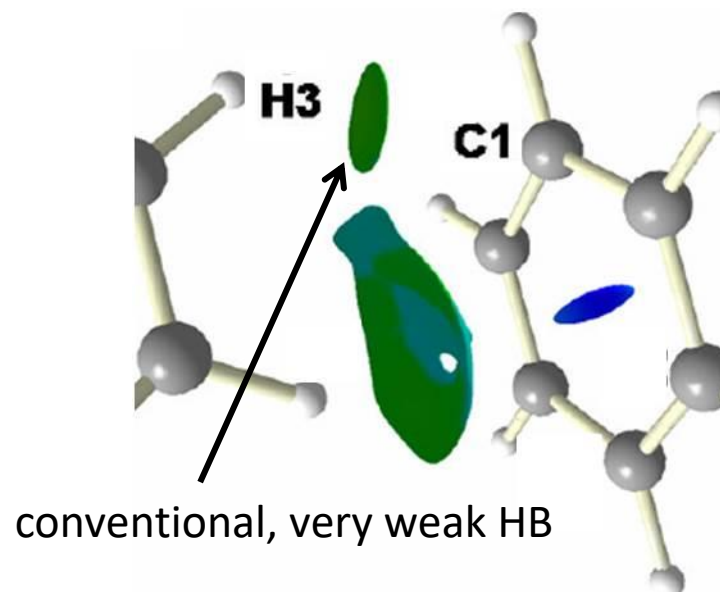
AIM

Largely oriented location of H3
Straight BP privileges the interaction of the H
with just one single atom of the ring



NCI

Disc-shaped and localized



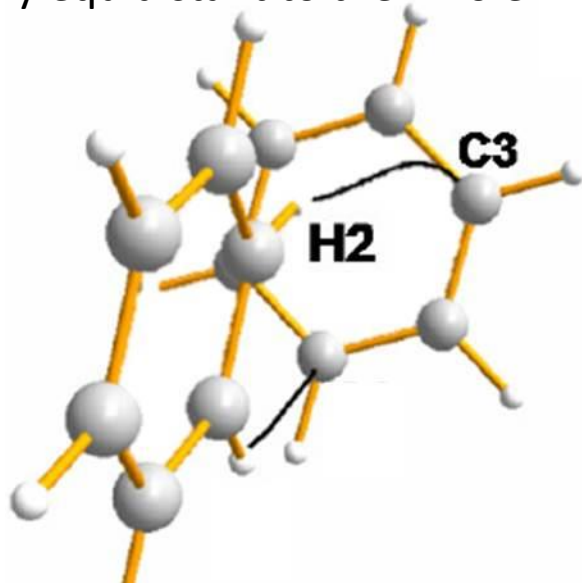
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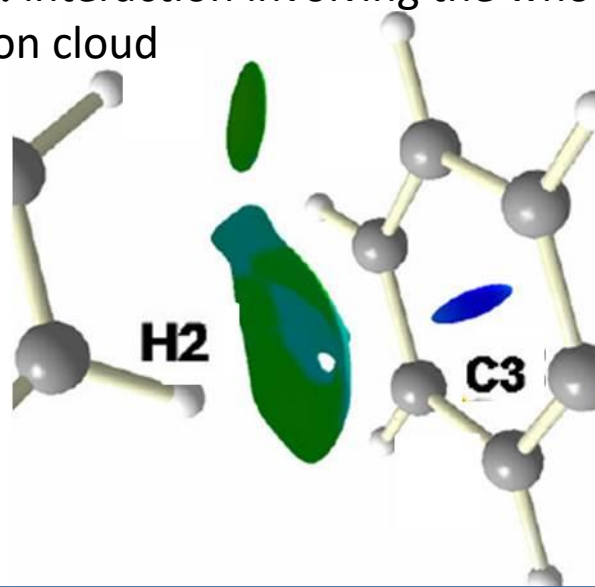
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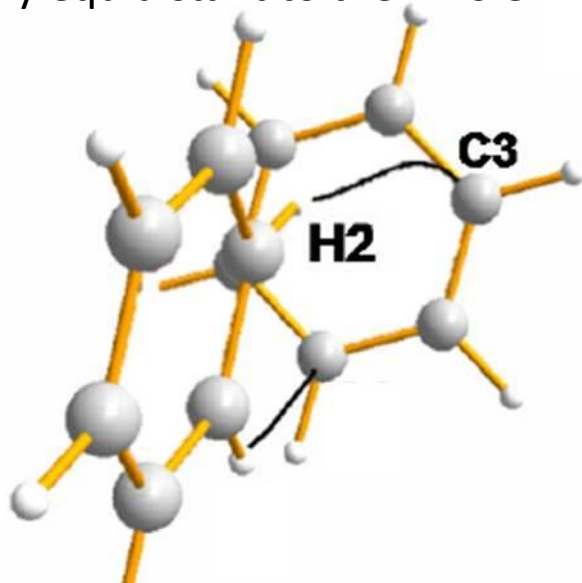
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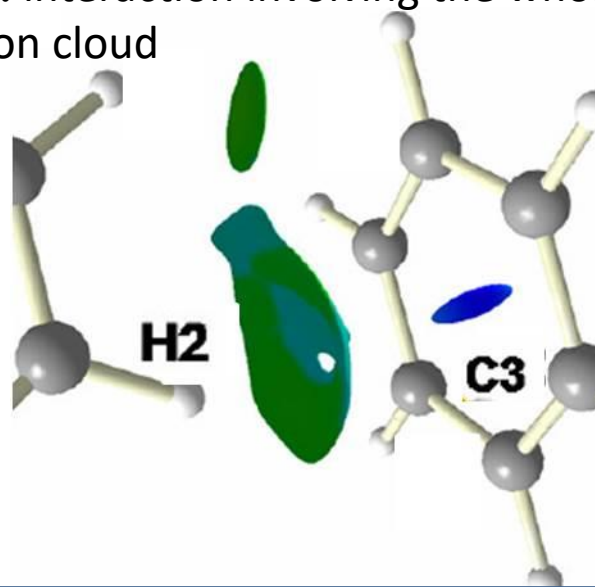
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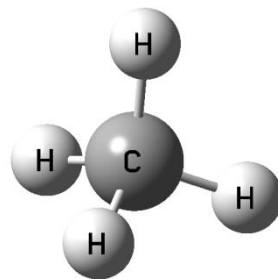
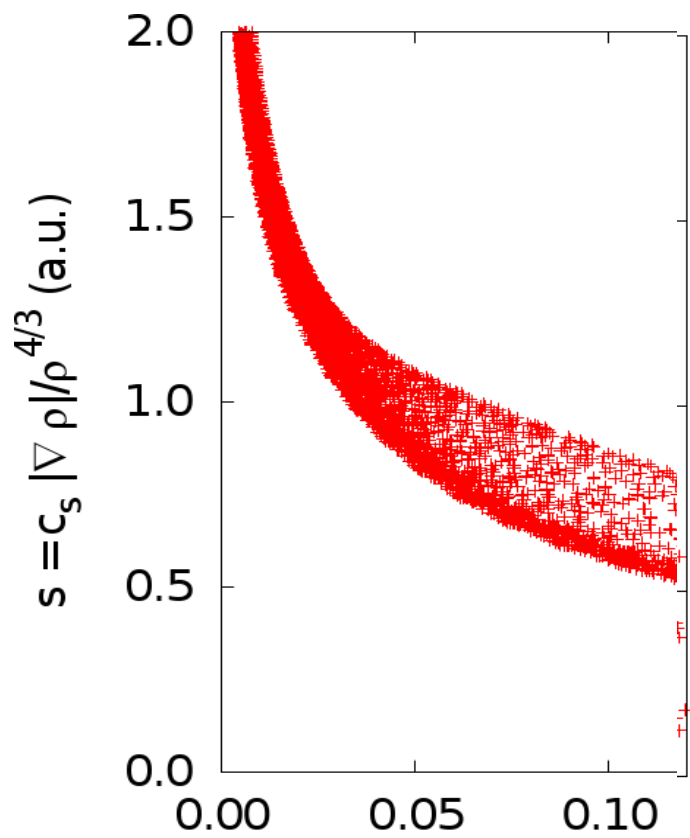


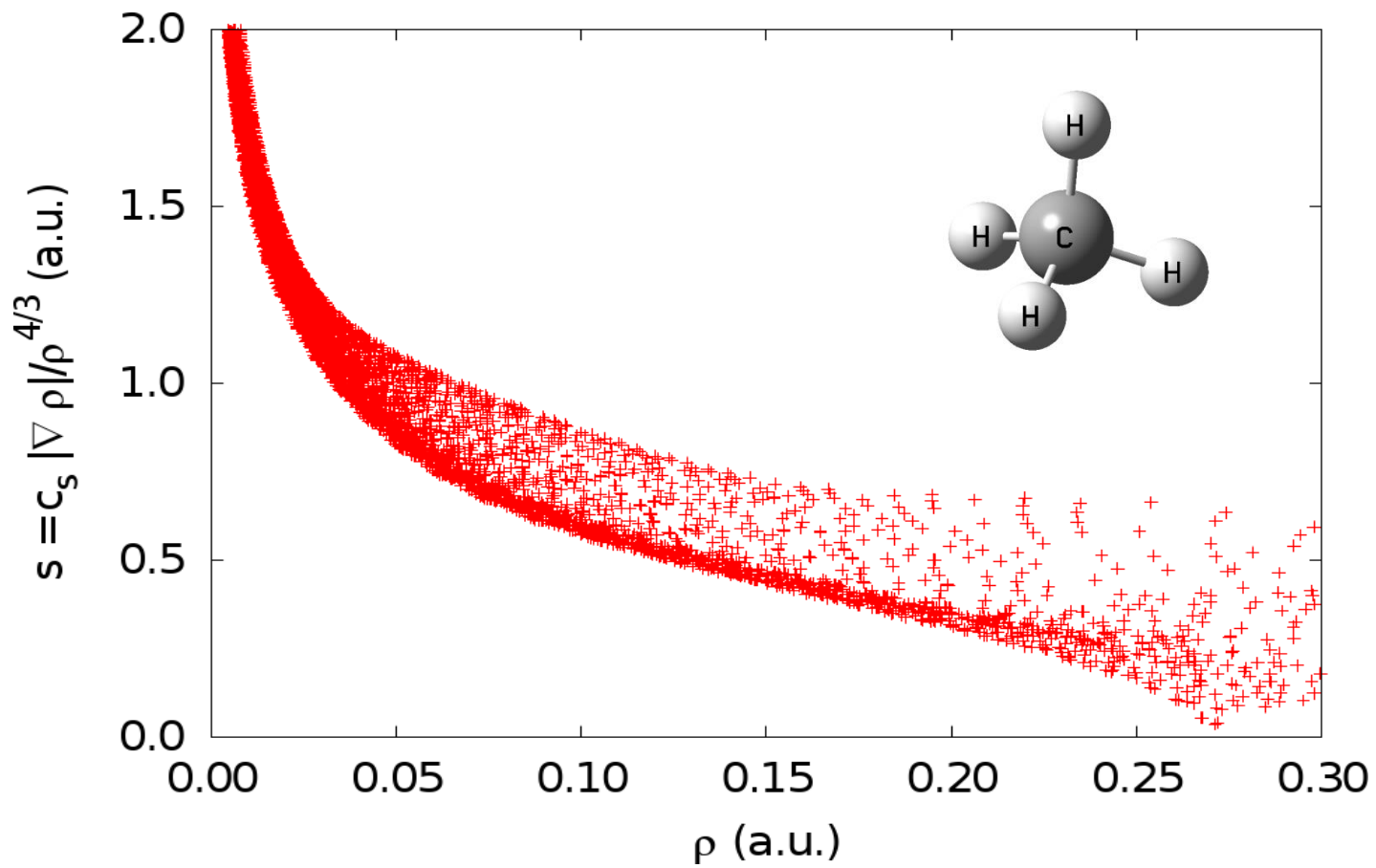
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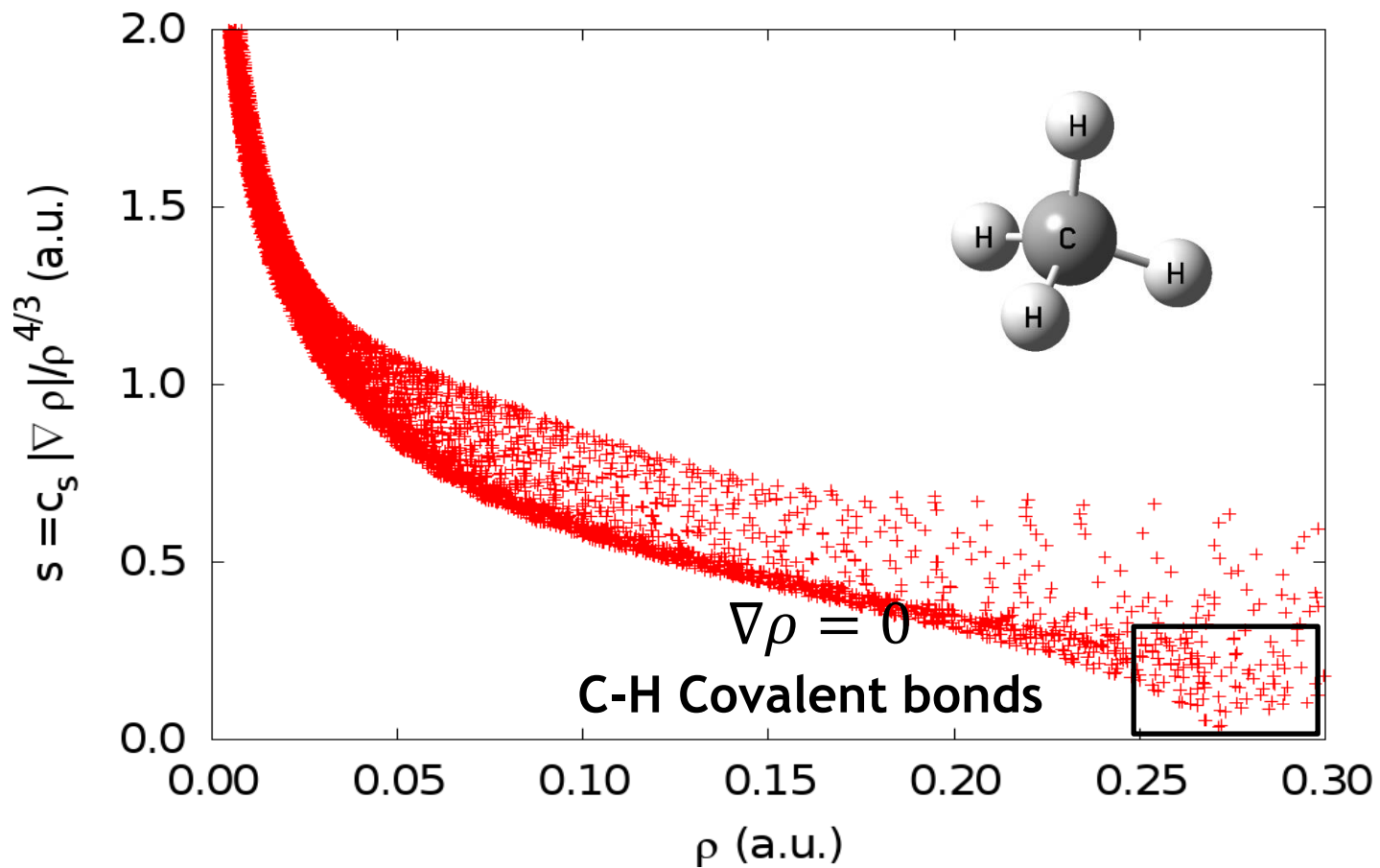
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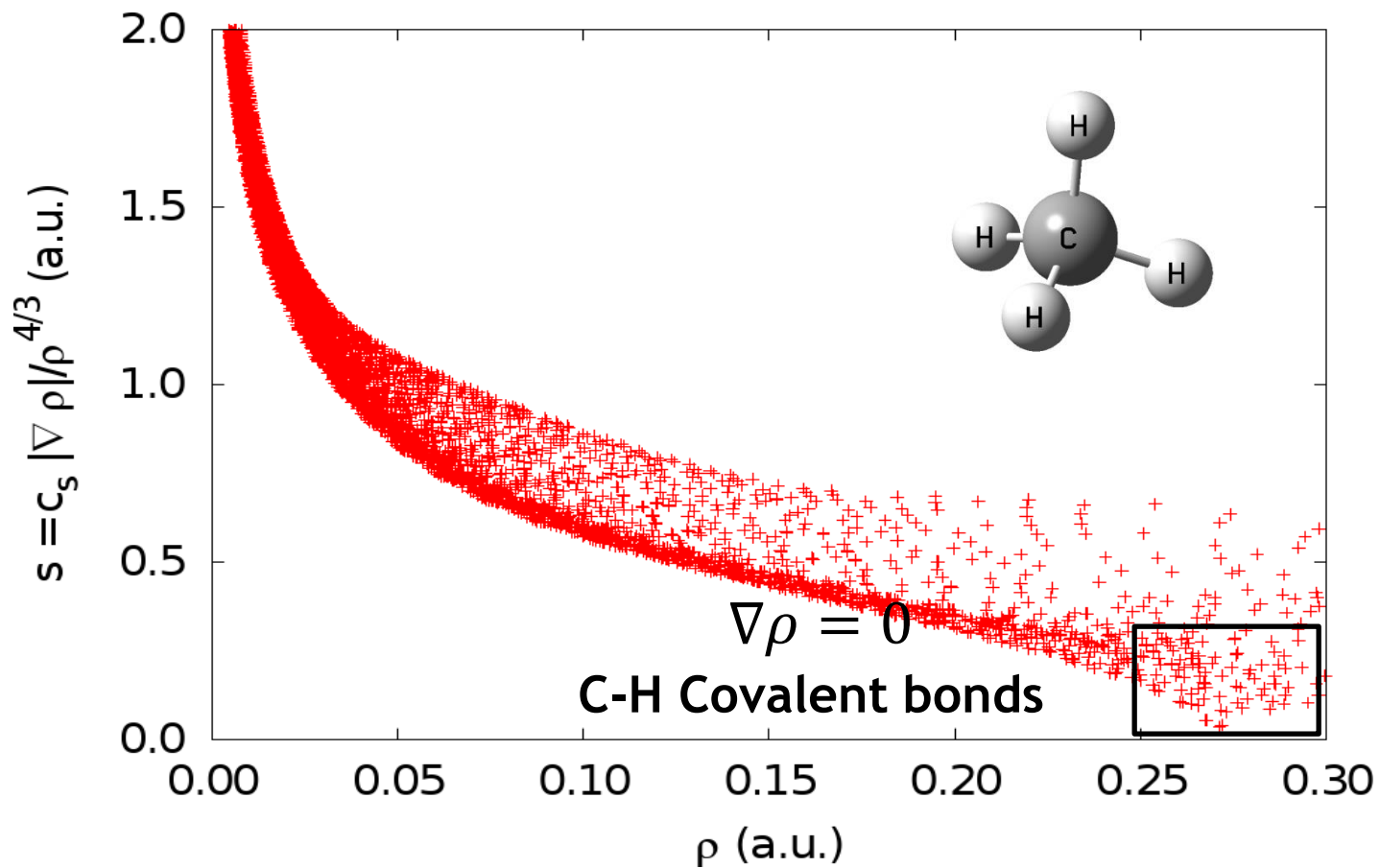


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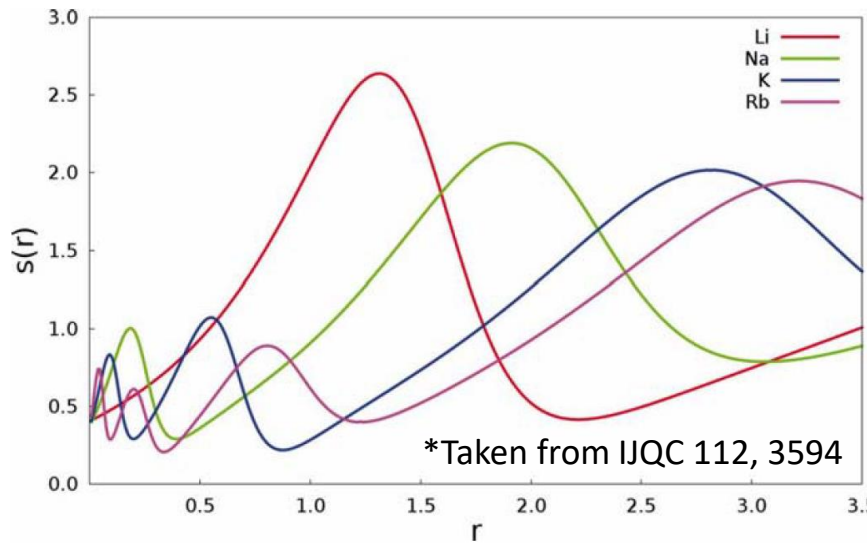




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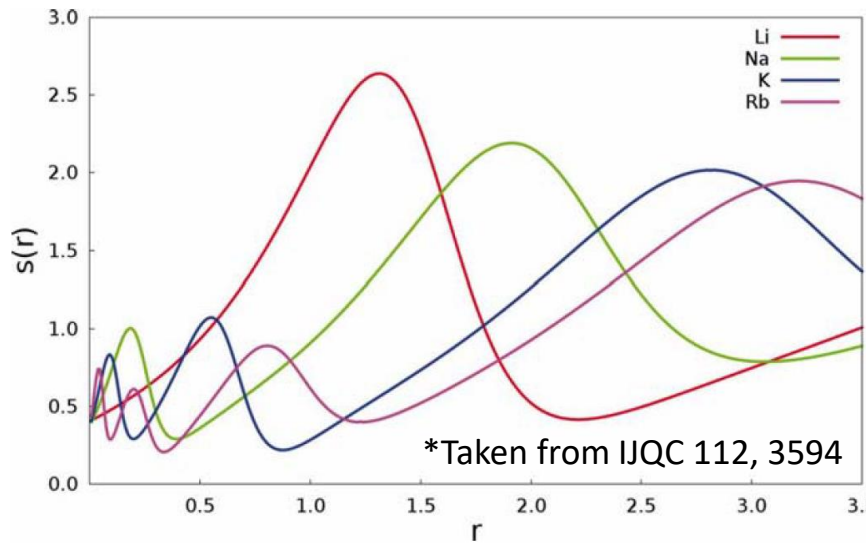
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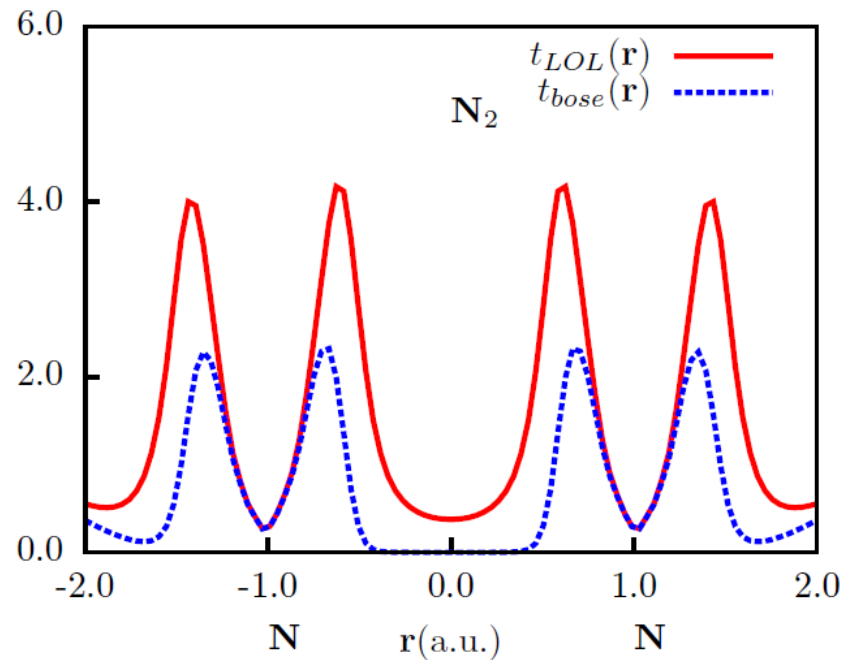


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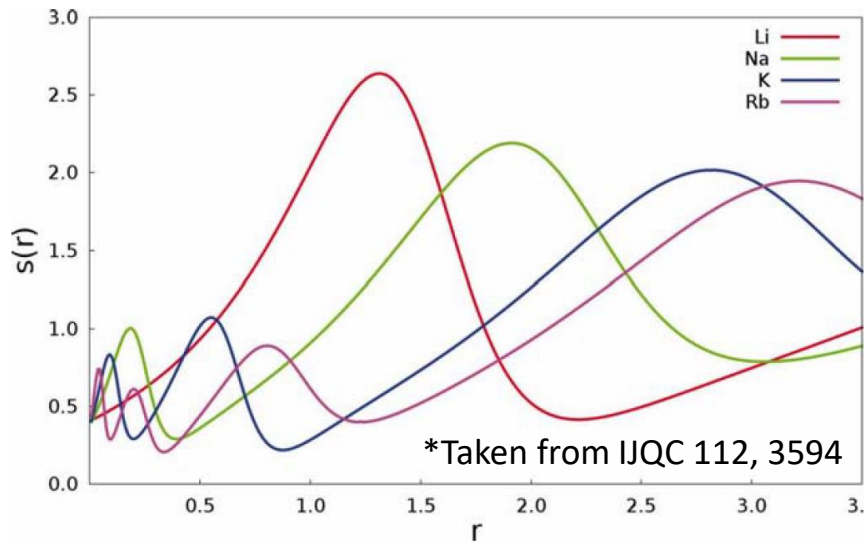


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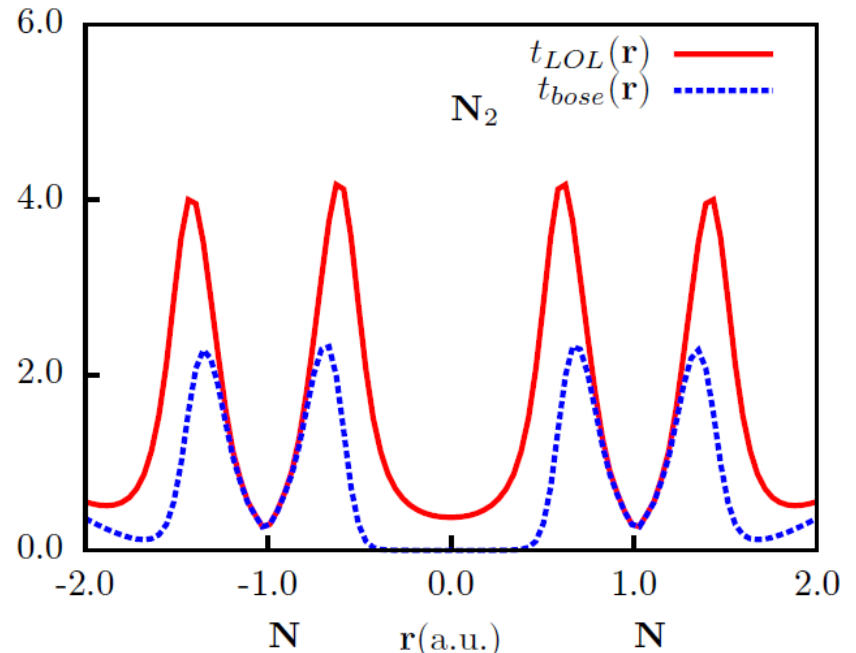


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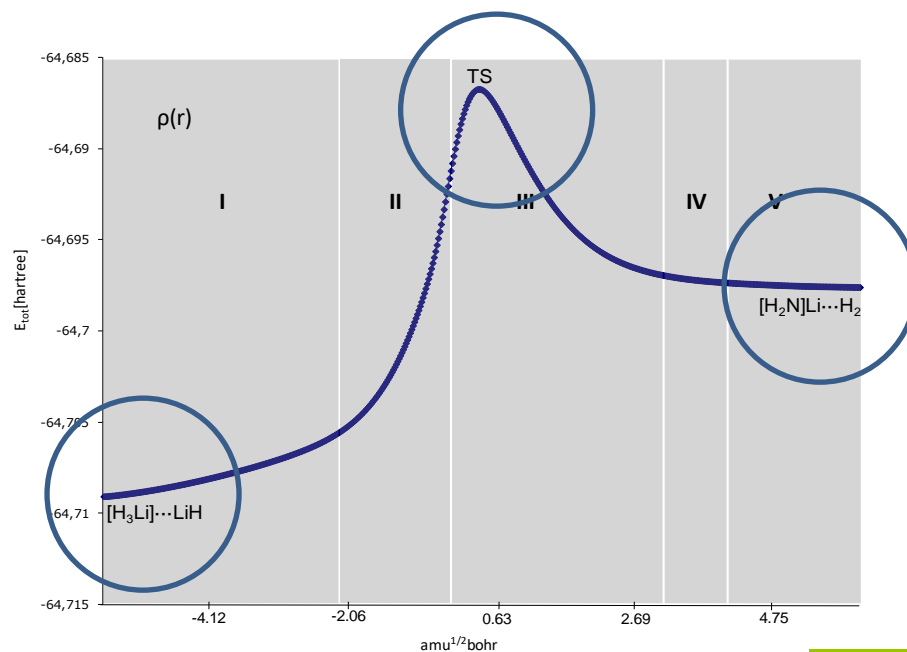
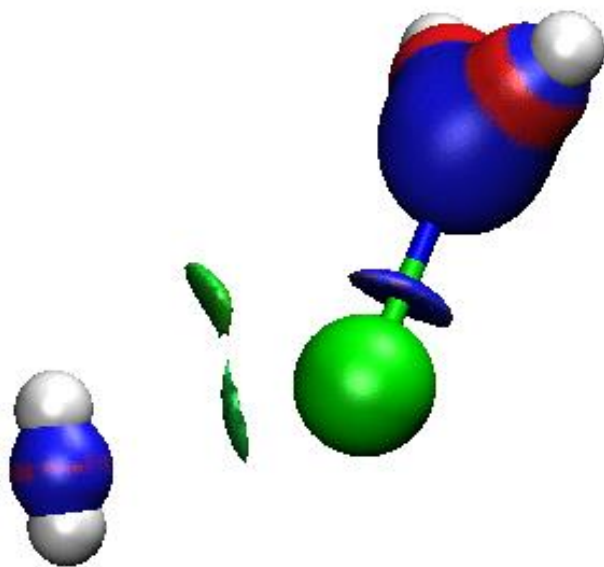
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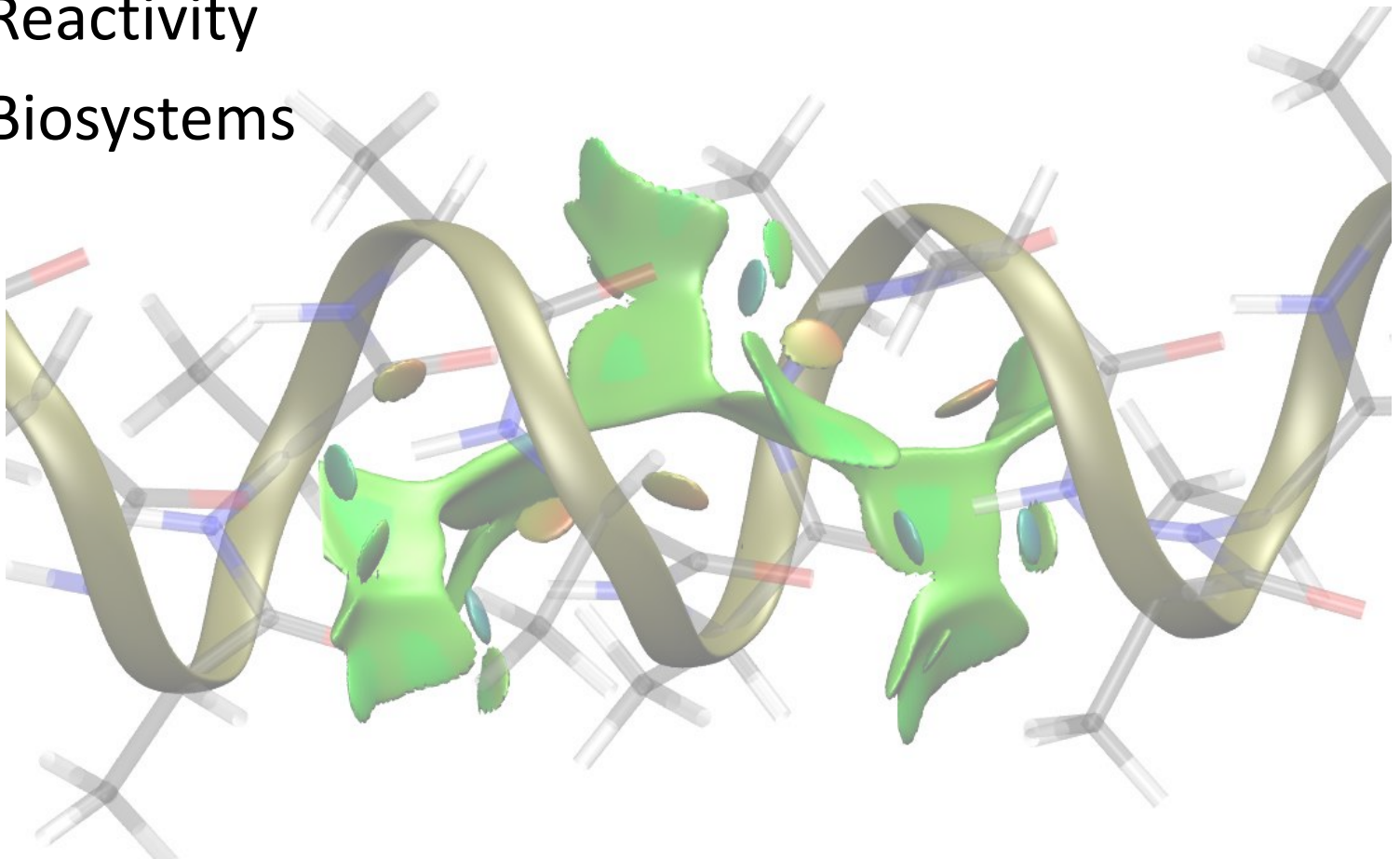
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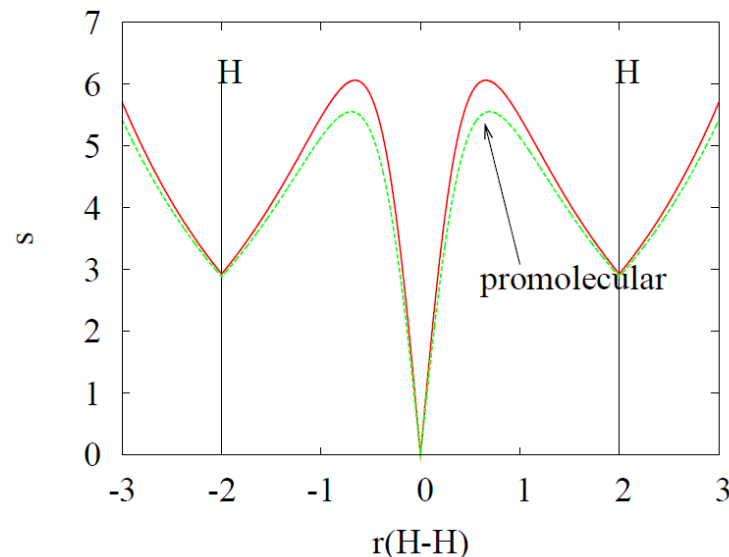


- Applications to
 - Reactivity
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- One of the major areas of application of weak interactions are biomolecules
- Wavefunctions are not available
- We can resort to promolecular densities as approximation!



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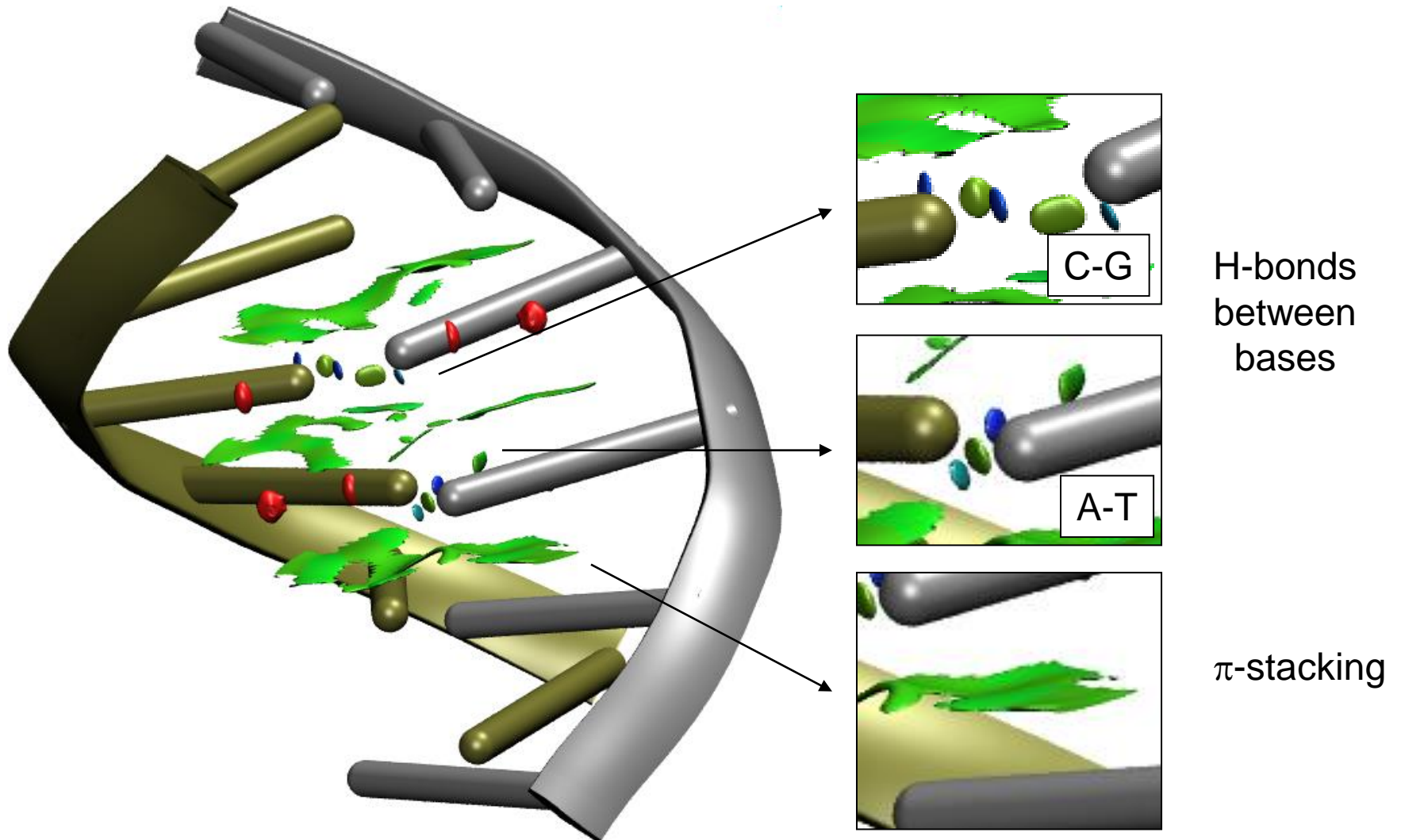
Easy to code internally

- Sum over exponentials located on atoms

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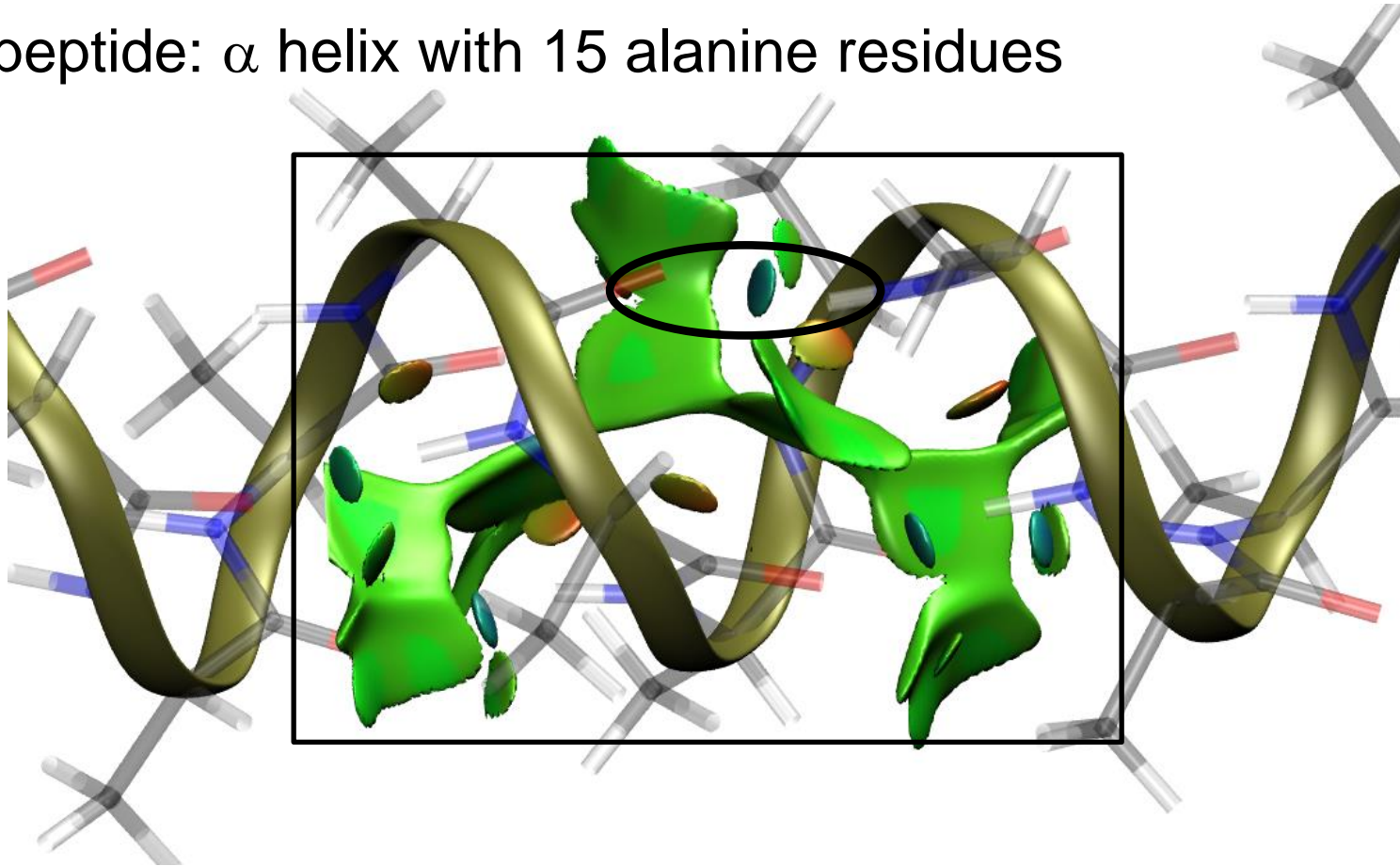
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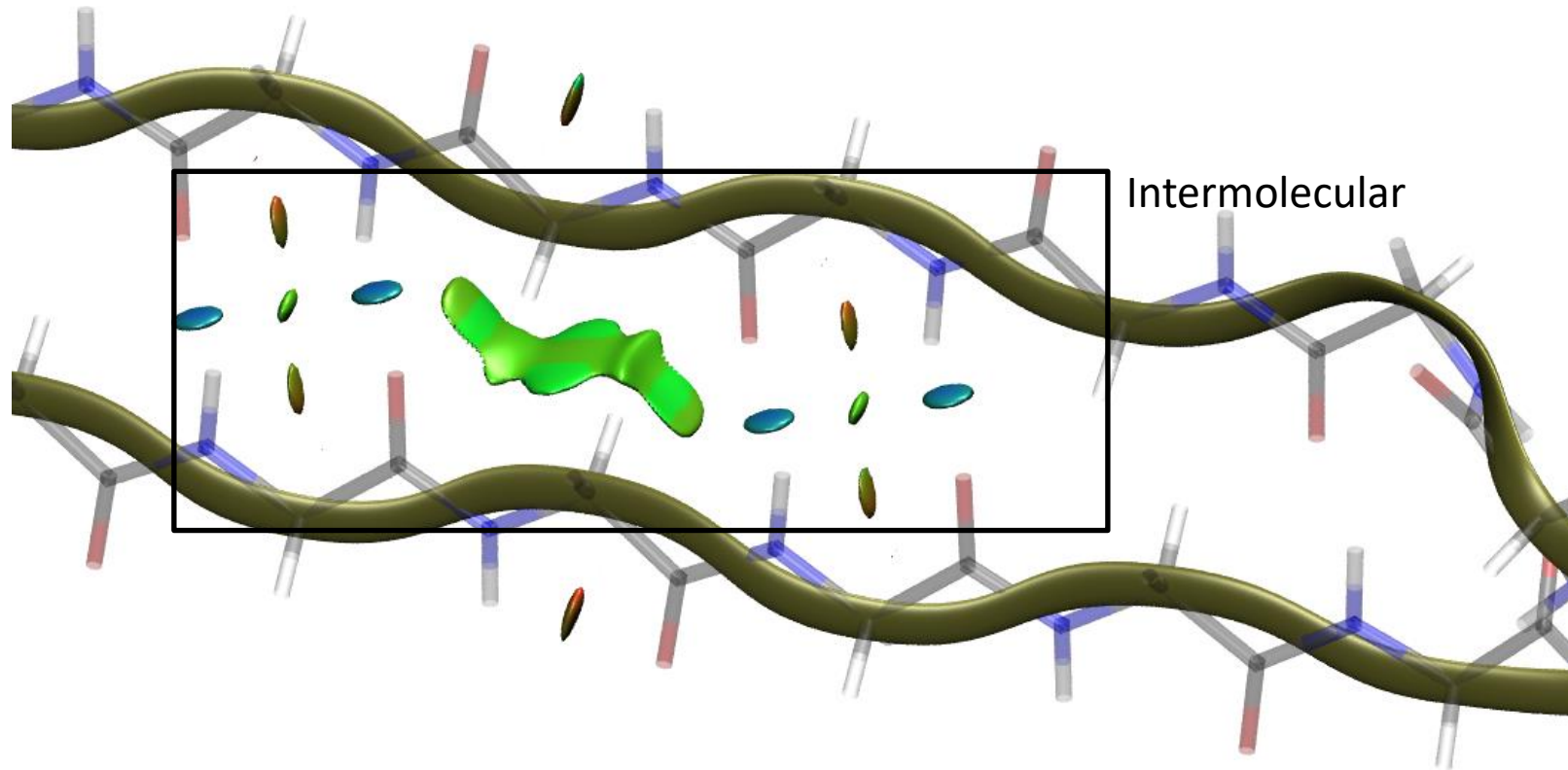


- Hydrogen bonds stabilize the helix
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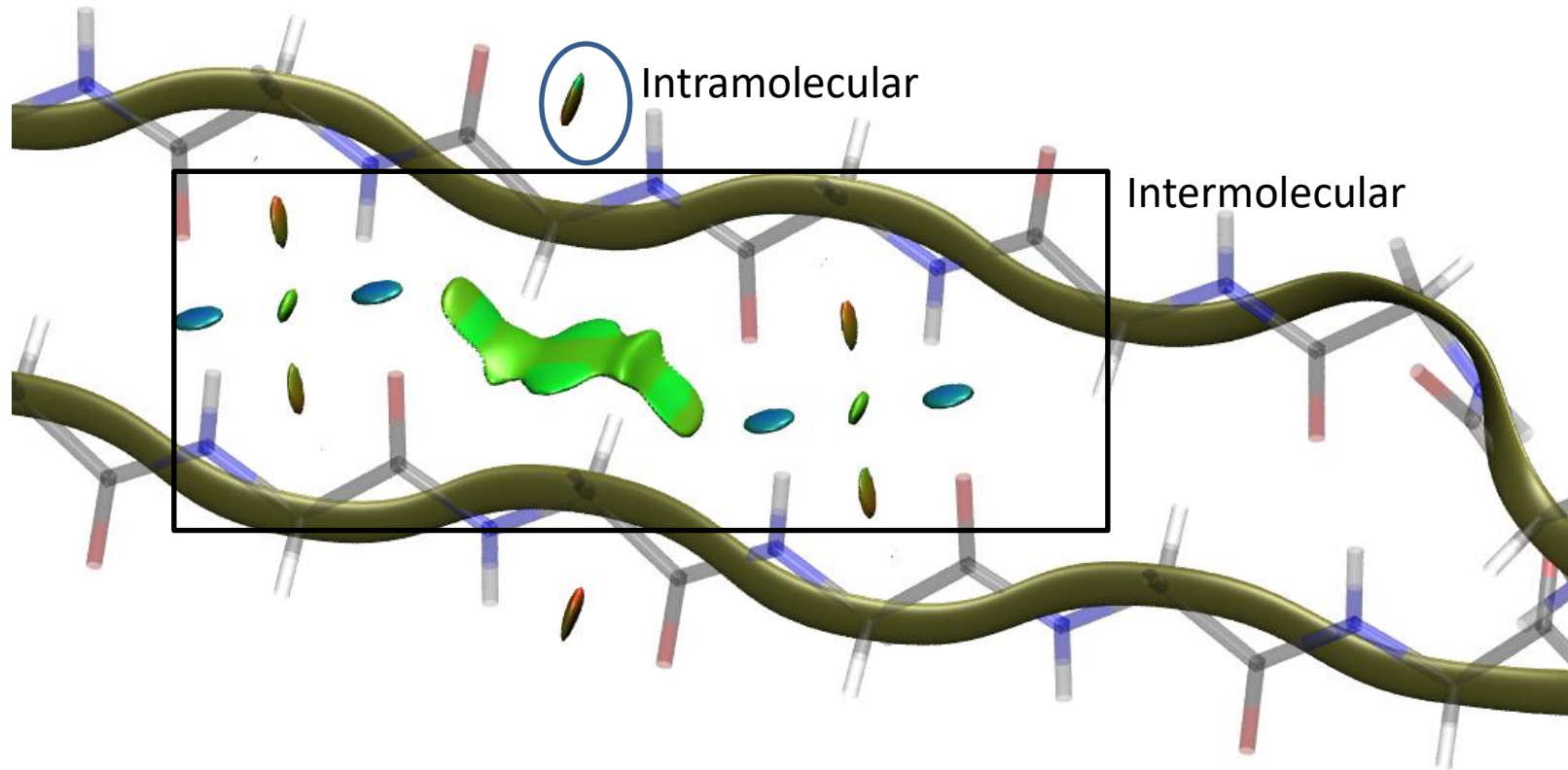
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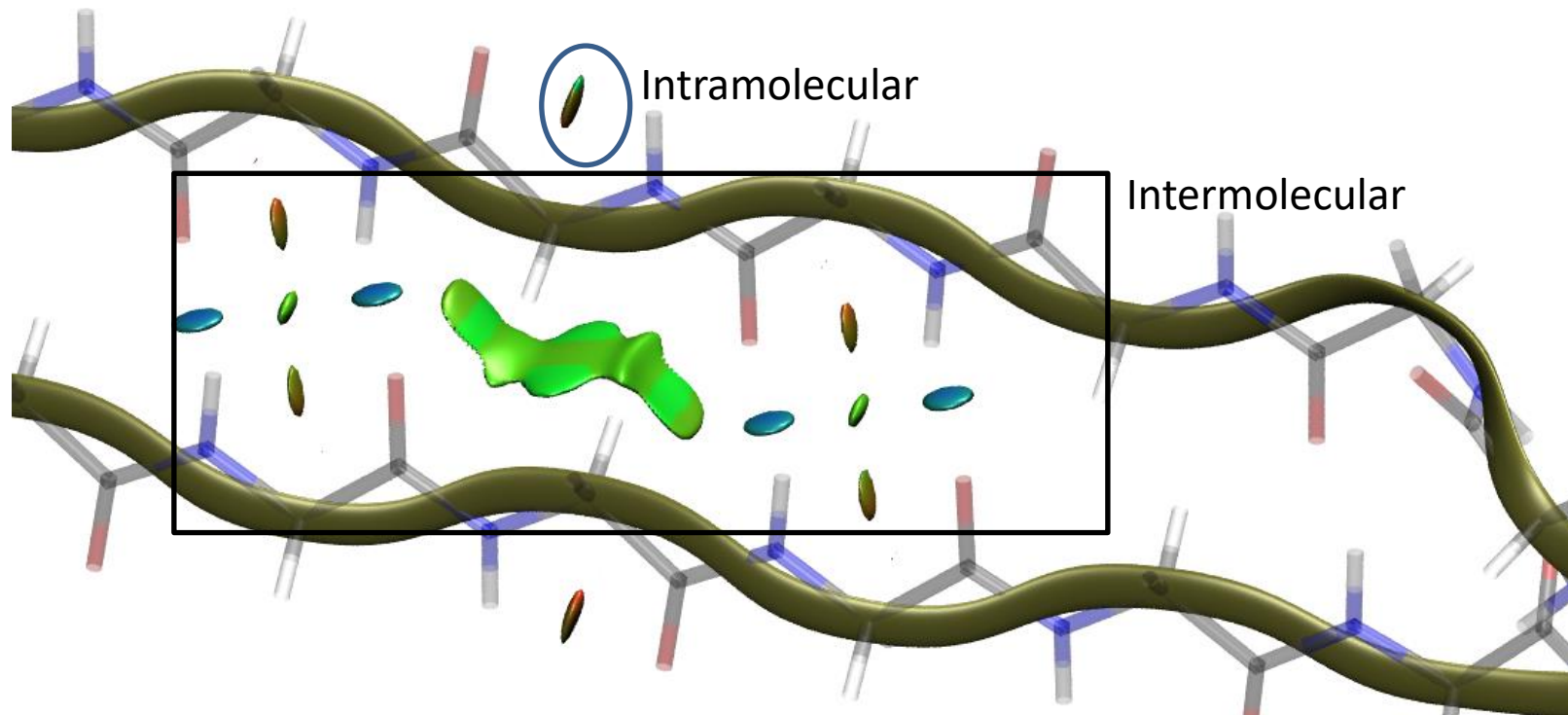
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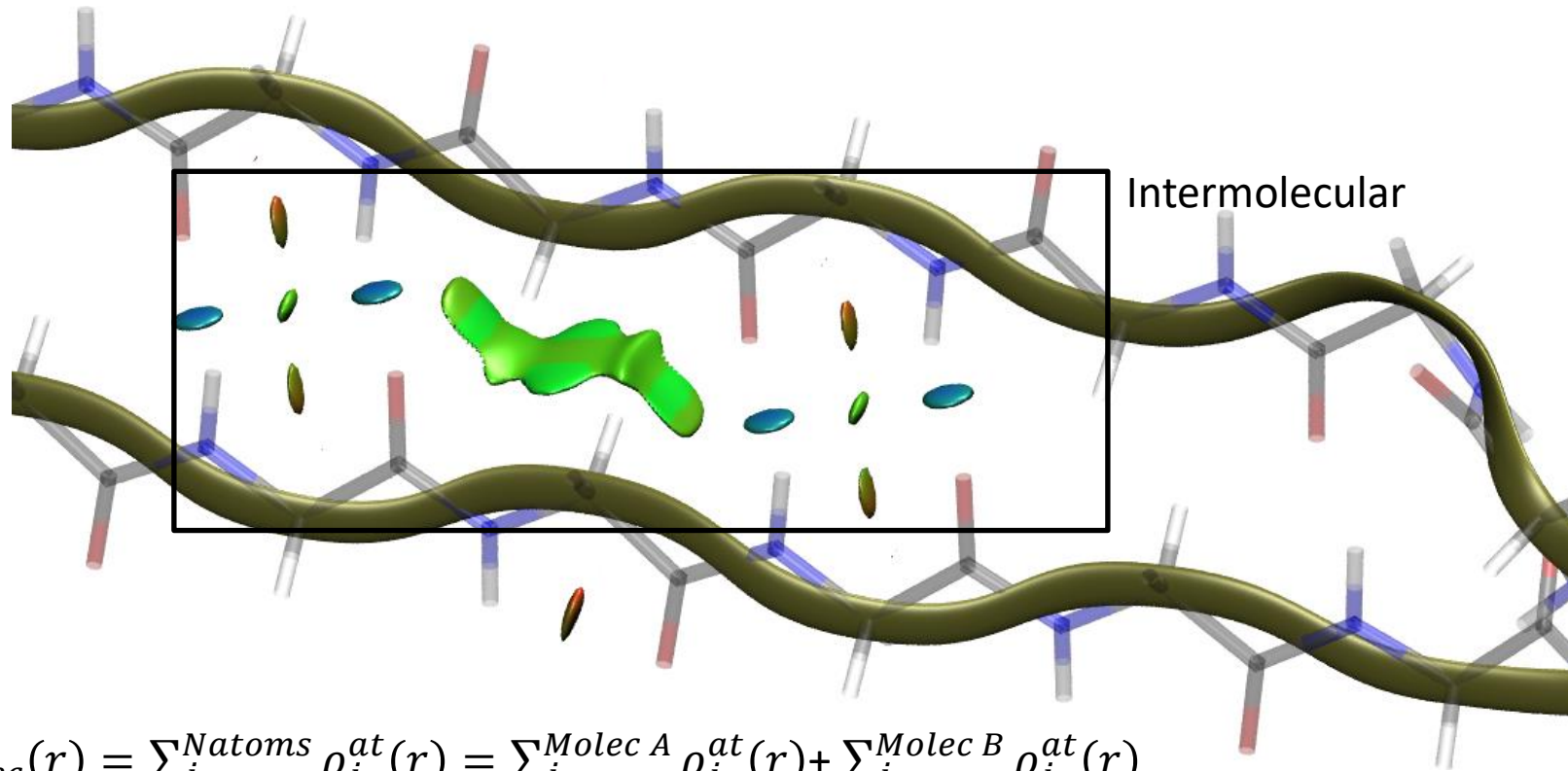
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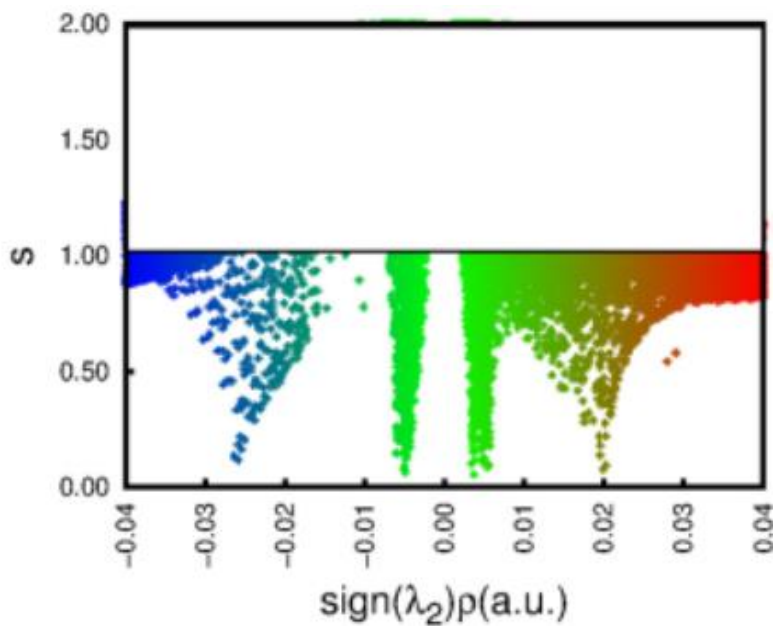
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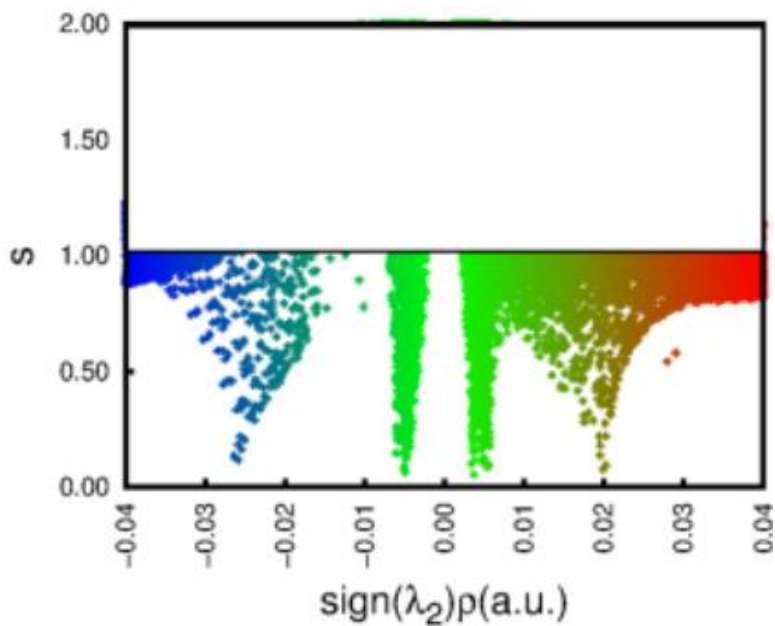


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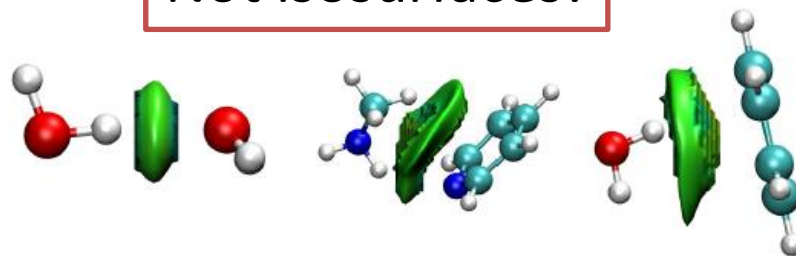
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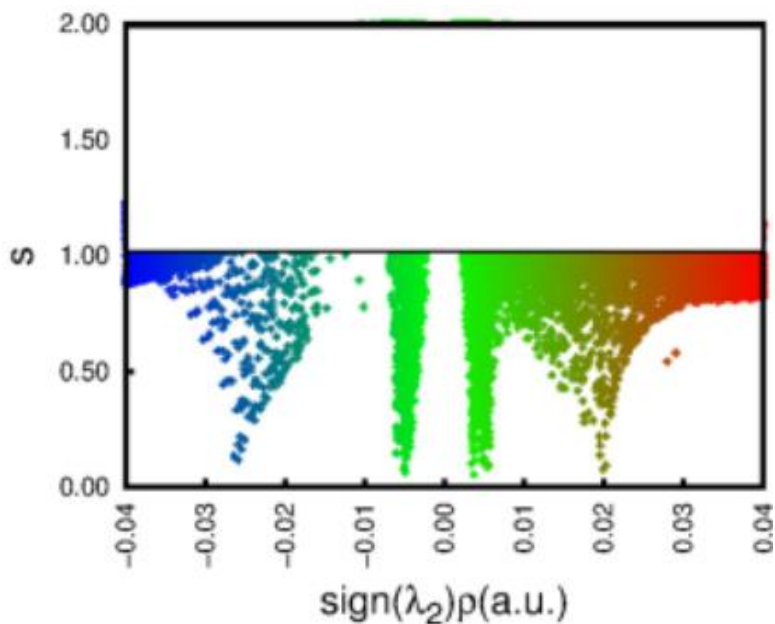


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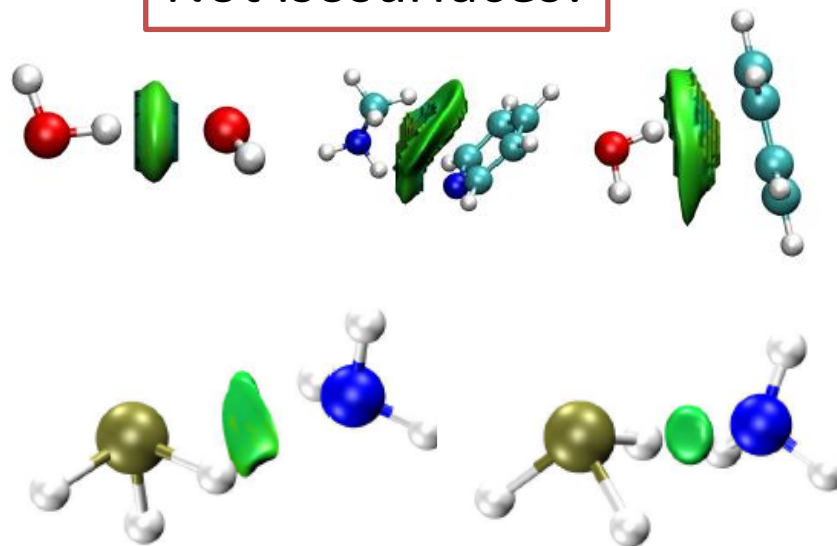


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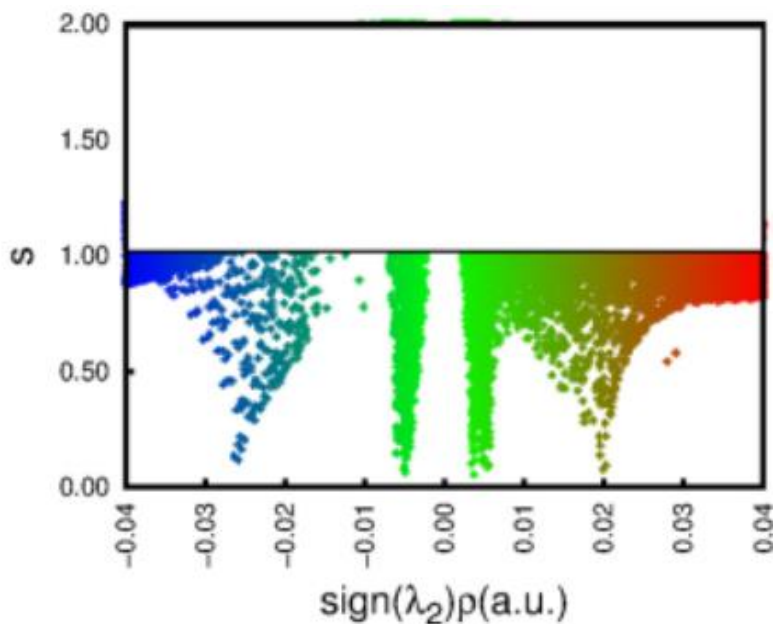
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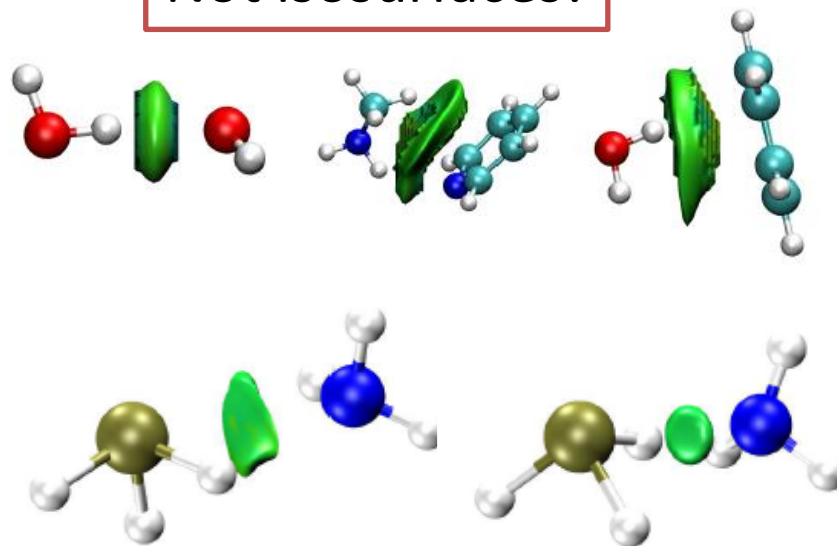
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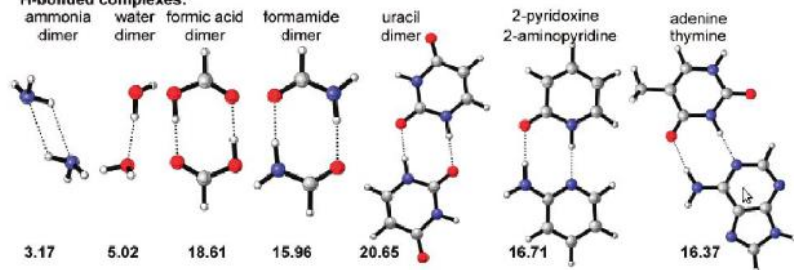
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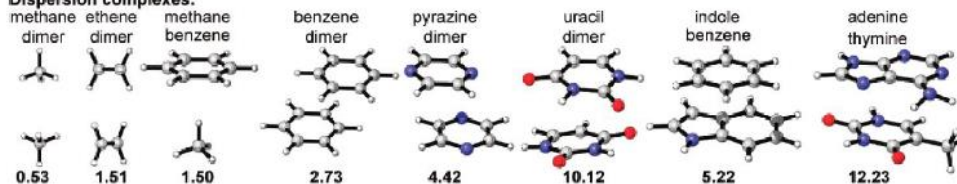
How does it relate to energetics?

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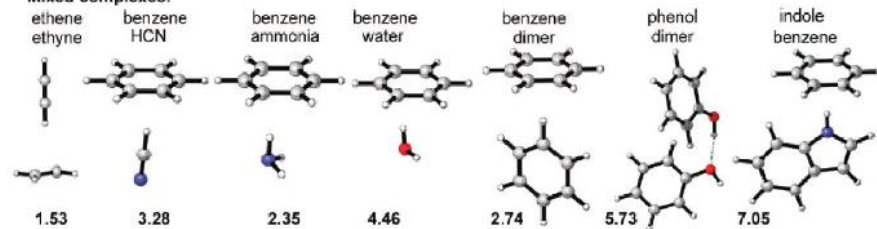
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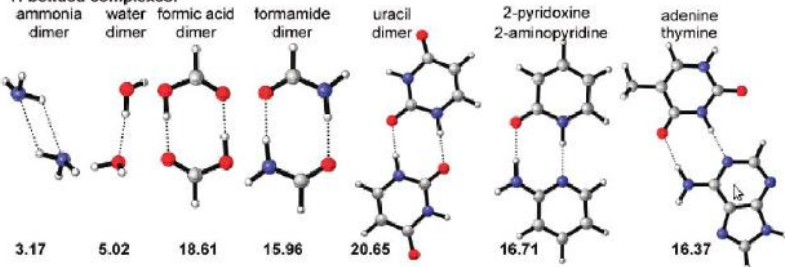
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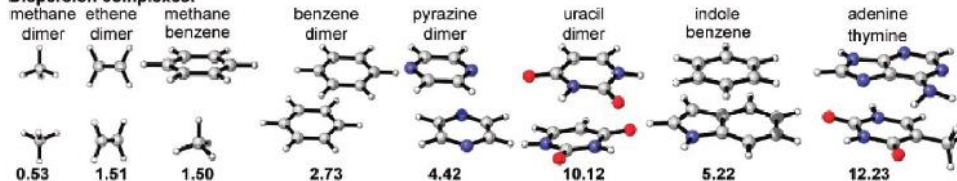
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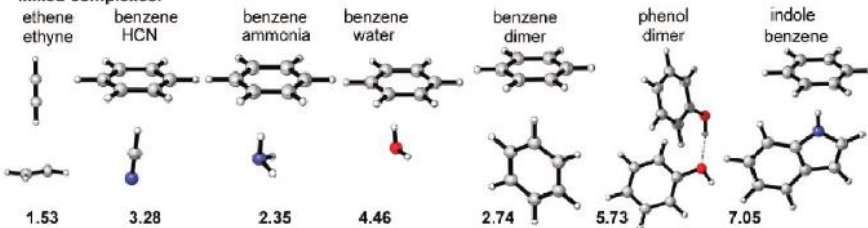
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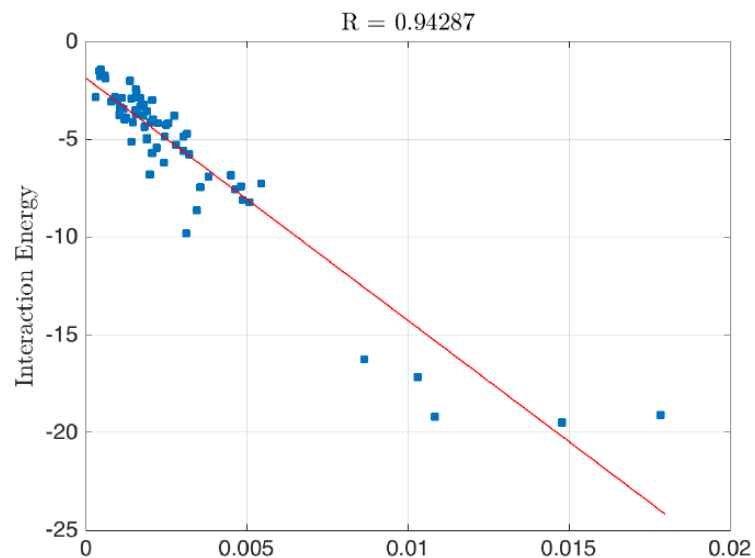
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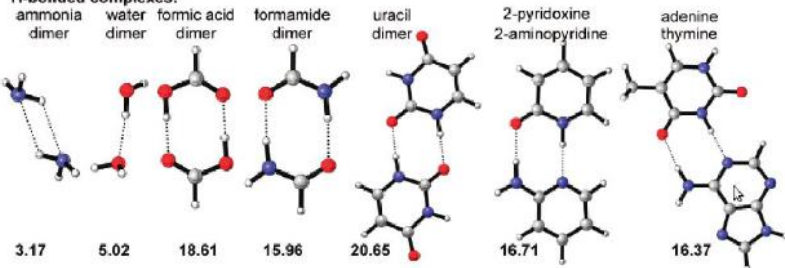


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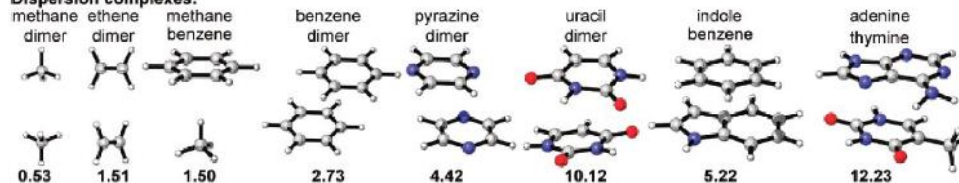


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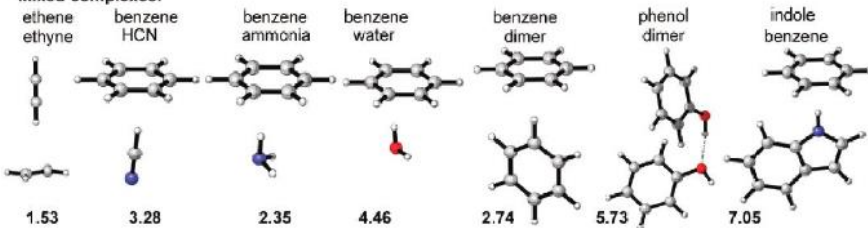
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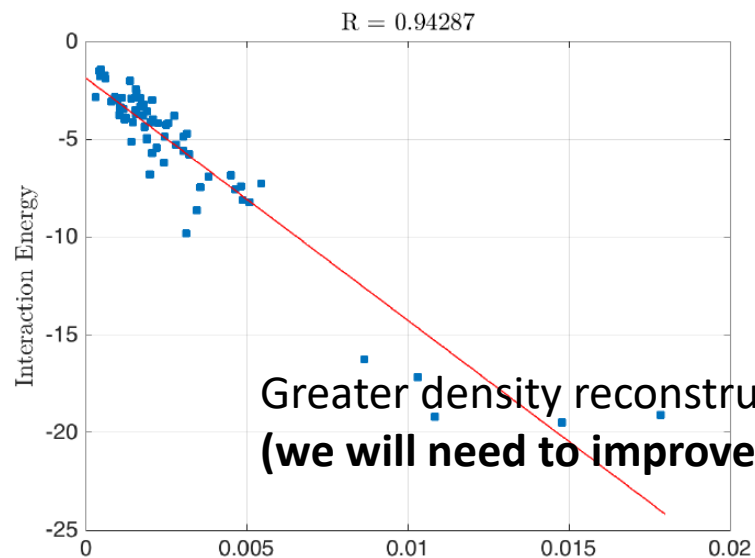
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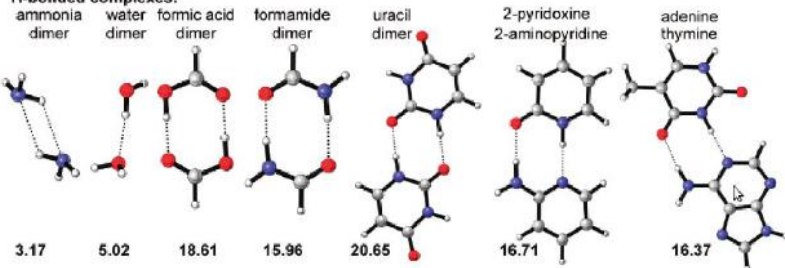


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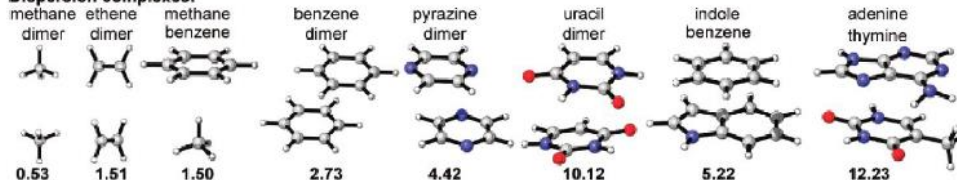


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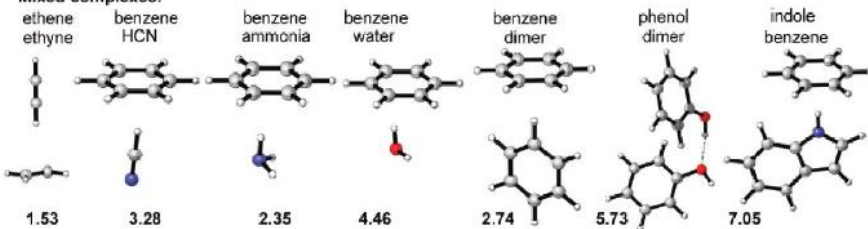
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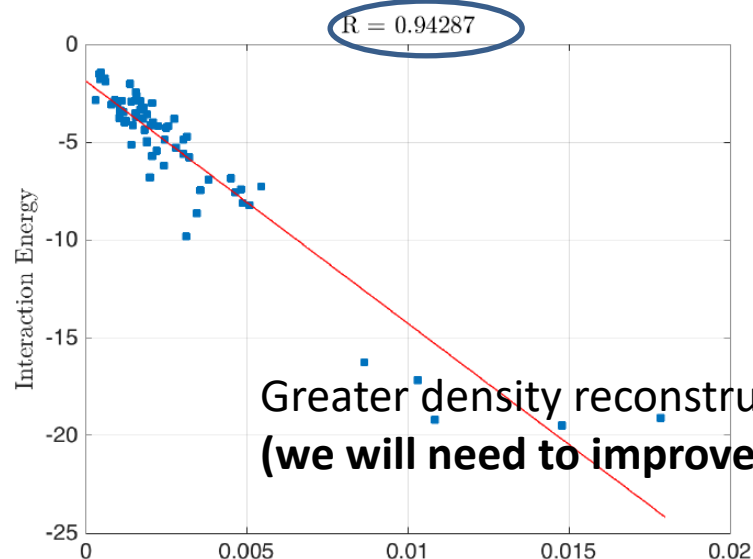


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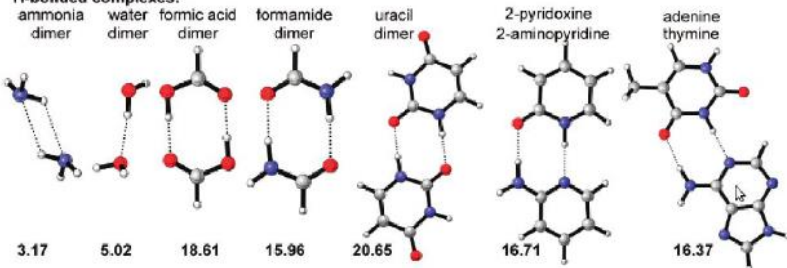
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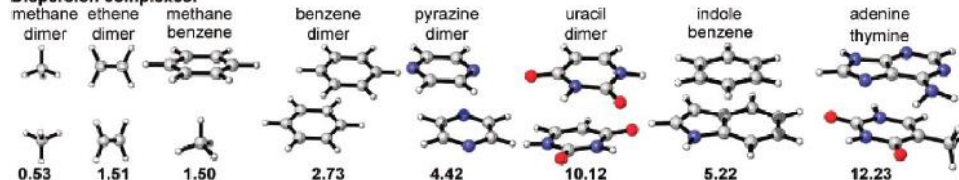


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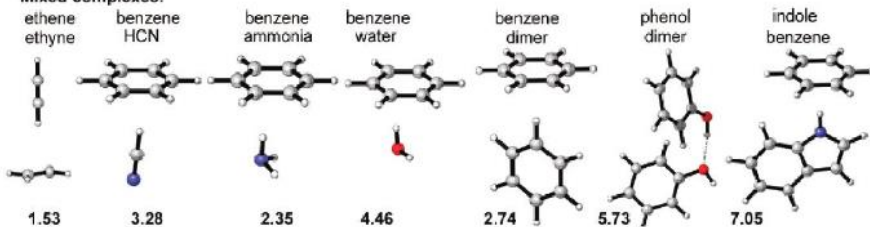
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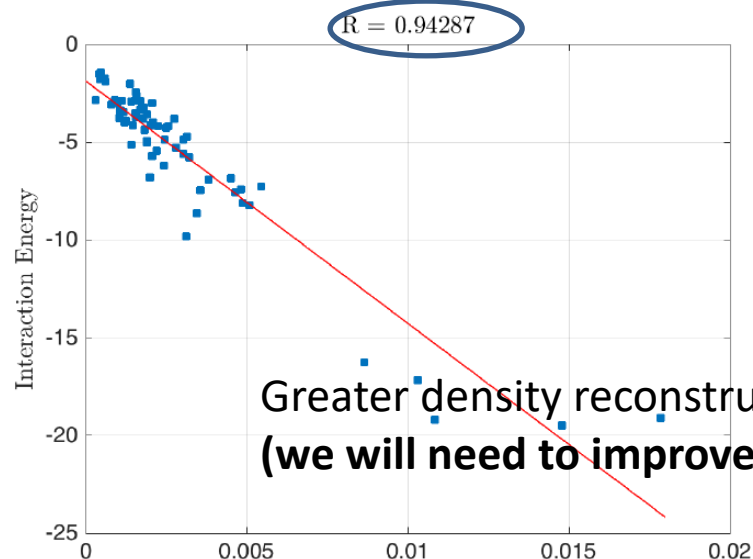


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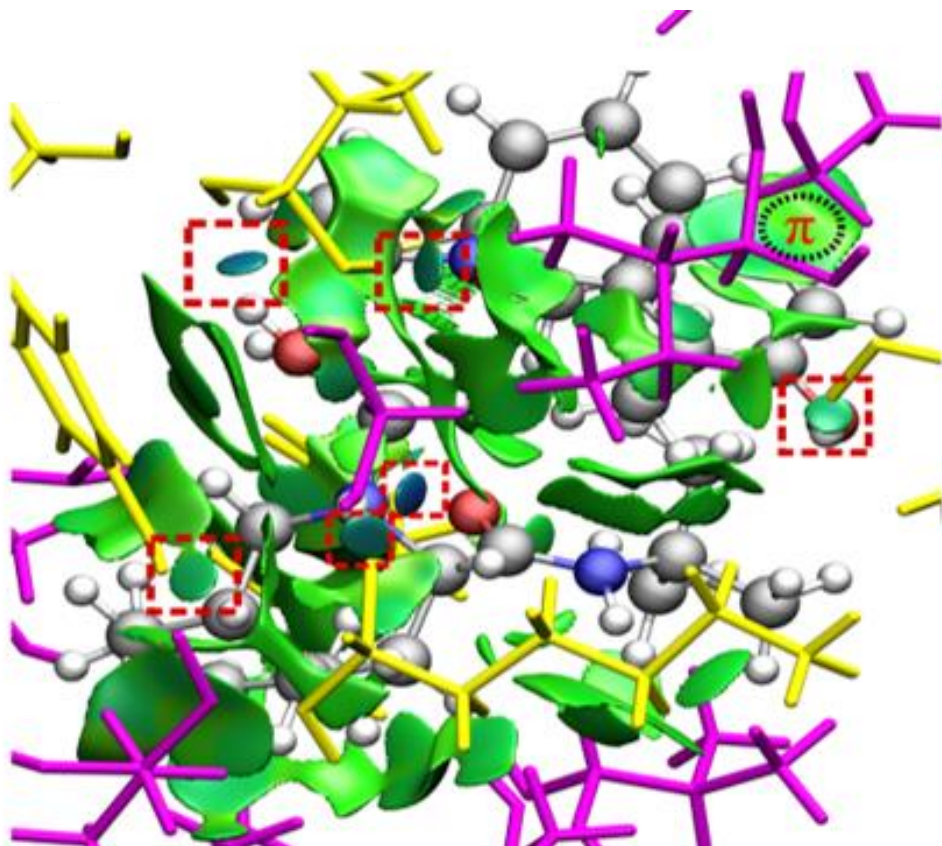


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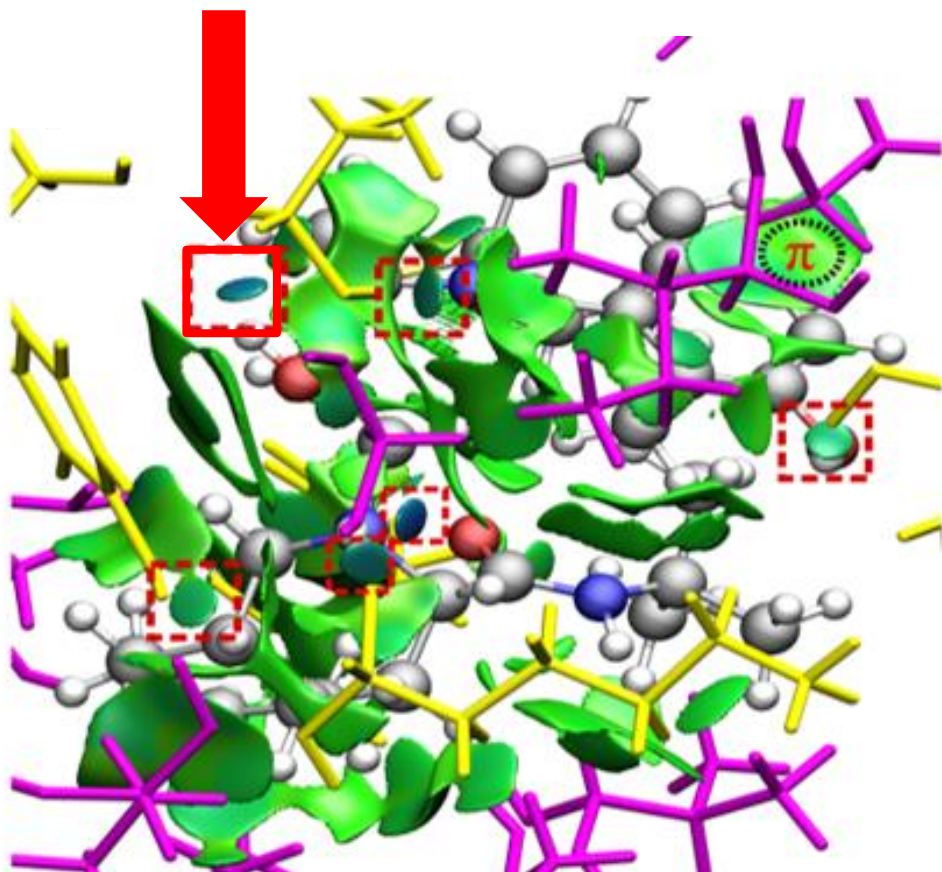
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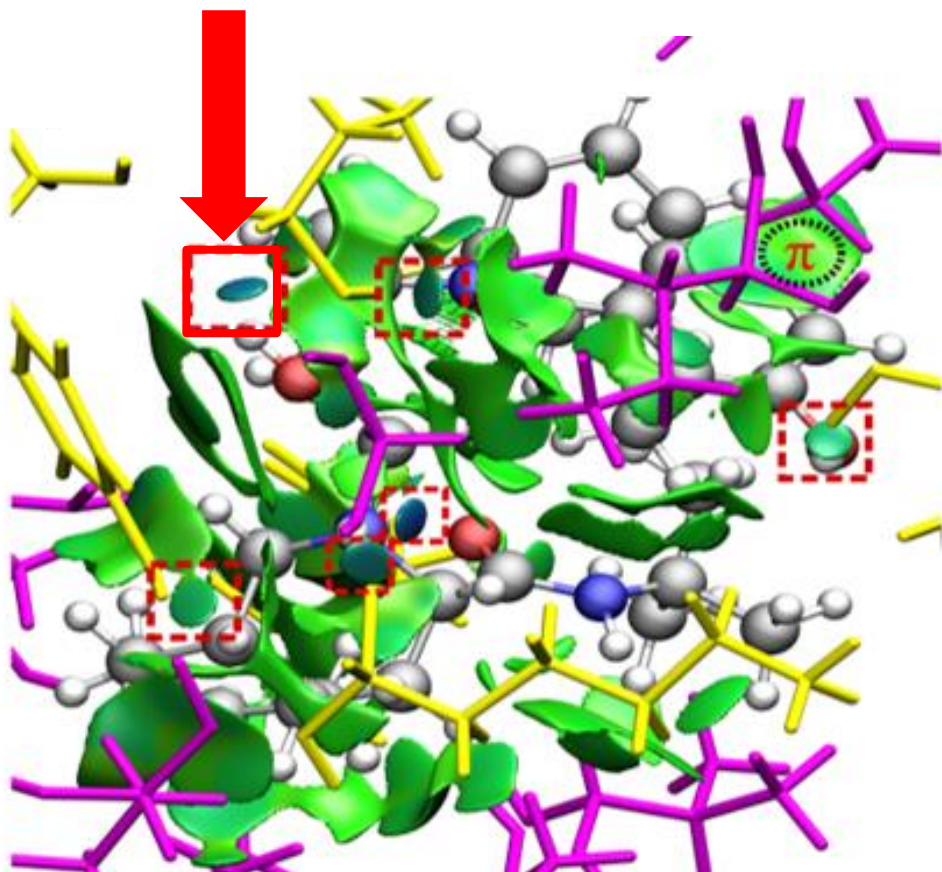


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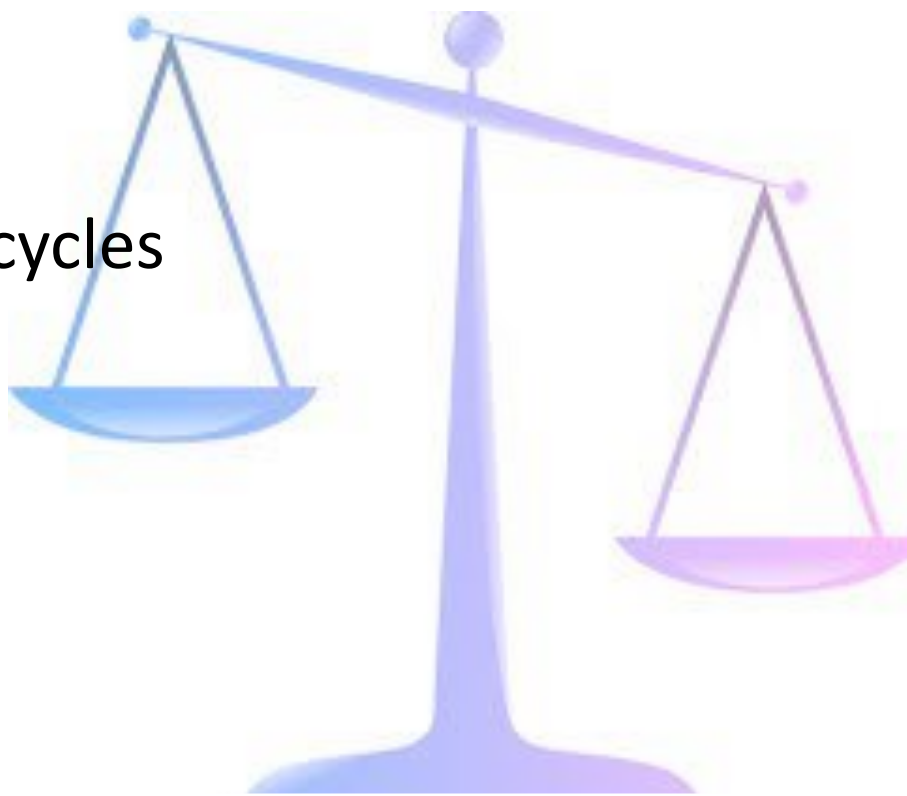
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Can we quantify it??

- Direct and ML approach

Local integrals

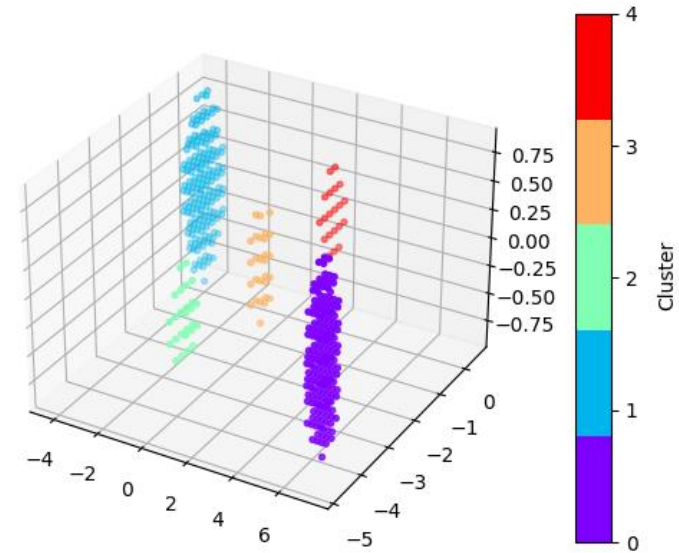
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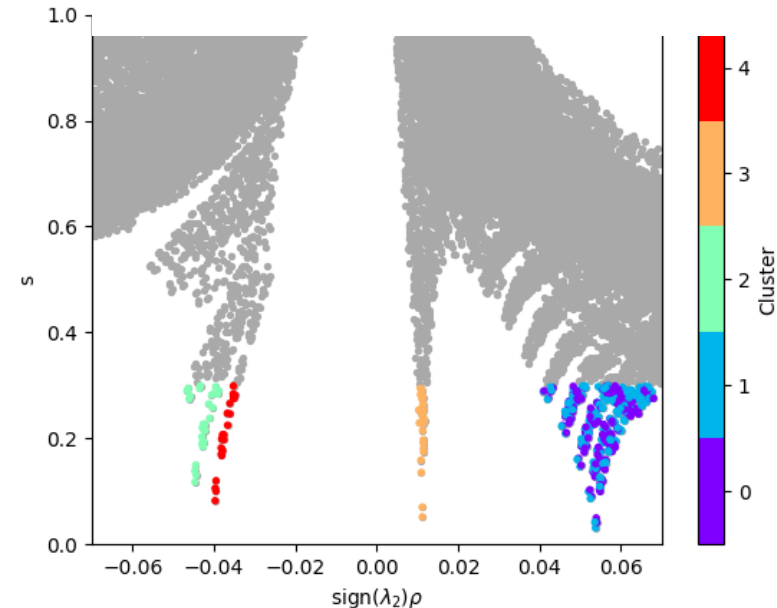
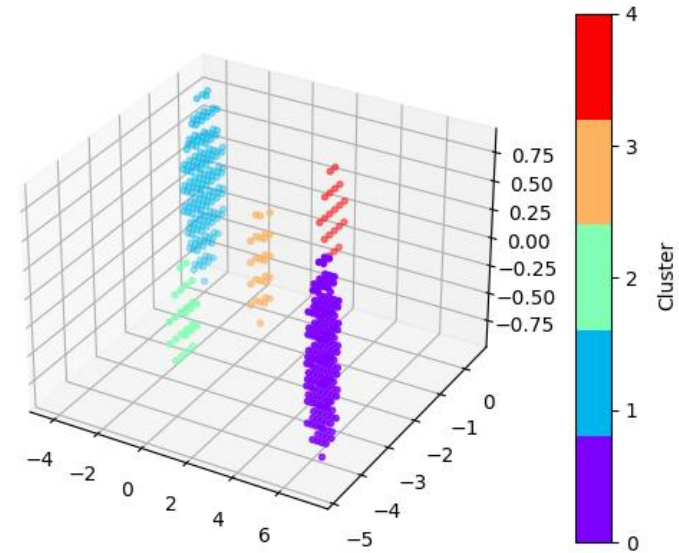
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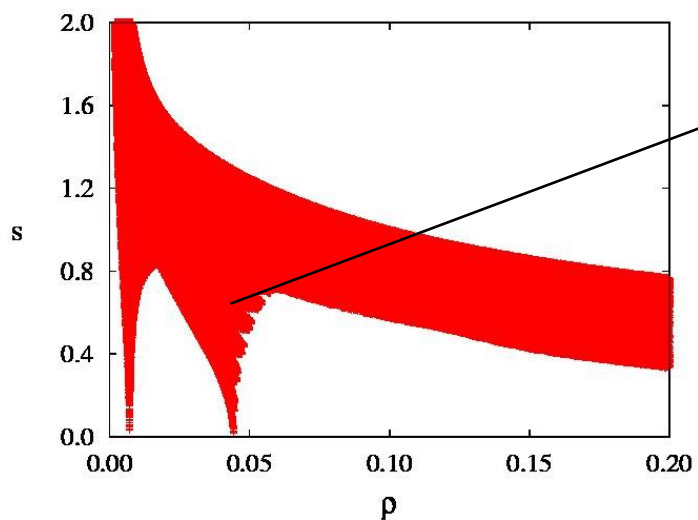
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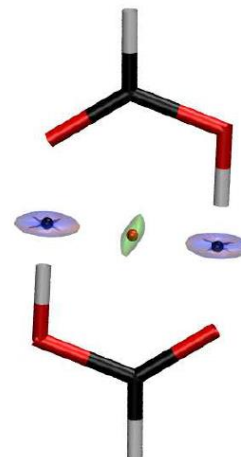
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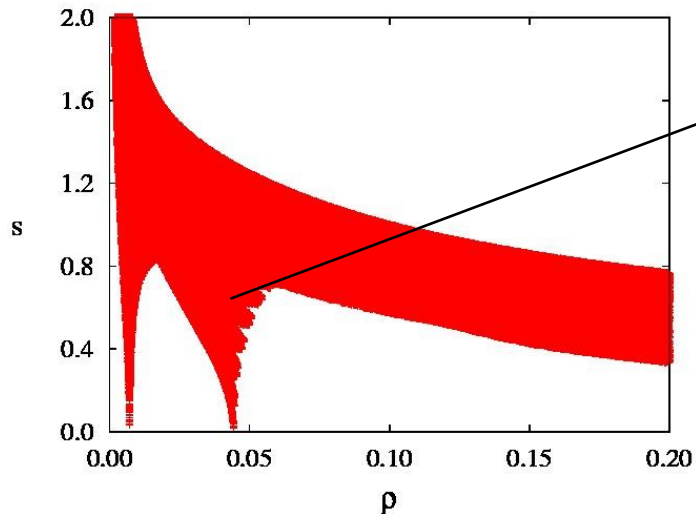
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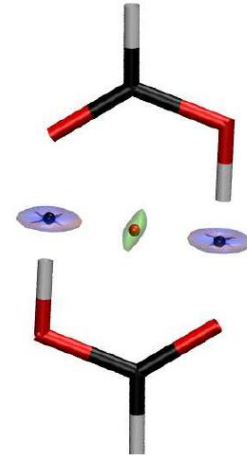
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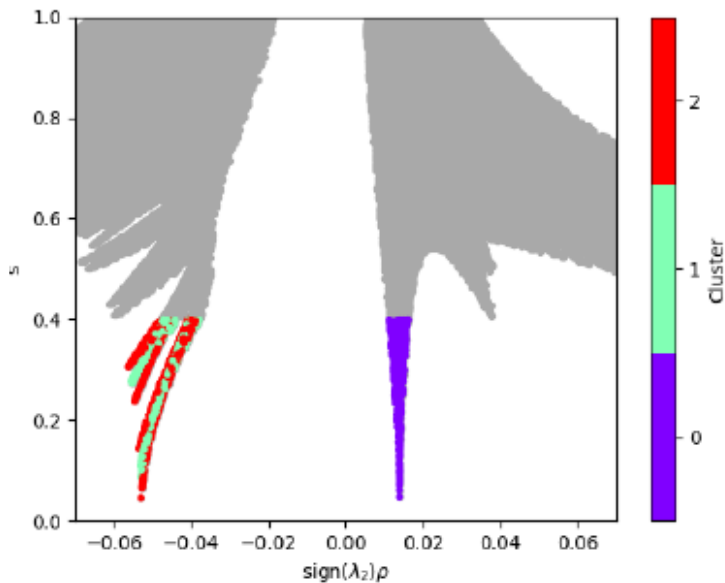
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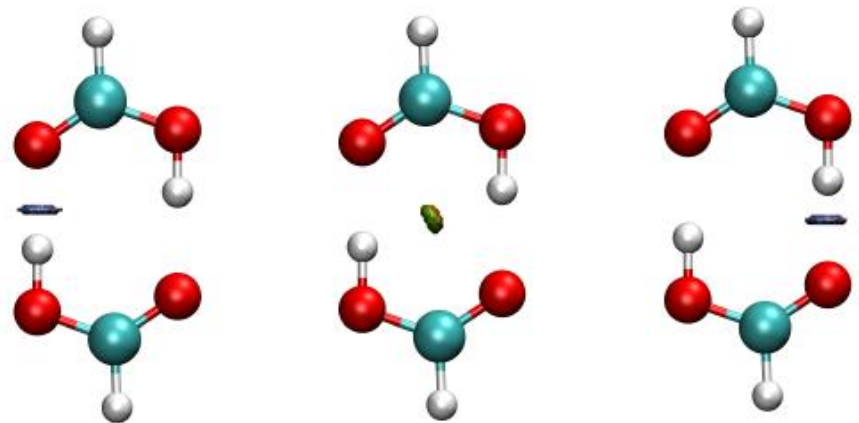
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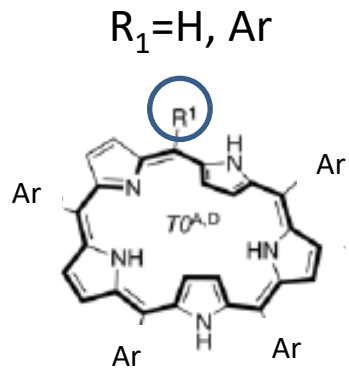


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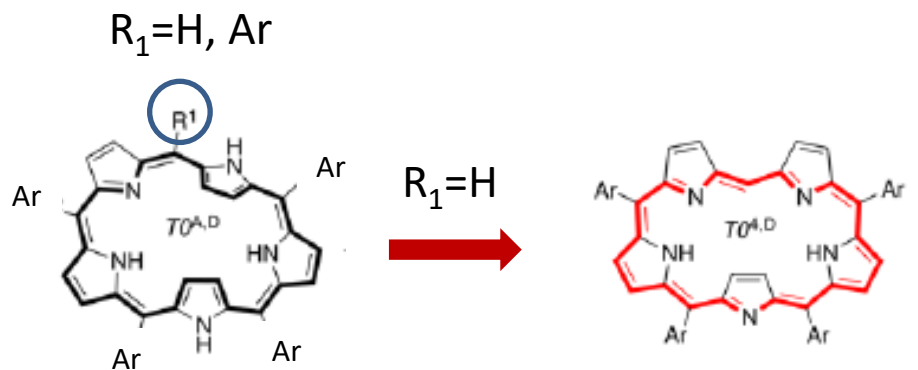
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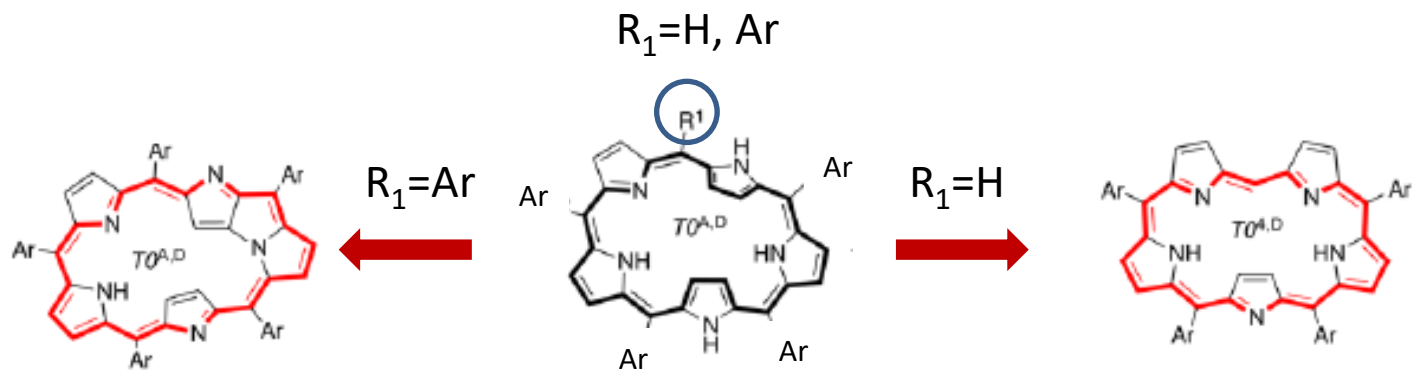
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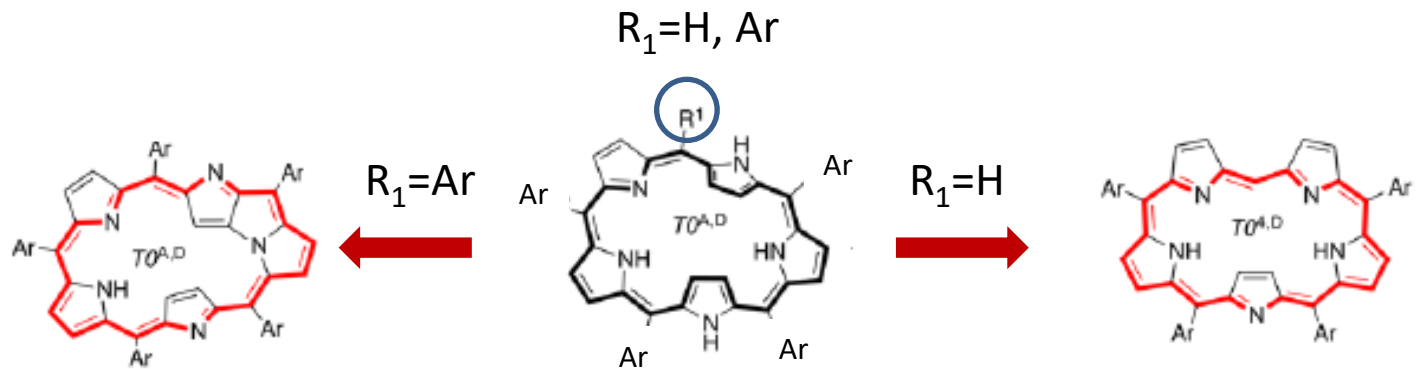


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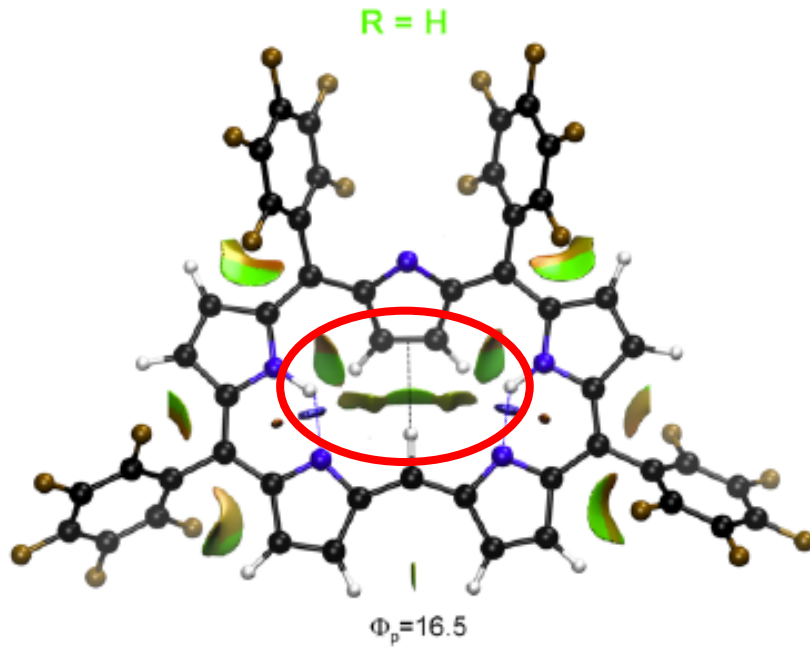
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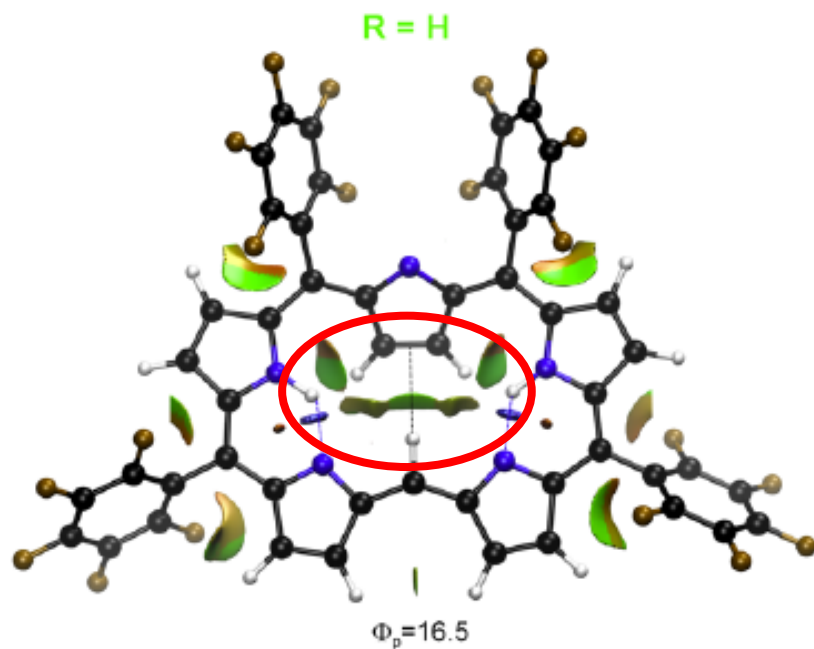
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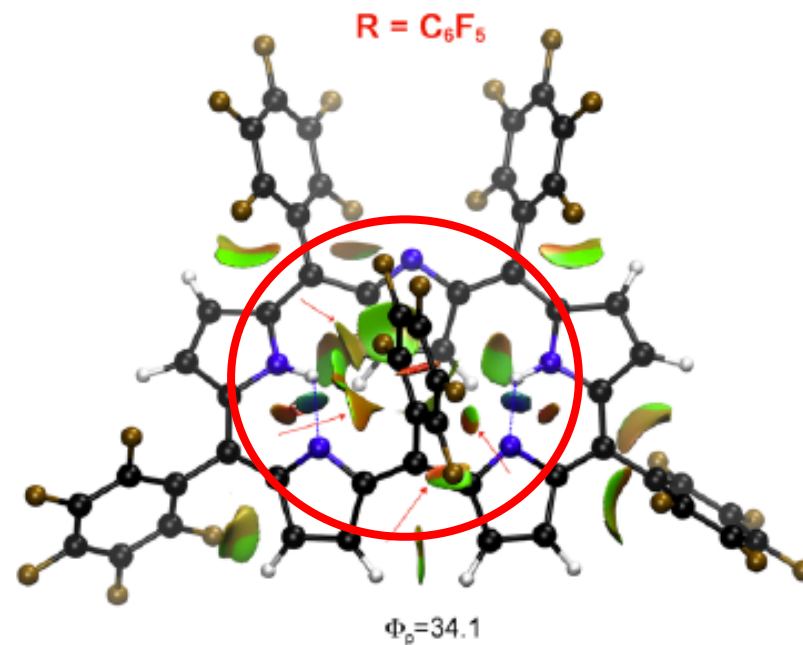


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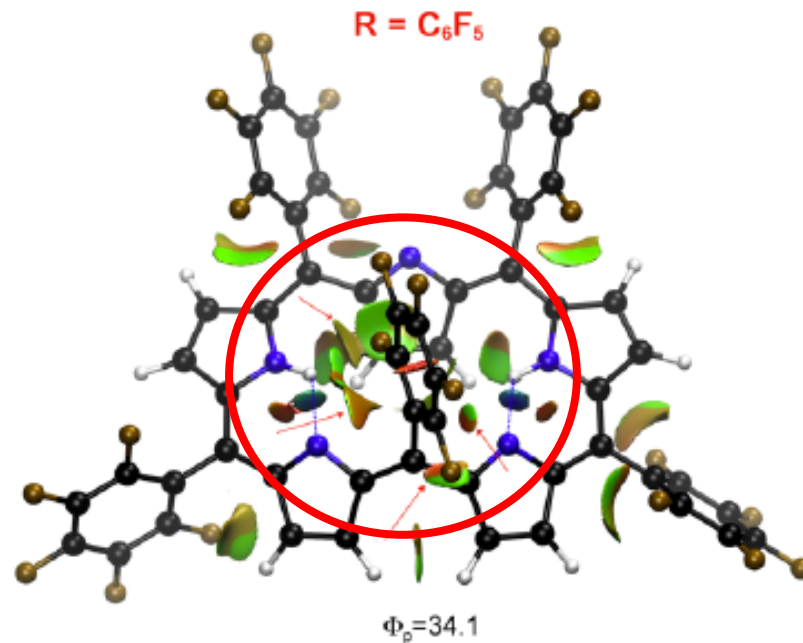
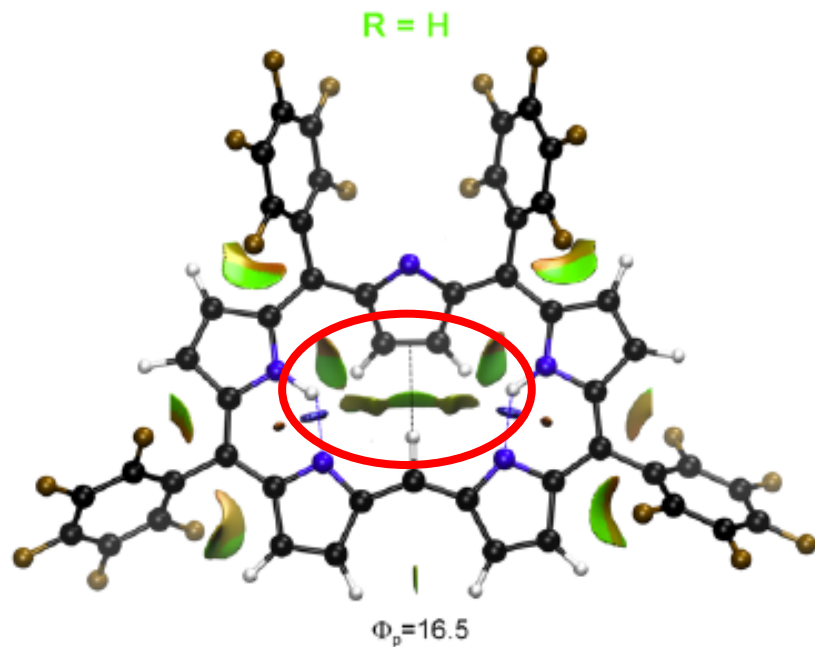


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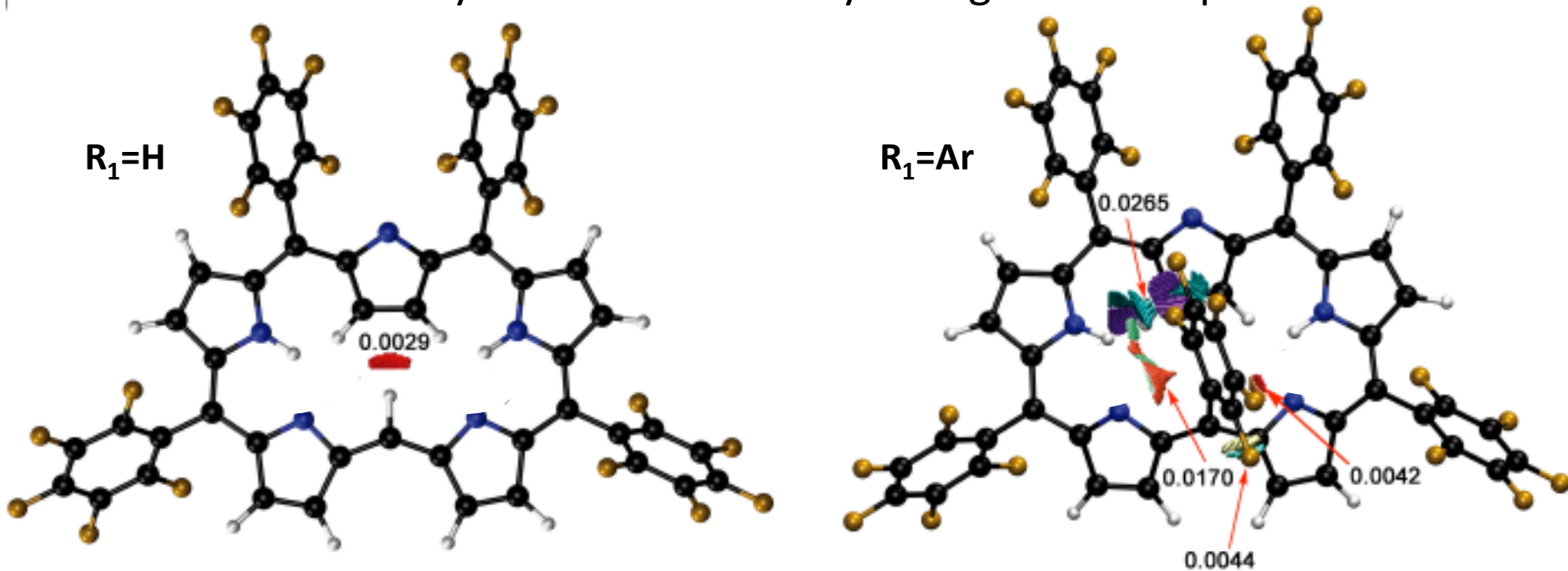
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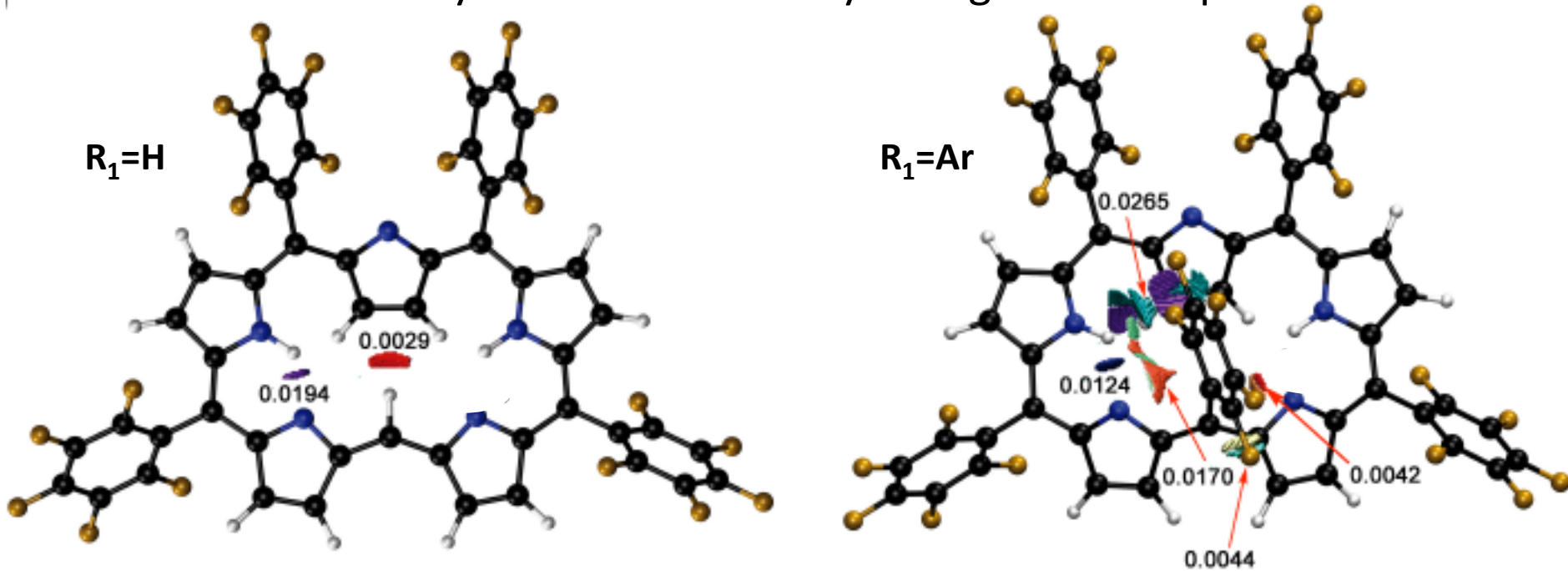
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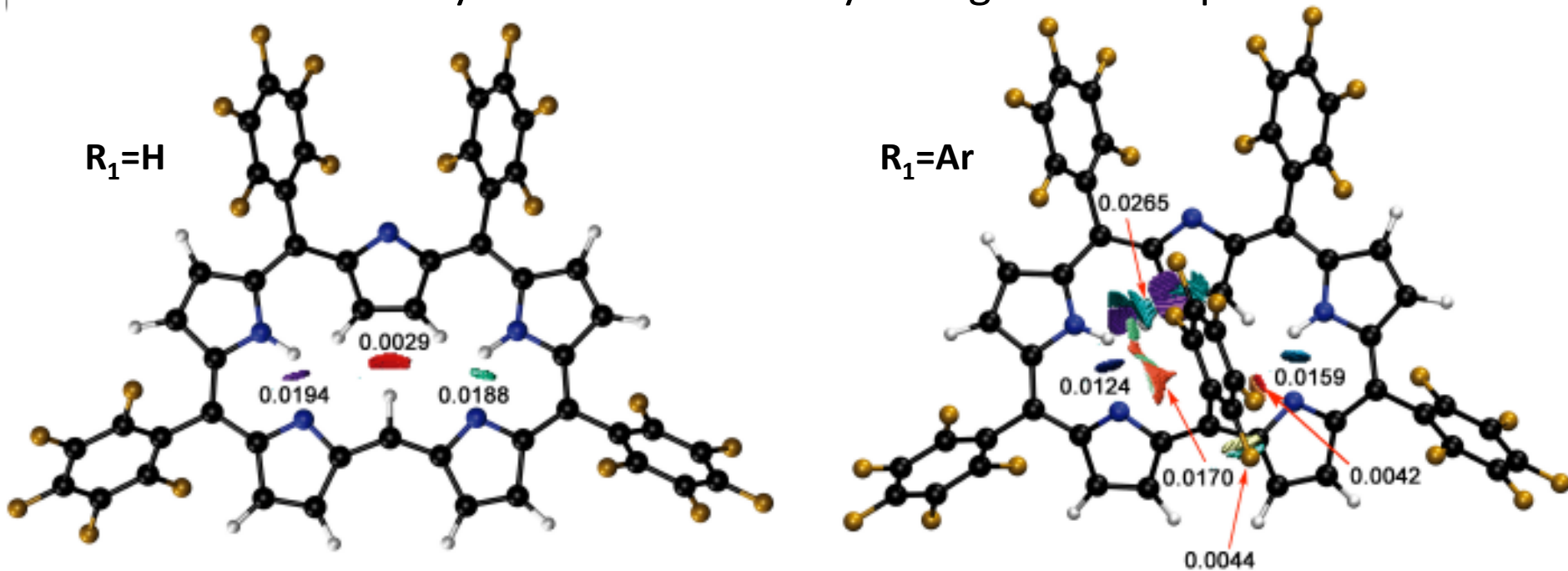
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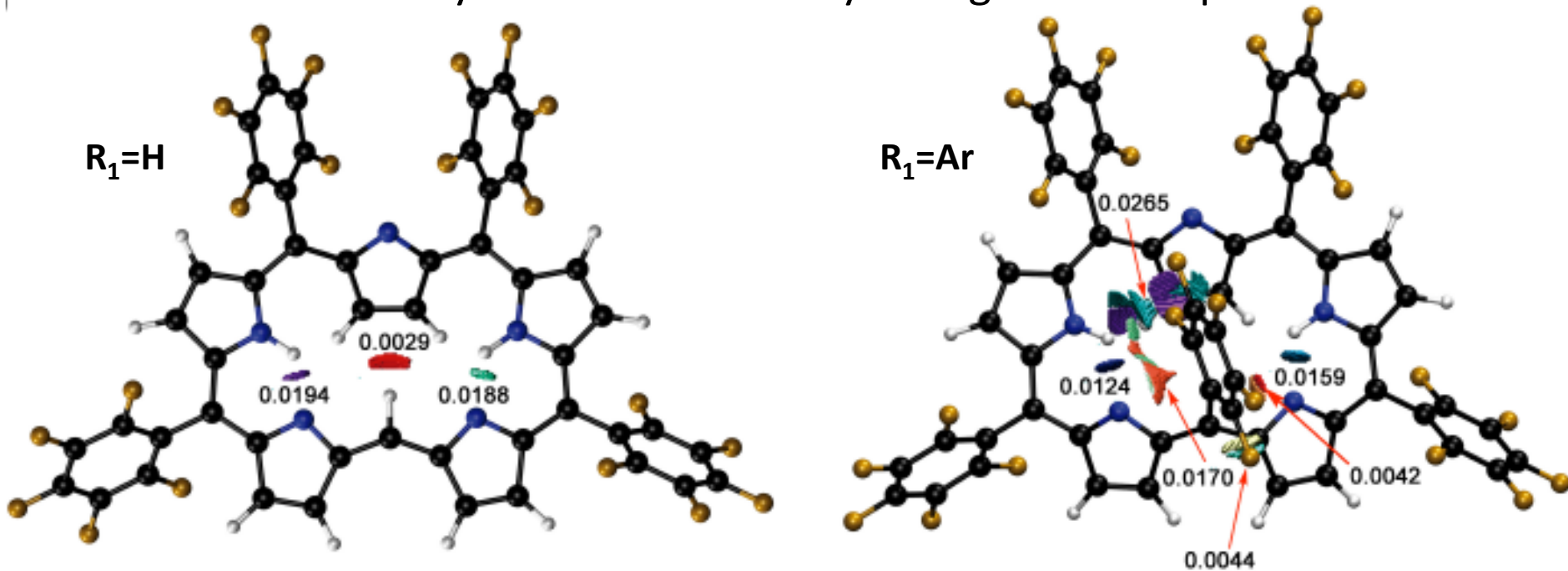
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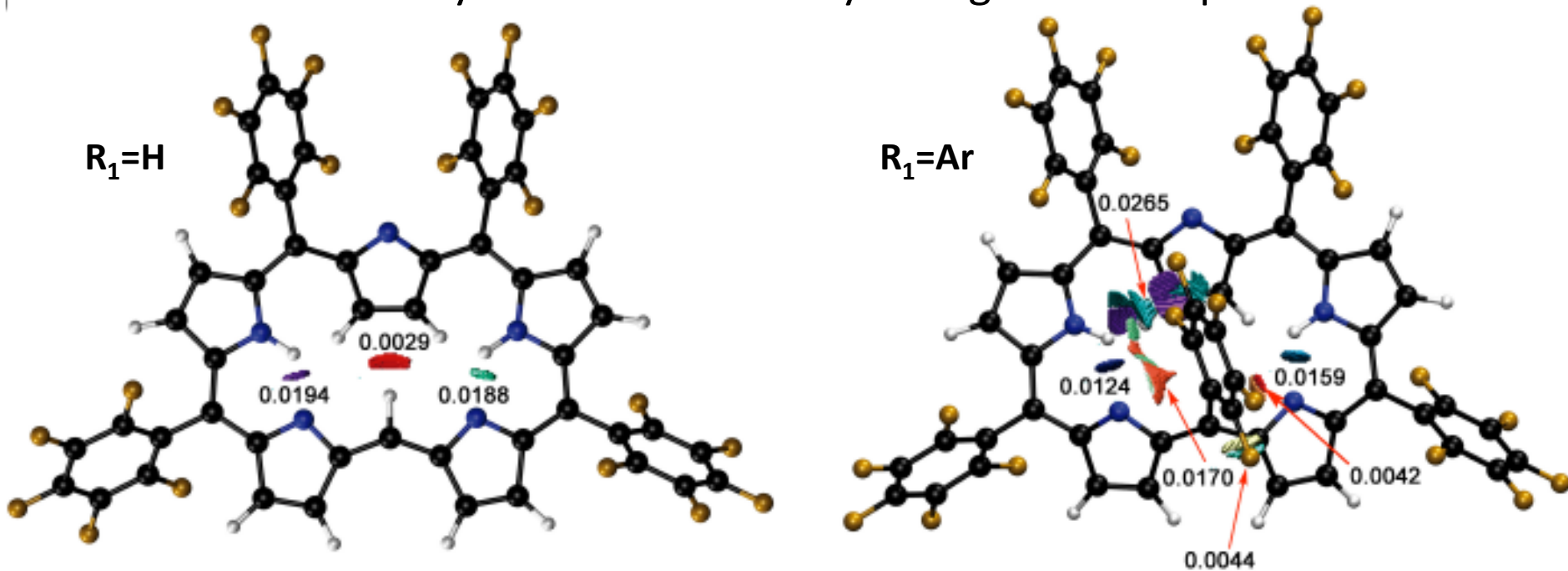
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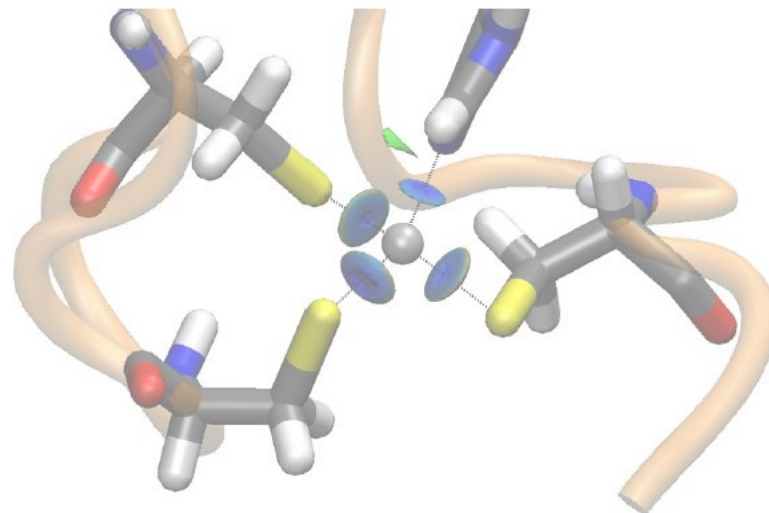
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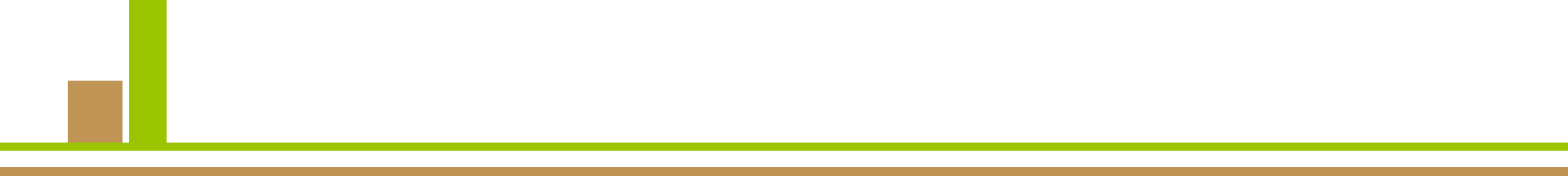
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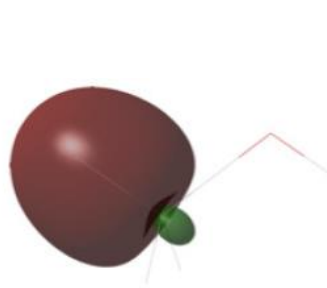
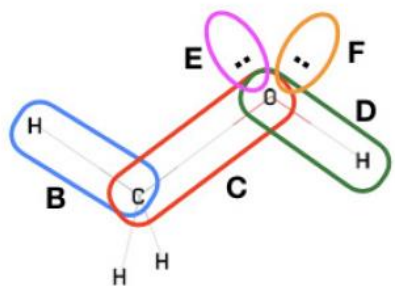
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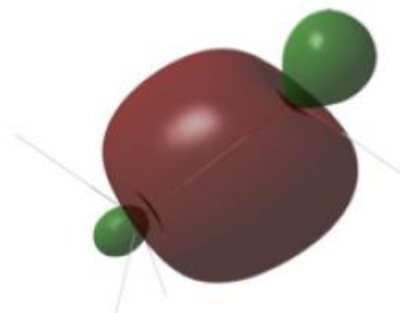
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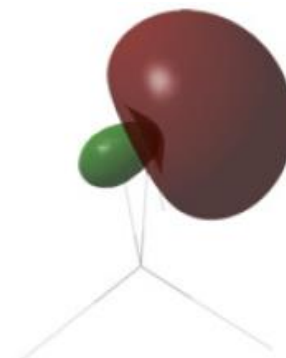
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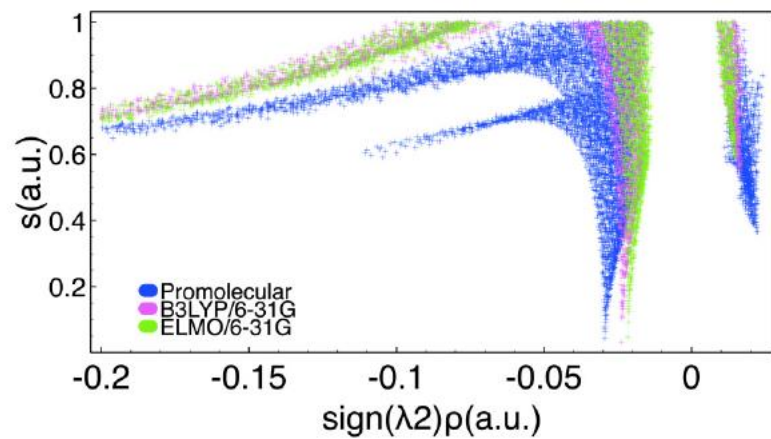
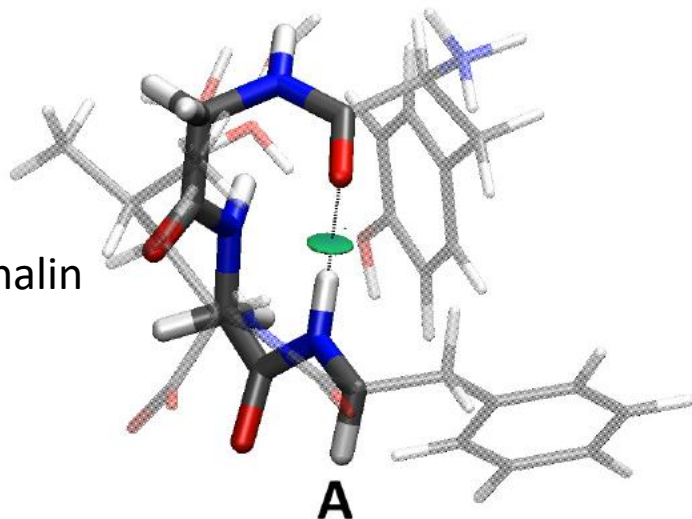


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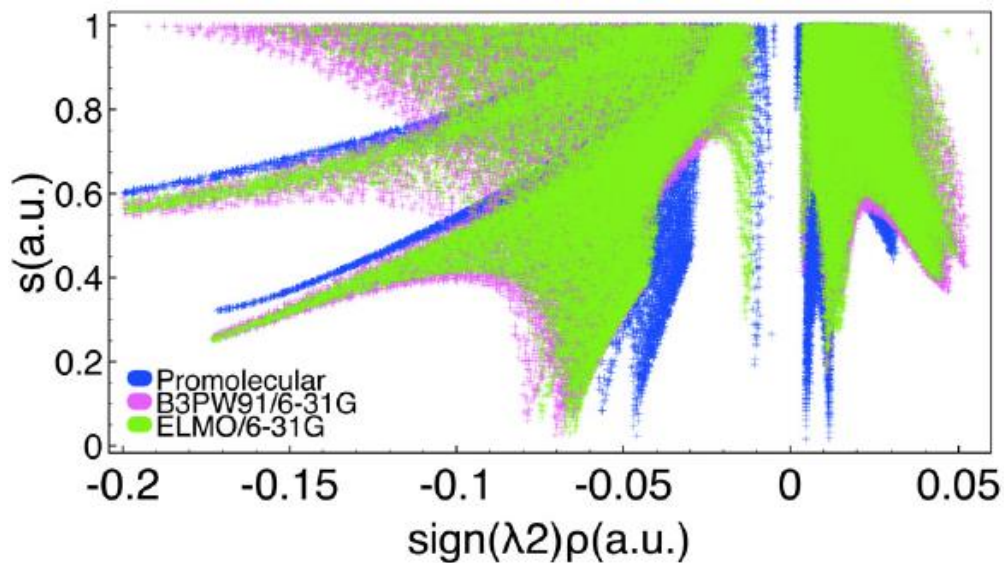
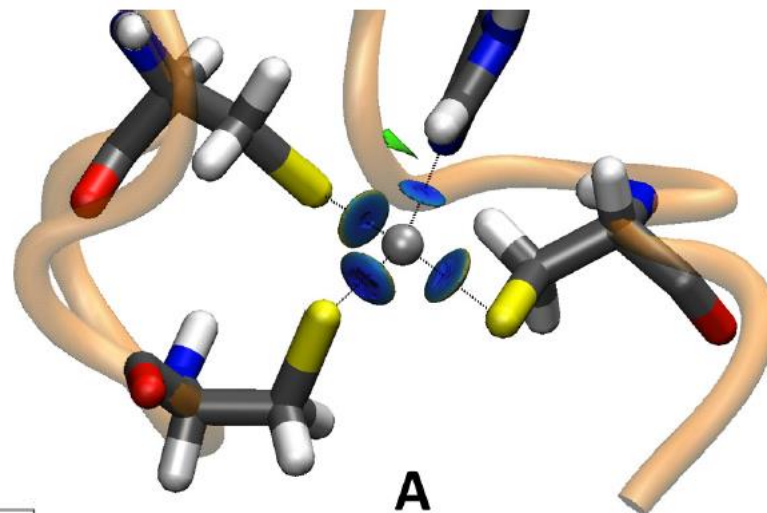
Lone Pair

Hydrogen bond in Leu-enkephalin



ELMOs are able to reproduce SCF densities more accurately

Especially hard case due to the strong interactions with a charged center



HIV Zinc fingerlike domain
Interactions with the metallic center,
Zn²⁺, and 3 Cys and 1 His

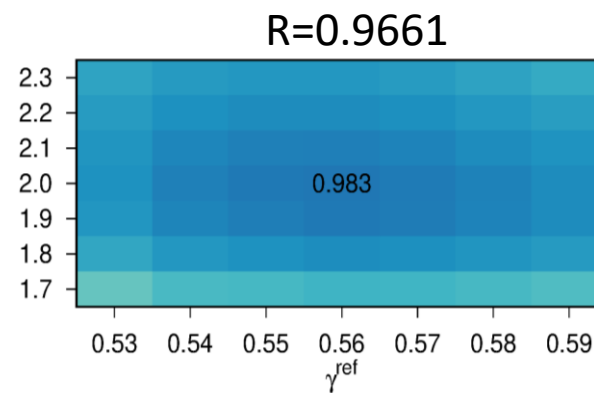
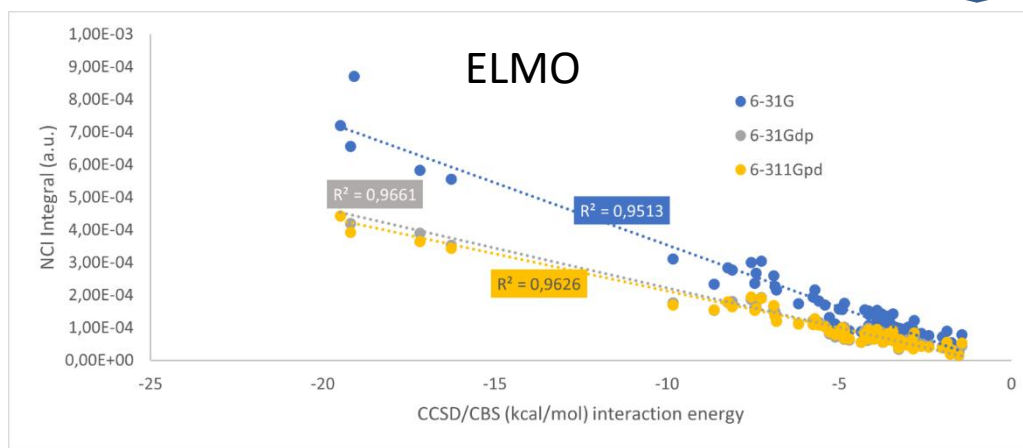
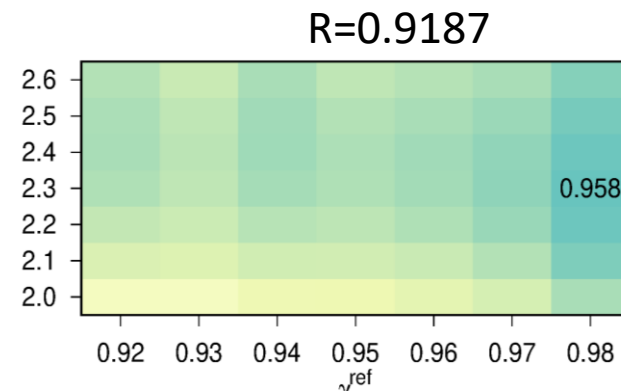
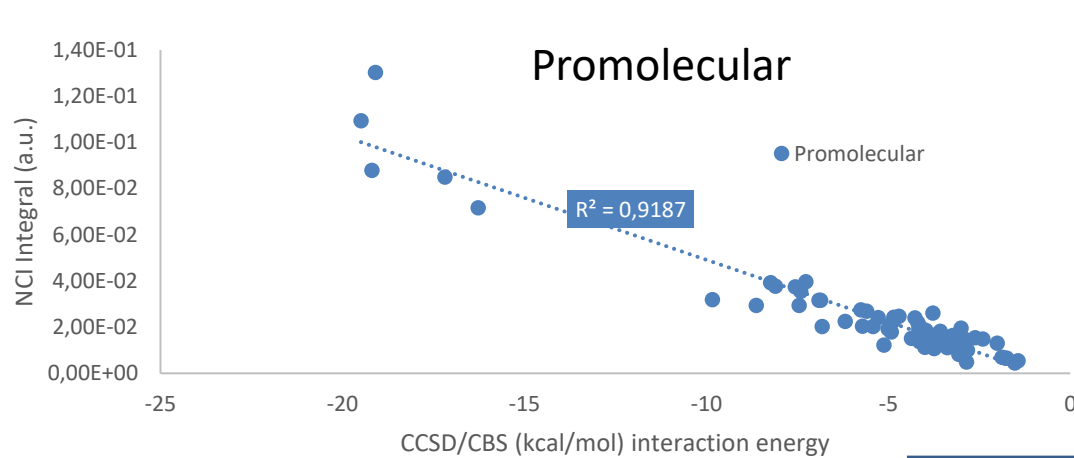
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- Similar global computing times Gaussian(+ELMO)+NCIPLLOT

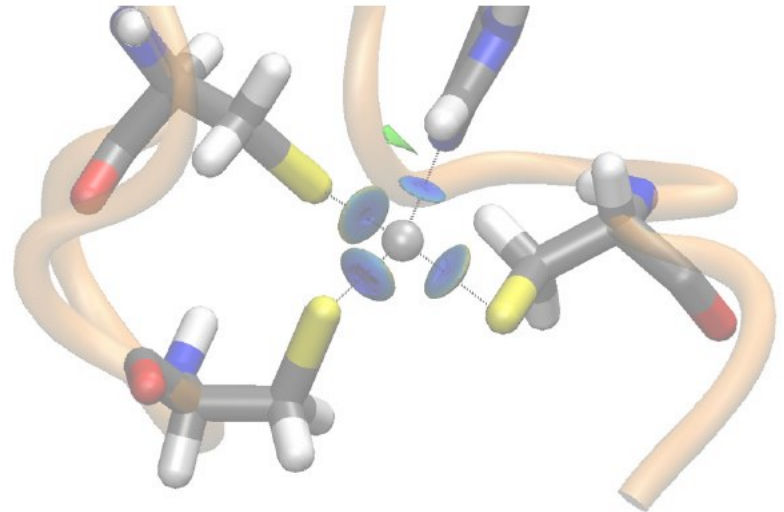


- Energetic estimation is improved

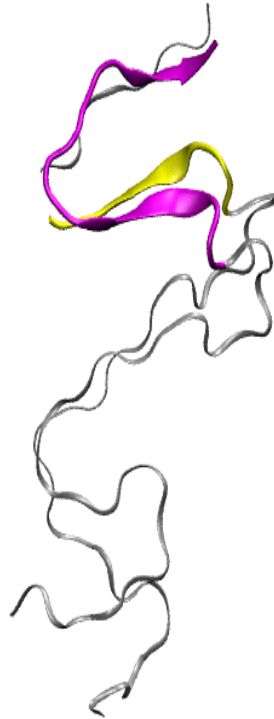
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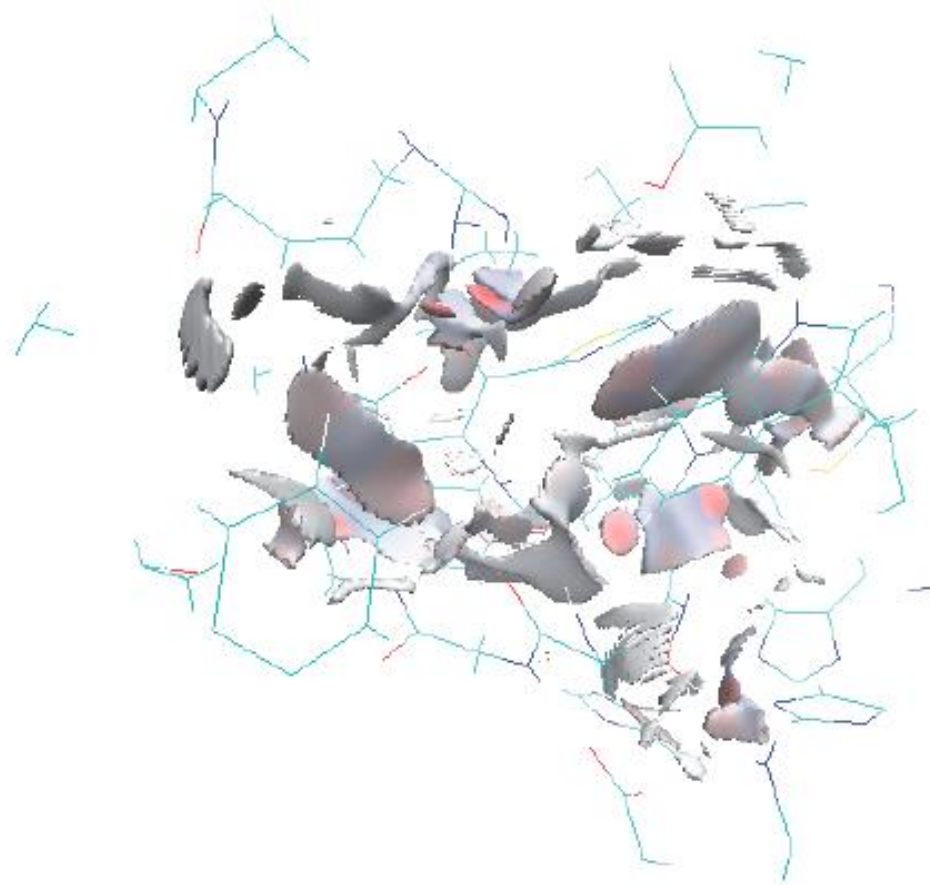
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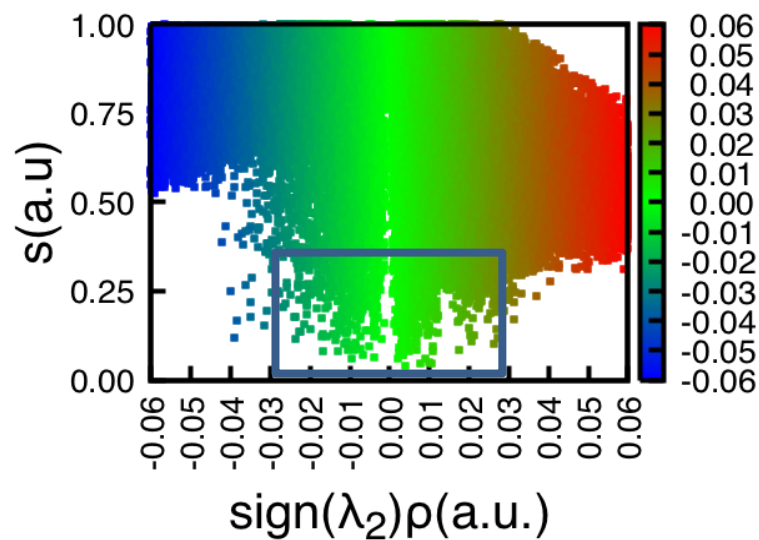
However, still too expensive for dynamical analyses...



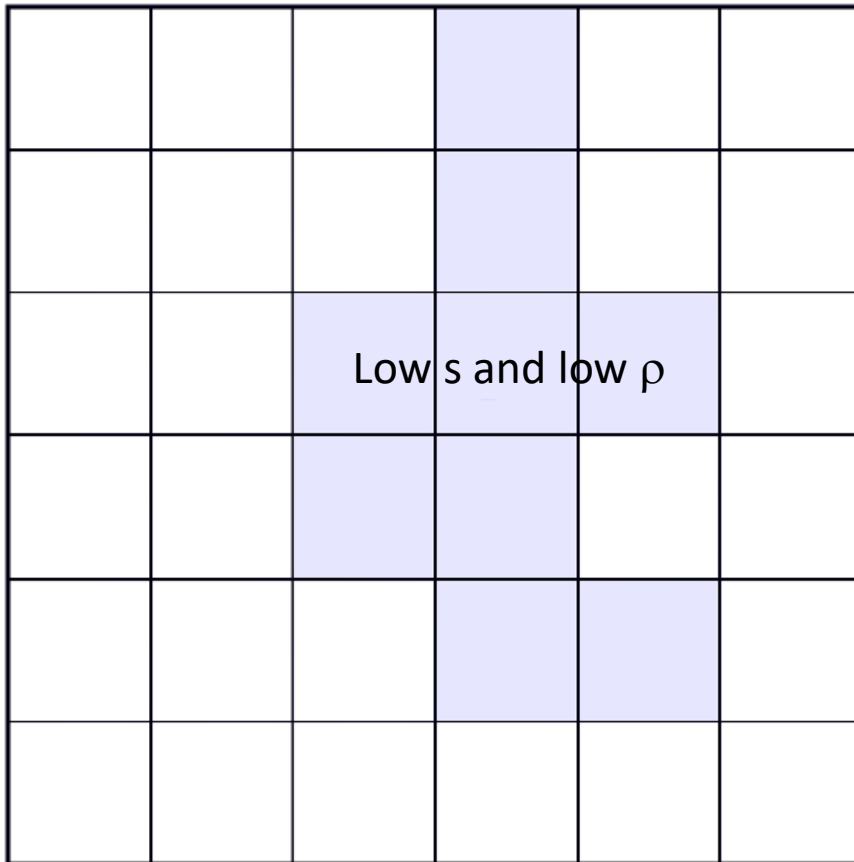


The density and the RDG values are computed at all the boxes

Only a very small percentage of grid points have low r and low s

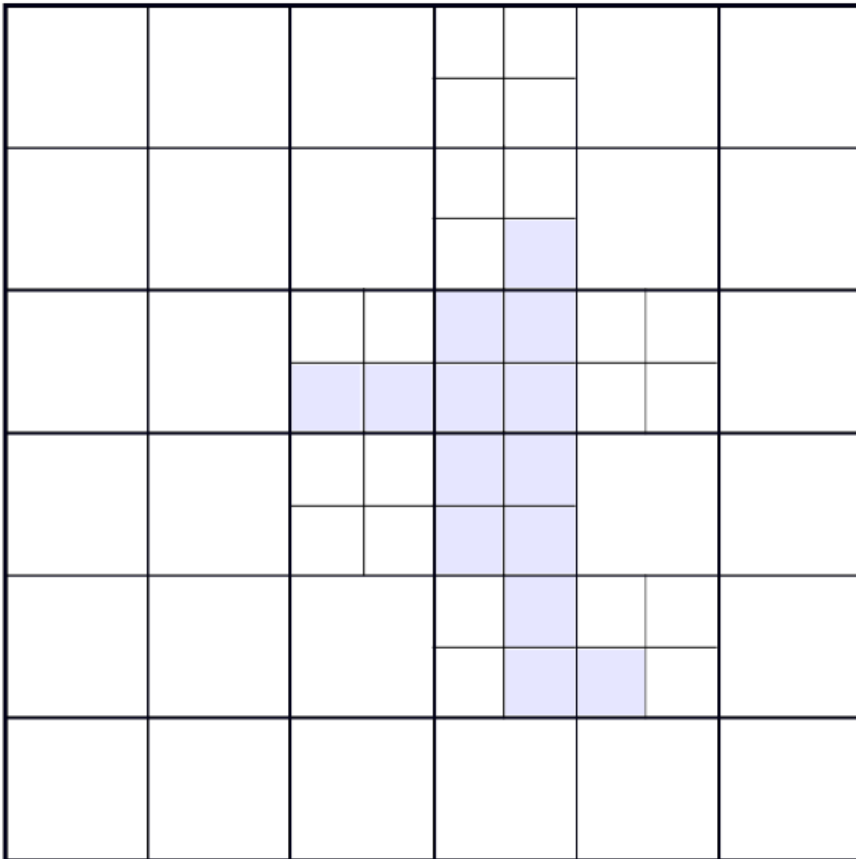


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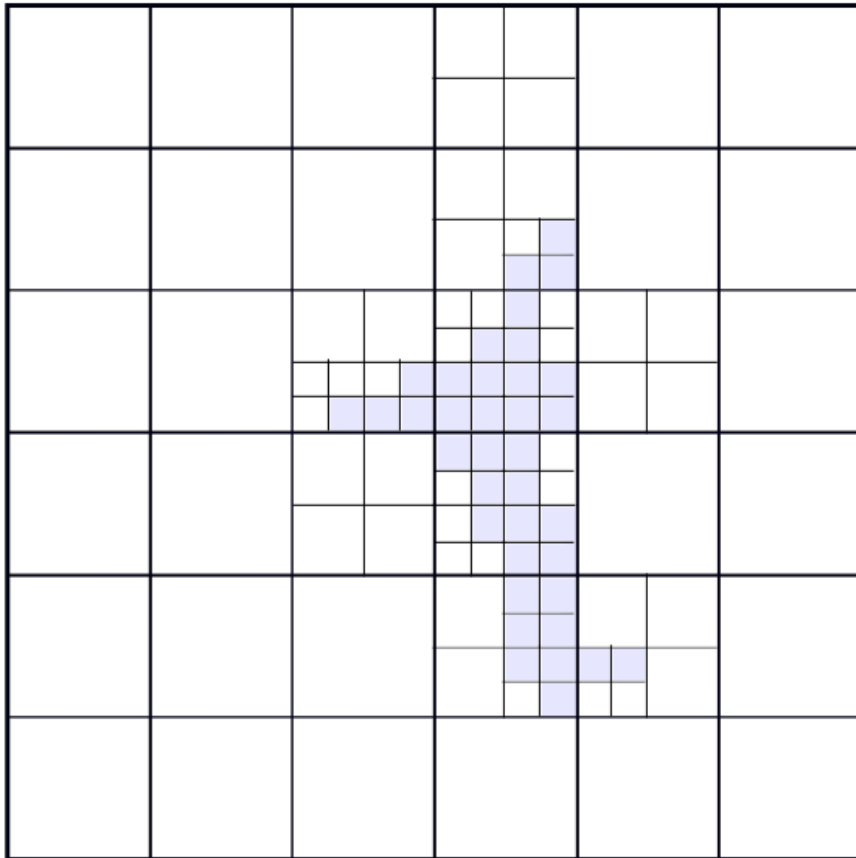
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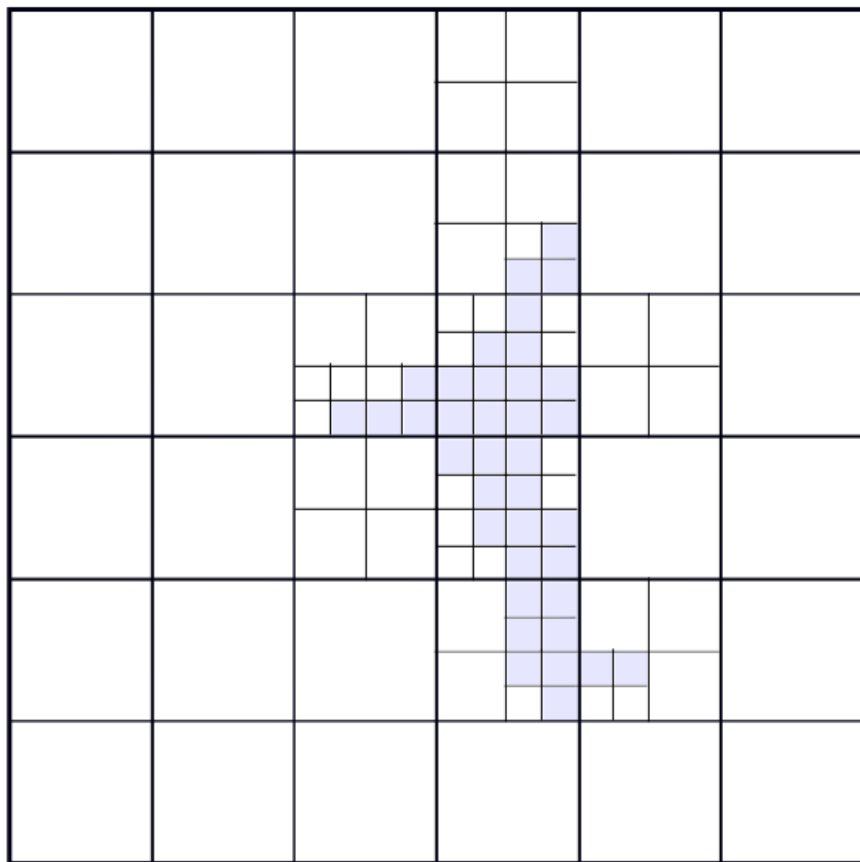
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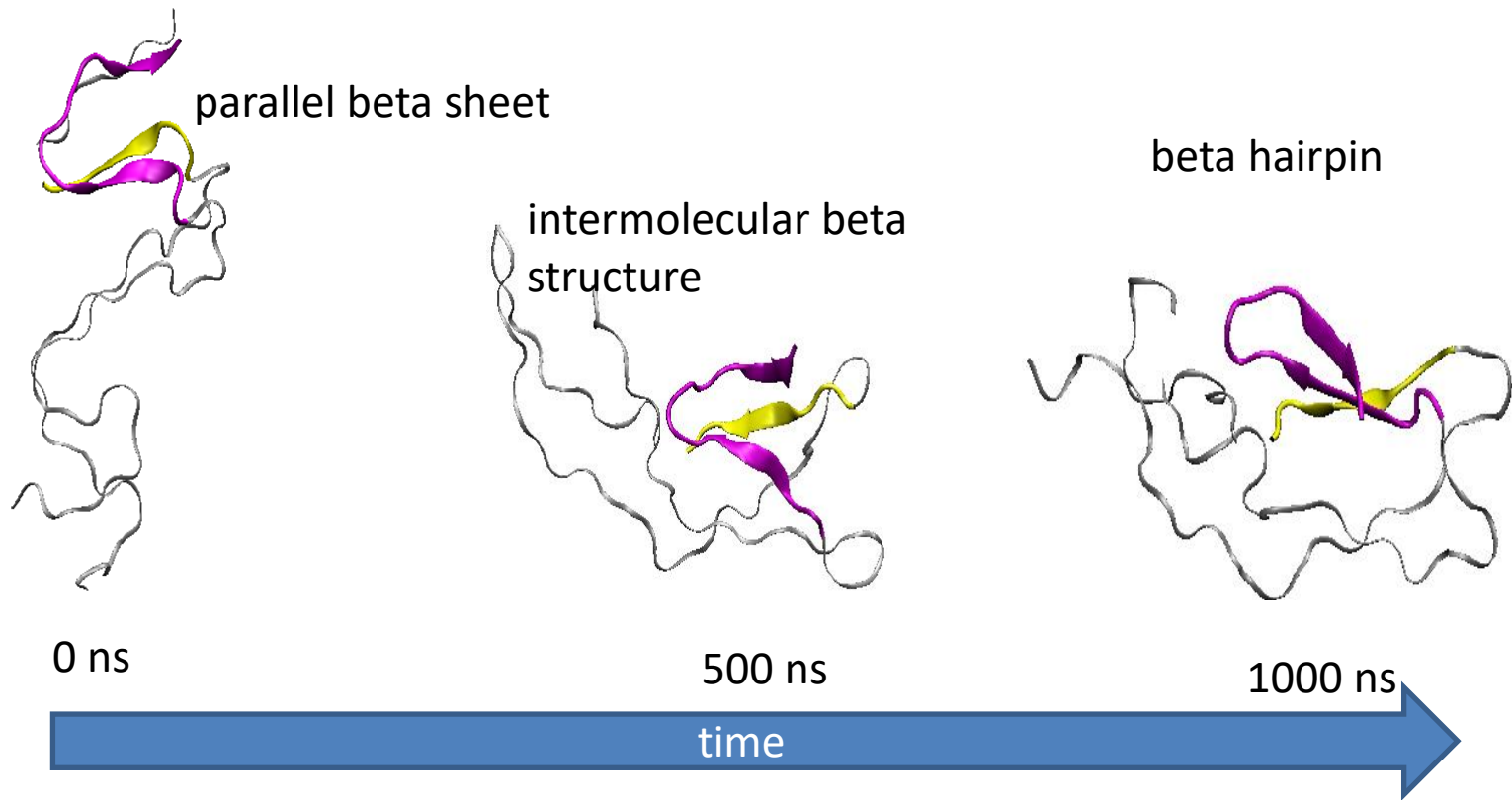
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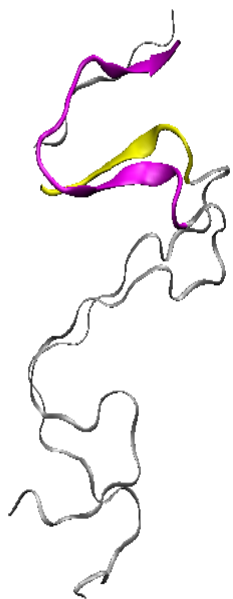
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t_{tot}	267.87	14.84

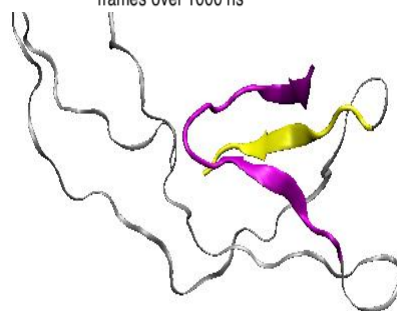
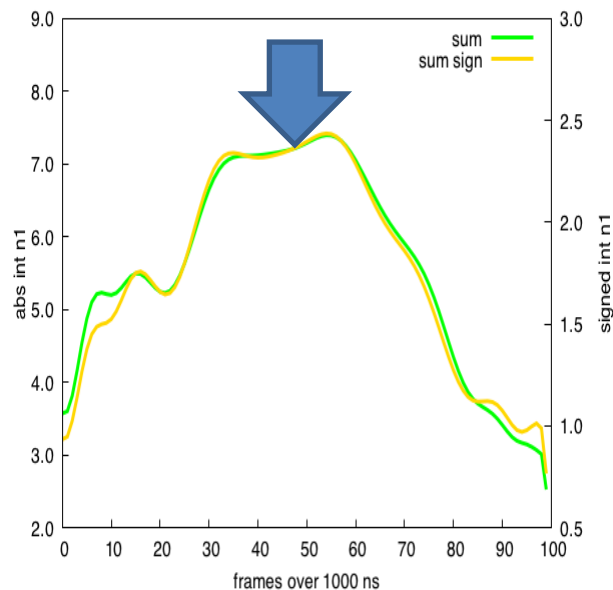


- Dimer of the A β 42 extracted from the fibril structure
- The initial structure of the fibril folds along the MD due to water exposition

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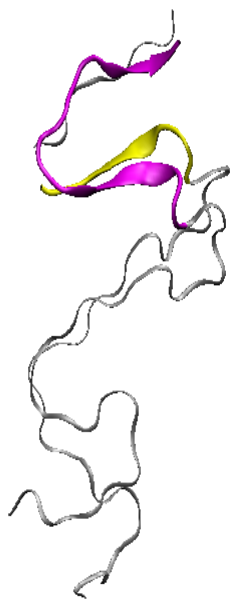


Intermolecular NCI



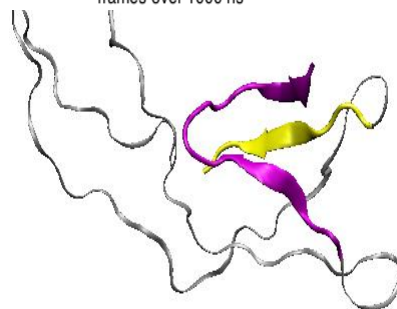
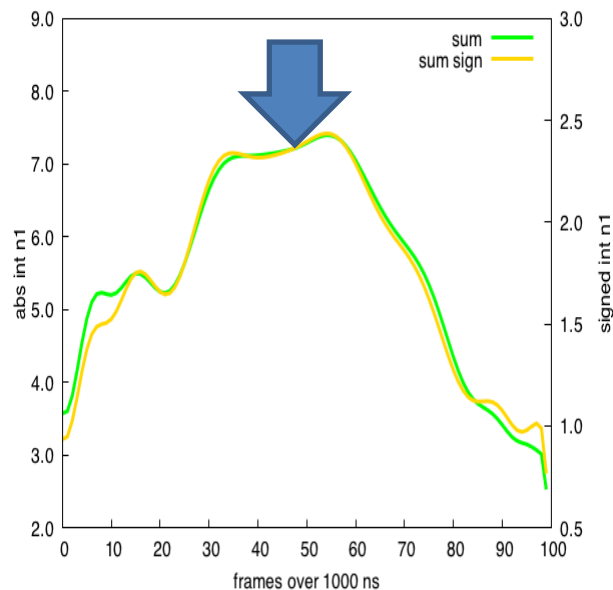
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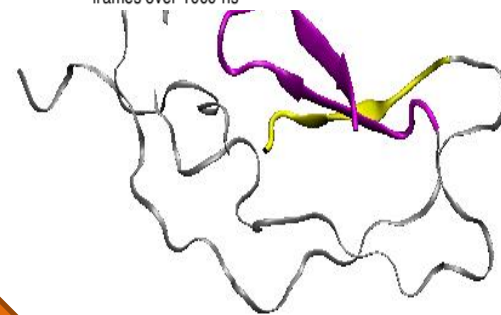
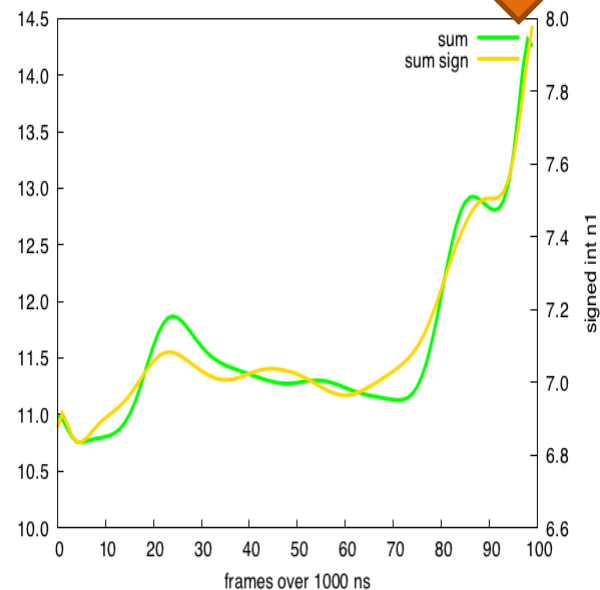


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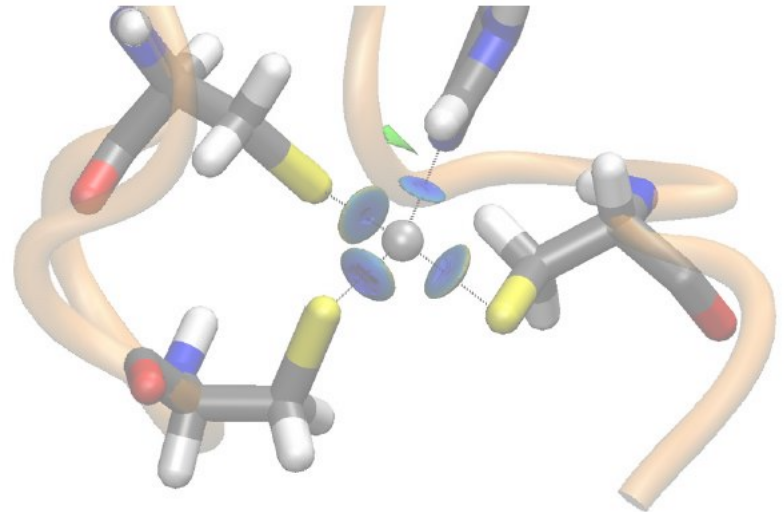


Maximization of intramolecular contacts at 1000 ns

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NCI online:



<https://nciweb.dsi.upmc.fr/index.php>

Submit NCIweb job

Name

Email

Choose how to submit your data:

Upload your structure (PDB or XYZ format)

 Aucun fichier sélectionné.

Choose structure by PDB ID

Choose the operation mode:

Intramolecular

Intermolecular

Ligand

Clean structure



Protonate protein



Protonate ligands



Preselected ligands



SUBMIT

What is NCIweb?

NCIweb is a web implementation of the popular **NCIplot** code. At the moment **NCIweb** works with promolecular densities. It provides a representation of the non-covalent interactions of a system based on the reduced density gradient of the electron density. More information on the **NCIplot** code and the theoretical background of the method can be found [here](#).

What do I need to use NCIweb?

To use **NCIweb** you simply need a PDB or XYZ structure to upload, on which the analysis will be performed. You can also fetch a PDB file directly with its PDB ID. Only single structure PDBs are accepted (not NMR ensembles). If everything works fine, you will receive an email with your results, including a simple **VMD** script for visualization. Three operation modes are available:

1. Running in **Intramolecular mode** will study all non-covalent interactions in the system.
2. Running in **Intermolecular mode** will require manual definition of two fragments, and will only study interactions between them.
3. Running in **Ligand mode** will require manual definition of a ligand and a receptor, and will only study interactions between the ligand and the receptor in the proximity.

For **PDB files only**, additional options are available:

- The *clean structure* checkbox will selectively remove non-protein fragments from the structure, enabling more processing options.
- The *protonate protein* checkbox will add hydrogens to the protein using [OpenBabel](#).
- The *protonate ligands* checkbox will add hydrogens to the ligands using [OpenBabel](#). This may fail for some molecules.
- The *preselected ligands* checkbox will assume that the ligands to be preserved have been signaled with residue id's LIG1, LIG2 etc. in the input PDB file. This will skip visual selection of ligands.

With our preprocessing pipeline, a PDB structure from a data bank may be directly analyzed. Nevertheless, we recommend manual and careful preparation and protonation whenever possible.

Remember to carefully check the protonation of ligands!

Success! Help us clean your file

A total of **2** ligands were found. By default, **no ligands will be preserved**. Do you want to select which ligands to preserve?

YES

Preserve ligand TCW, number undefined from chain A1126 ?



Preserve ligand TCW, number undefined from chain B1126 ?



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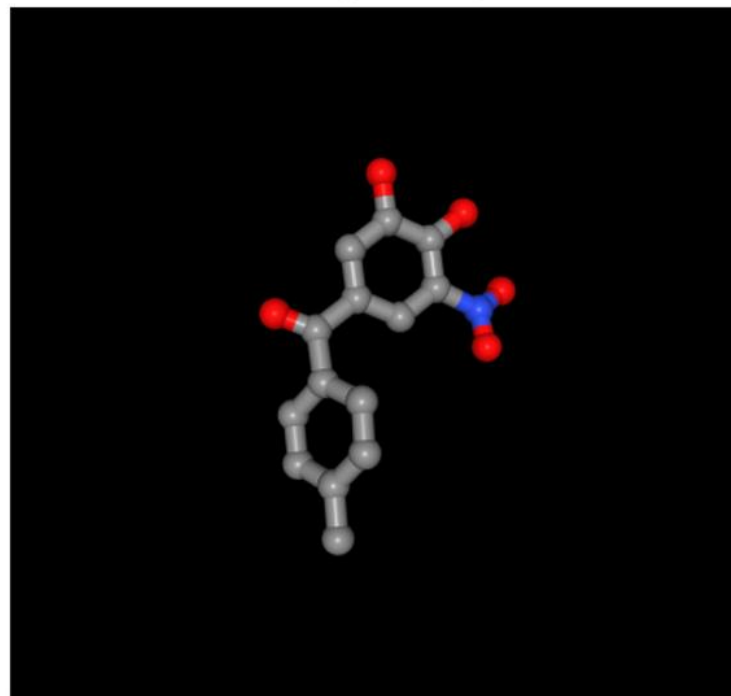
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A total of **28** residues with multiple orientations were found. By default, the **first** orientation will be considered. Do you want to select which orientations to choose?

NO

VALIDATE

Visualize your system



Toggle spin!

Toggle rock!

White background

Add Ball & Stick

Add Licorice

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Visualize current selection

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Target ligand definition

A total of 1 ligands have been selected. **Define your target ligand using the checkboxes below.** Only interactions between the target and the rest of the system will be studied.

At least **one** ligand needs to be defined.

A ligand has been selected! Ready!

Target?

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APPLY

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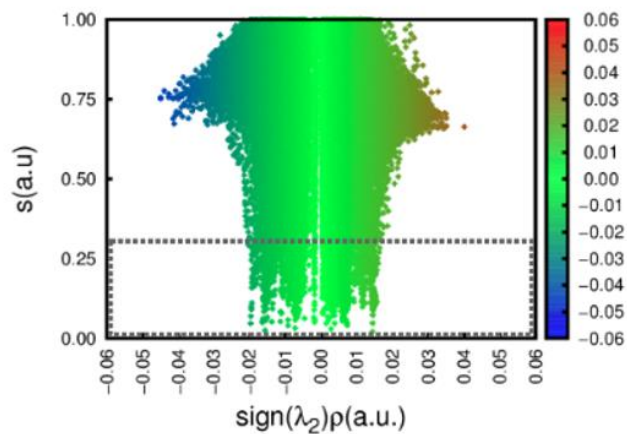
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NCIPlot Results

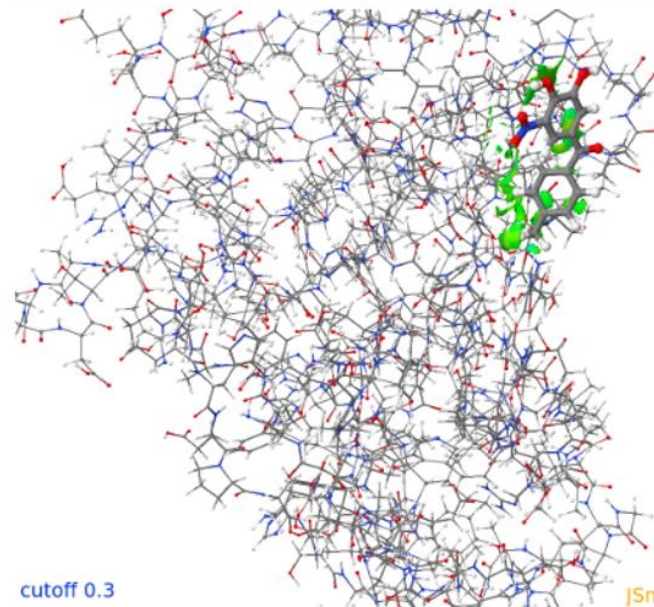
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NCI isosurfaces



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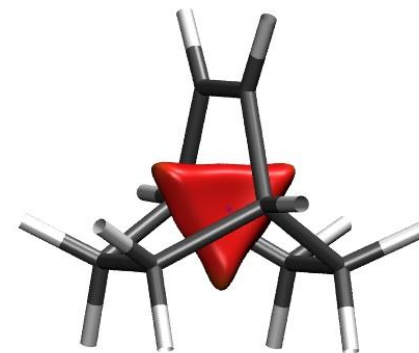
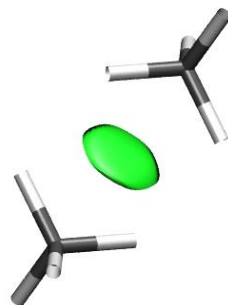
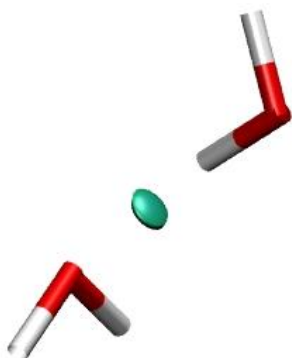
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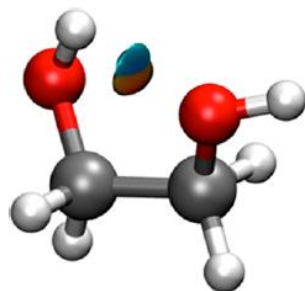
Summary

- Non-covalent interactions have a unique signature and their presence can be revealed solely from the electron density.
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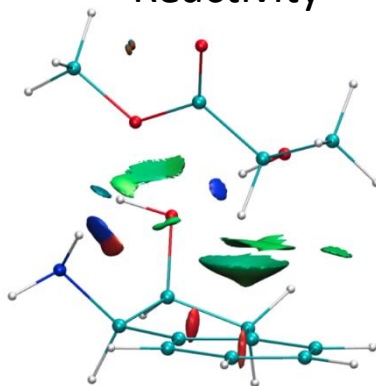


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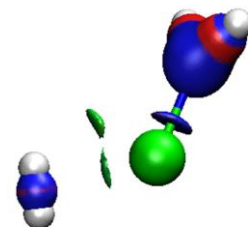
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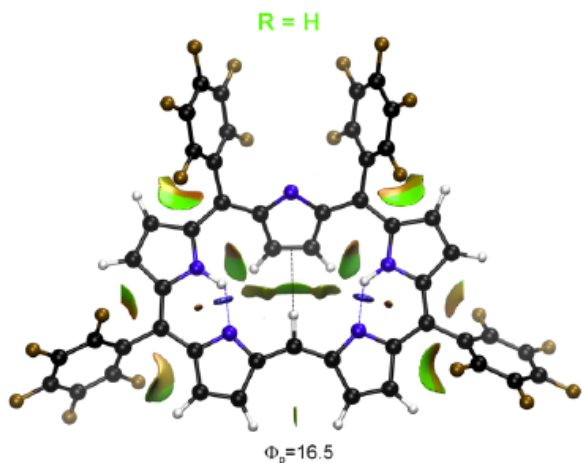
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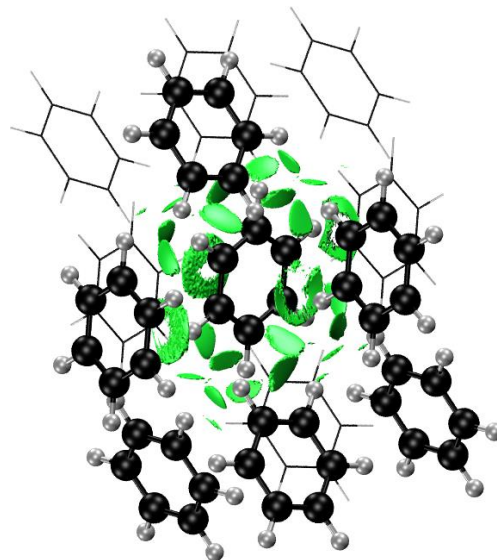
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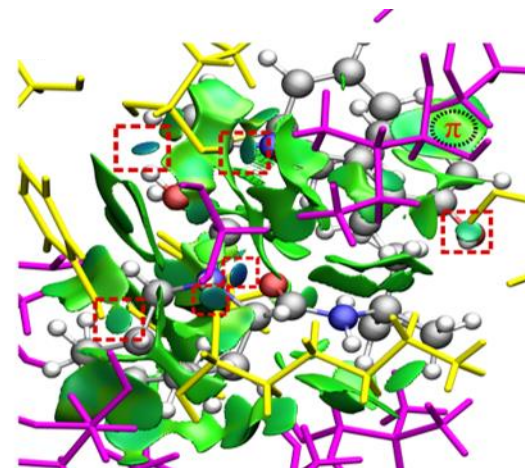
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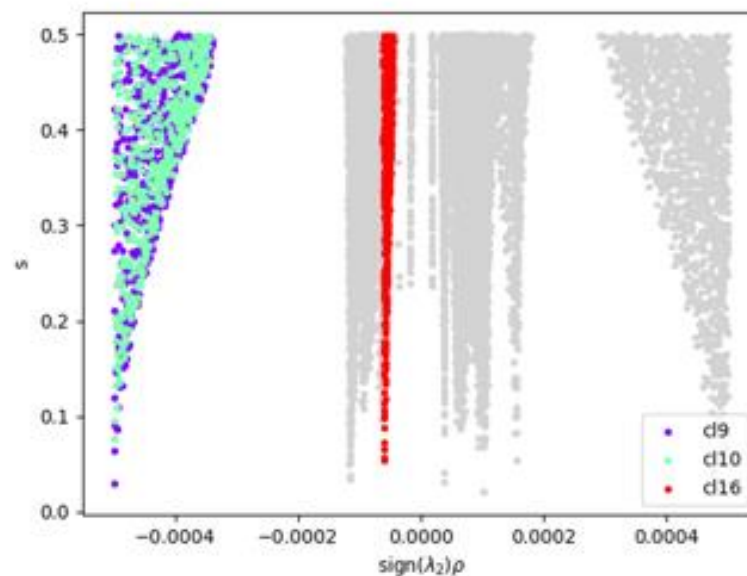
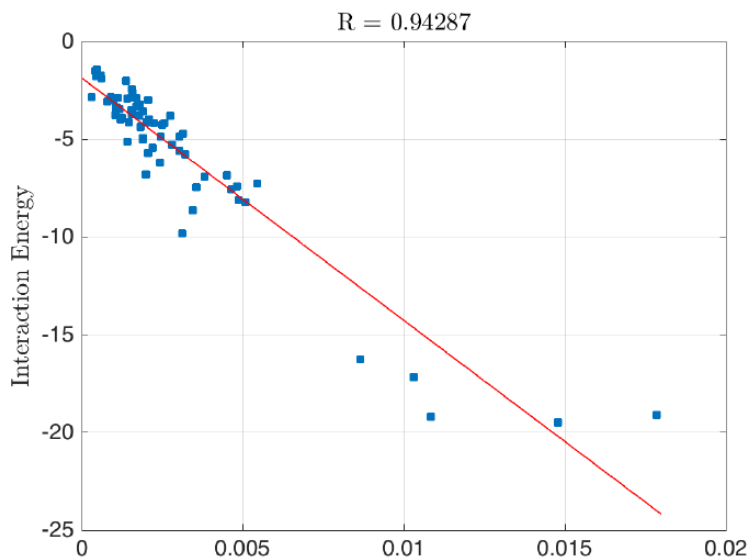
Drug design



Summary

Developments in quantification

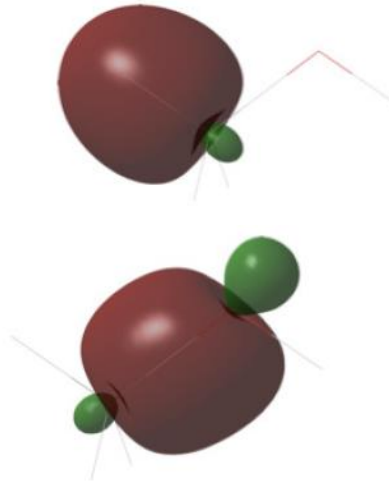
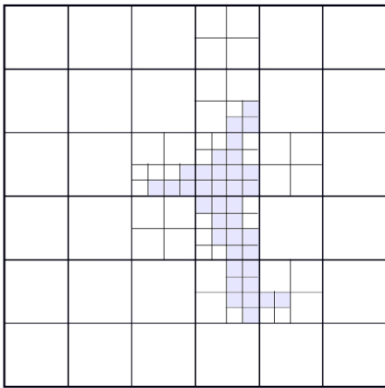
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- Integrals can be done by NCI pieces (NCICluster) in order to have a local insight



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