



***Weak Intermolecular interactions:
Insights from experimental and
theoretical charge densities.***

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Atoms In Molecules(AIM)

Topological analysis: Bader's AIM approach*

At a critical point (CP) \mathbf{r}_c , Gradient of electron density, $\nabla\rho(\mathbf{r}_c) = 0$

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(rank, signature)

Possible signatures
for CP of rank 3:

(3, -3) \Rightarrow Atom

(3, -1) \Rightarrow Bond

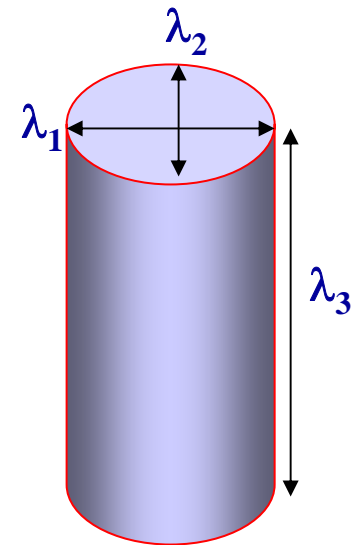
(3, +1) \Rightarrow Ring

(3, +3) \Rightarrow Cage

$$\text{Laplacian } \nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r}_c) = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3$$



True representation of chemistry
in the molecule



Shared Interactions

$$\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r}_c) < 0$$

Bond ellipticity

$$\varepsilon = \lambda_1/\lambda_2 - 1$$

Closed shell Interactions

$$\nabla^2\rho(\mathbf{r}_c) > 0$$

$\varepsilon = 0$; σ -bond

> 0 ; π -bond

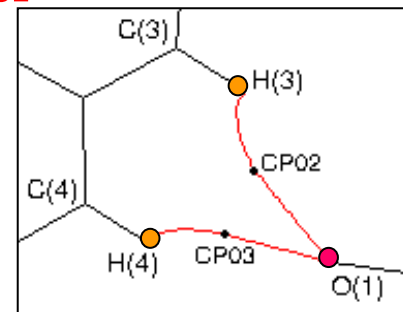
*R. F. W. Bader, *Atoms In Molecules: A Quantum Theory*, Oxford, 1990.

Characterization of Hydrogen Bonds

8 Criteria of Koch and Popelier

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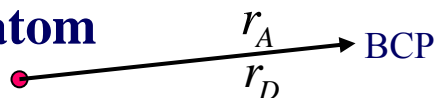
1. Bond Critical Point (BCP) between a donor atom and an acceptor atom linked via a bond path.
2. Charge density evaluated at the BCP and its relationship with the bonding energy.
3. Positive value of the Laplacian at the BCP and correlation with the bonding energy.
4. Mutual penetration of the hydrogen and the acceptor atom



$$G(r_{CP}) = \left(\frac{3}{10}\right)(3\pi^2)^{2/3} \rho^{5/3}(r_{CP}) + \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)\nabla^2 \rho(r_{CP})$$

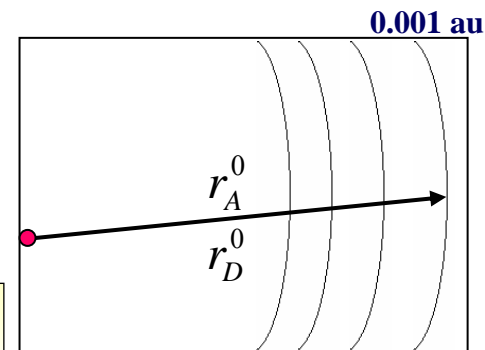
$$V(r_{CP}) = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)\nabla^2 \rho(r_{CP}) - 2G(r_{CP})$$

$$E(r_{CP}) = G(r_{CP}) + V(r_{CP})$$



Bonding radius

$$\Delta r_D = (r_D^0 - r_D) > \Delta r_A = (r_A^0 - r_A) \\ \text{and } \Delta r_D + \Delta r_A > 0$$



Non-bonding radius

Koch, U.; Popelier, P. L. A. *J. Phys. Chem.* 1995, 99, 9747; P. L. A. Popelier, *Atoms in Molecules. An Introduction*, Prentice Hall, UK, 2000, pp150-153.

Evaluation of integrated properties over the basin of the H atoms

5. Increased net charge on the H-atom due to loss of electrons; the difference in charge between the crystal and the bare molecule should be positive

$$\Delta q (\text{crystal} - \text{isolated}) > 0$$

6. The energetic destabilization of the H atom

$$\Delta E (\text{crystal} - \text{isolated}) > 0$$

7. Decrease of dipolar polarization of the H atom

$$\Delta M (\text{crystal} - \text{isolated}) < 0$$

8. Depletion of atomic volume H atom

$$\Delta V (\text{crystal} - \text{isolated}) < 0$$

Experimental Requirements

Equipment:

➤ X-ray sources

conventional

synchrotron,
rotating anode

Anode	$K\alpha_1$ (Å)	$K\alpha_2$ (Å)	$(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\max}$ (Å ⁻¹)
Cu	1.540	1.544	0.65
Mo	0.7093	0.7135	1.41
Ag	0.5594	0.5638	1.78

➤ detectors

CCD, Image Plate

➤ low temperature

Liquid N_2 & He

~ 100K

✓ good quality crystals

✓ Electron Density Model (Multipole)

Experimental data quality

- high resolution data for accurately fixing atomic position and thermal parameters
⇒ $\sin \theta / \lambda > 1.0 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ ($d < 0.5 \text{ \AA}$)
- small thermal motion, to better deconvolute the electron density
⇒ **low temperature**
- extensive and complete datasets, for allowing refinement of additional parameters and properly account for aspherical distribution of the density
⇒ **large redundancy**
- accurate corrections of the diffracted intensities measured
⇒ **extinction, absorption, TDS, background etc.**

Atom Models

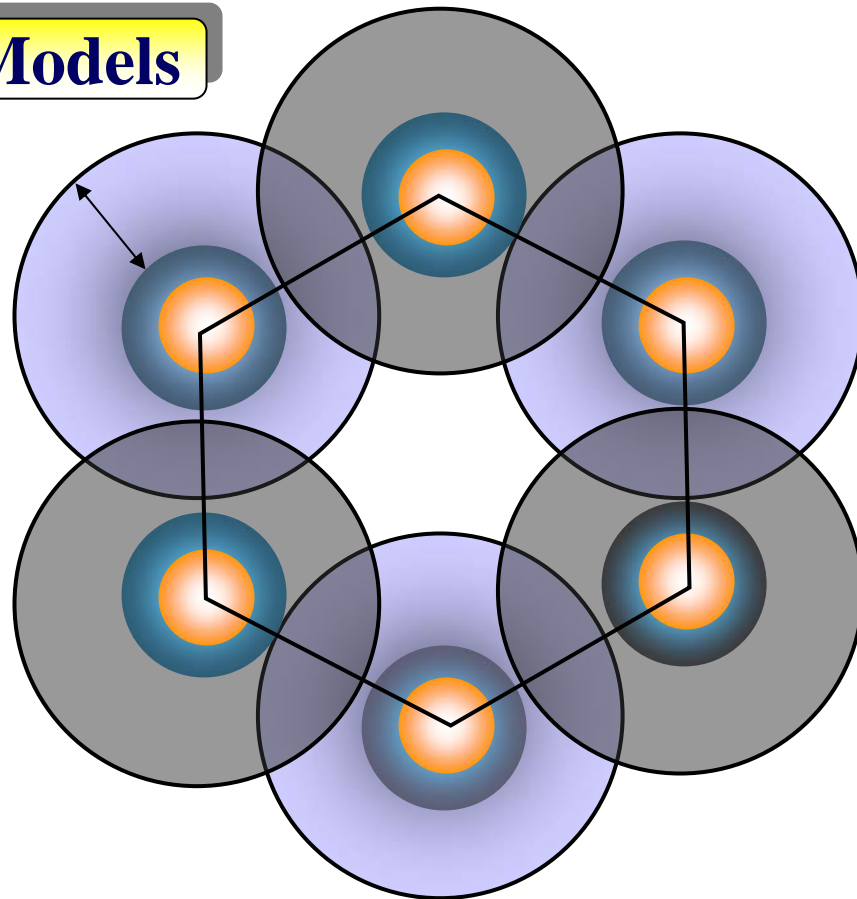
The atomic density

$$\rho_{atom}(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_{core} + \rho_{valence}(\mathbf{r})$$

Routine Refinement

κ = Contraction and expansion parameter, scales the radial coordinates r .

P_v = Population variable of the valence shell.



Modified Spherical Atom Model

Radial Refinement

$$\rho_{atom}(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_{core} + \rho'_{valence}(\kappa\mathbf{r}) = \rho_{core} + P_v \kappa^3 \rho_{valence}(\kappa\mathbf{r})$$

**P. Coppens, T. N. Guru Row, P. Leung, P. J. Becker,
Y. W. Yang, E. D. Stevens, *Acta Cryst.* 1979, A35, 63.**

Multipole Model

Hansen & Coppens multipole formalism*

The atomic density

$$\rho_{at}(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_{core}(\mathbf{r}) + P_v \kappa^3 \rho_{valence}(\kappa \mathbf{r}) + \sum_{l=0}^{l_{max}} \kappa'^3 R_l(\kappa' \mathbf{r}) \sum_{m=0}^l P_{lm\pm} d_{lm\pm}(\mathcal{G}, \varphi)$$

Spherical

Aspherical

XD

Aspherical Refinement

P_v = Population variable

κ, κ' = Contraction and expansion parameter

R_l = Radial function

$P_{lm\pm}, d_{lm\pm}$ = Spherical Harmonic functions

*N. K. Hansen and P. Coppens,
Acta Cryst. 1978, A34, 909.

Refinement

• Refinement strategy:

- ⇒ spherical, aspherical (multipole) formalism
- ⇒ multipole expansion upto *hexadecapole/octapole* for non H atoms and *dipole* for H atoms
- ⇒ H atom treatment: refined isotropically with bond values from **neutron data**

✦ Residual density:

$$\Delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_{obs}(\mathbf{r}) - \rho_{calc}(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{V} \sum_H \Delta F \exp(-2\pi i \mathbf{H} \cdot \mathbf{r})$$

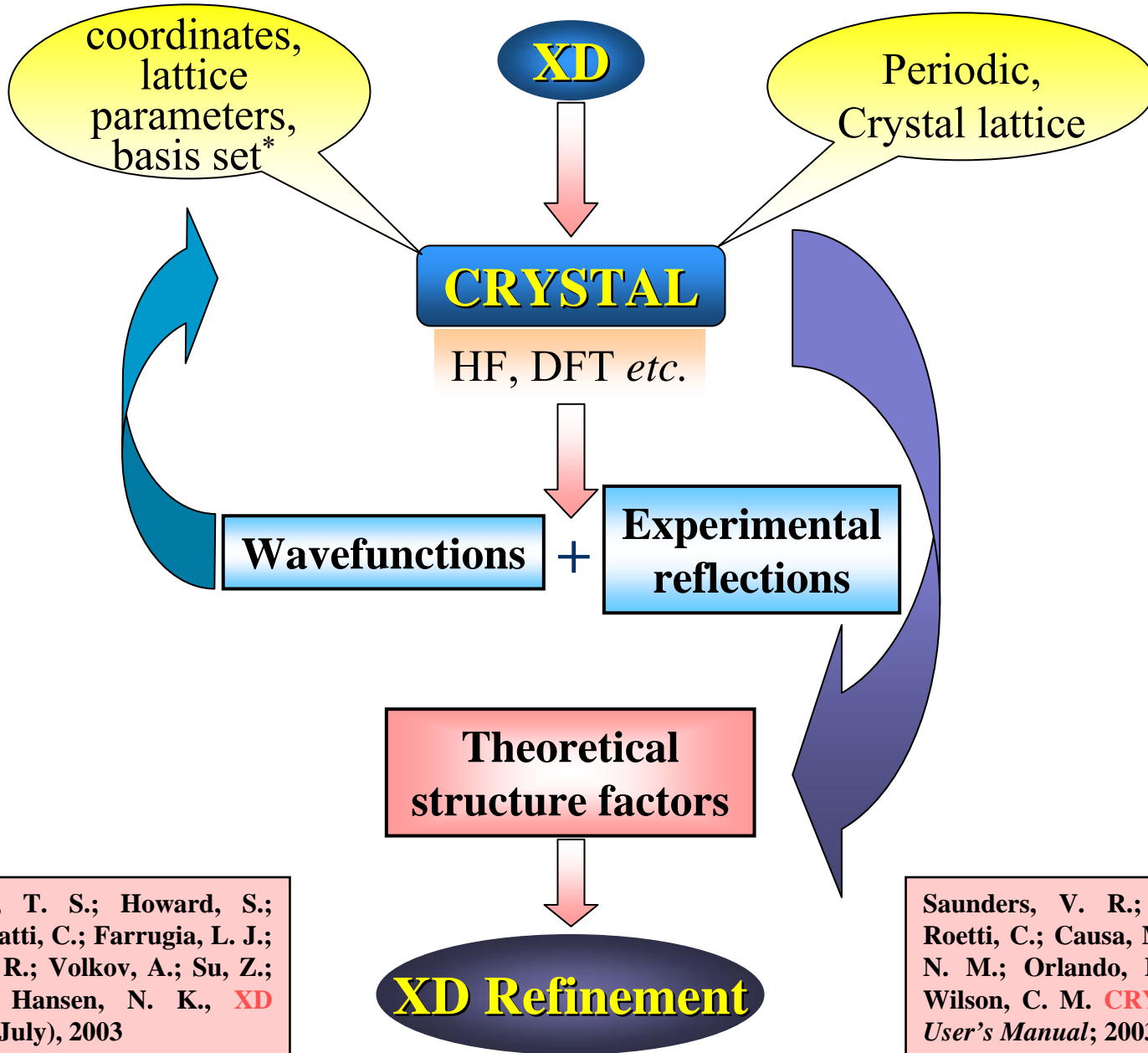
✦ Deformation density:

⇒ standard deformation density:

$$\Delta\rho(\mathbf{r}) = \rho(\mathbf{r}) - \rho_{pro}(\mathbf{r})$$

⇒ static and dynamic deformation density

Experiment → Theory



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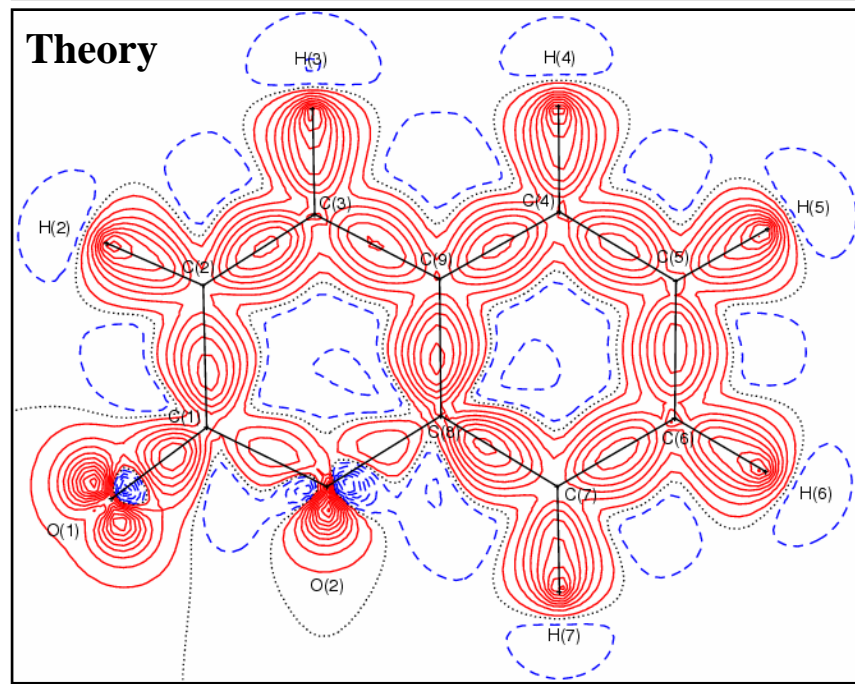
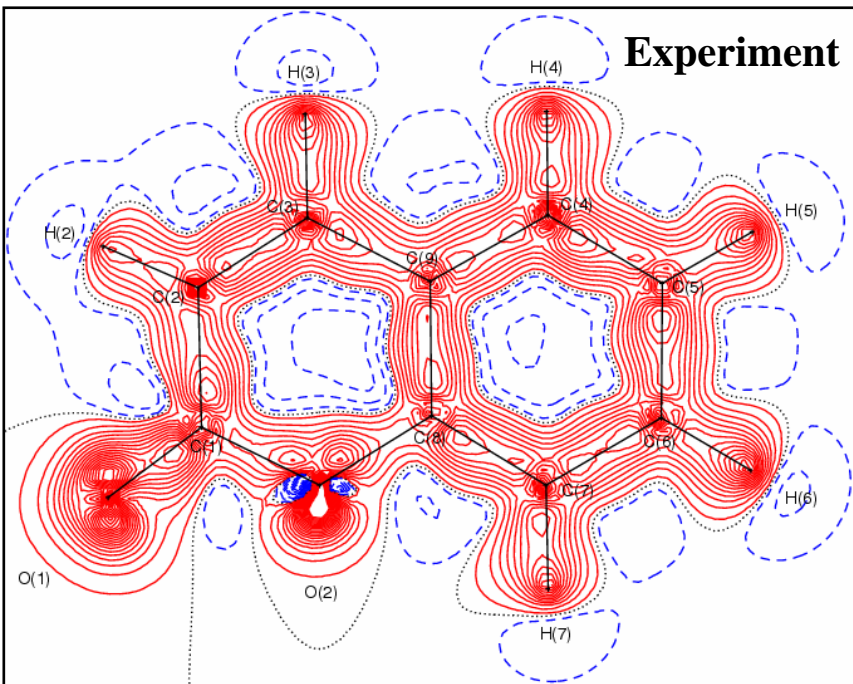
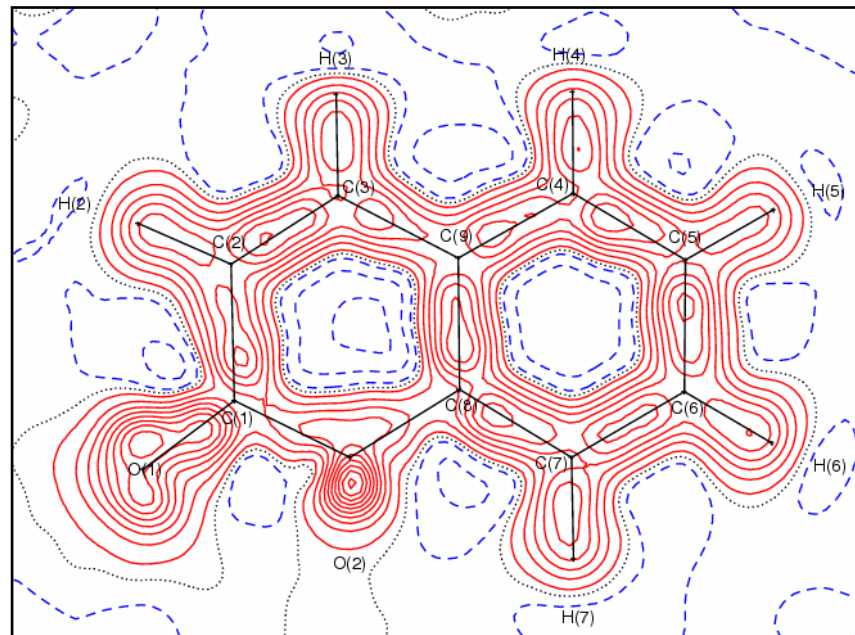
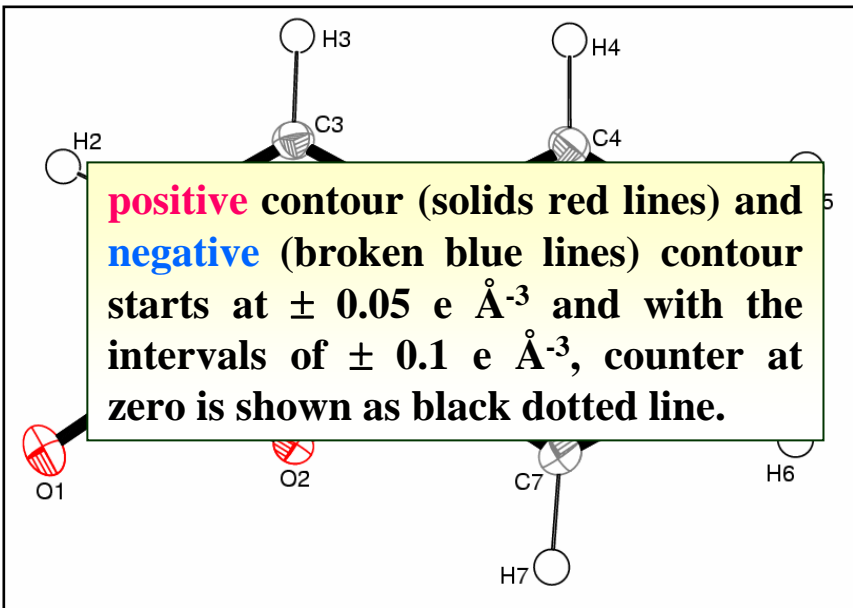
Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction Data at 90K

Compounds	Coumarin	1-thiocoumarin	2-thiocoumarin	dithiocoumarin
Formula	C ₉ H ₆ O ₂	C ₉ H ₆ OS	C ₉ H ₆ OS	C ₉ H ₆ S ₂
Crystal size/mm	0.60×0.17×0.09	0.40×0.21×0.18	0.60×0.37×0.10	0.40×0.26×0.06
Formula weight	146.14	162.2	162.2	178.28
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic	Triclinic
Unit cell dimensions/Å				
<i>a</i>	5.6091(13)	3.8056(3)	4.0515(2)	7.4510(5)
<i>b</i>	7.7343(19)	8.4552(7)	10.1749(6)	7.5751(4)
<i>c</i>	15.478(4)	11.3651(10)	17.6519(9)	8.2553(5)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90	90	90	83.268(3)
$\beta/^\circ$	90	95.629(4)	90	112.569(3)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90	90	90	114.414(3)
Z; V/Å ³	4; 671.5(3)	2; 363.93(5)	4; 727.67(7)	2; 391.31(4)
Space group	<i>Pc 2₁b</i>	<i>Pc</i>	<i>P 2₁2₁2₁</i>	<i>P $\bar{1}$</i>
<i>D</i> /g cm ⁻¹	1.446	1.48	1.481	1.513
μ /mm ⁻¹	0.103	0.369	0.369	0.599
($\sin\theta/\lambda$) _{max} /Å ⁻¹	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08
Reflection nos. (unique)	6288	6373	6878	5689
<i>R</i> (<i>F</i>); <i>R</i> _w (<i>F</i>)	0.0278 ; 0.0251	0.0158 ; 0.0145	0.0202 ; 0.0204	0.0208 ; 0.0208
<i>S</i>	2.1	1.41	1.64	1.45
<i>N</i> _{obs} / <i>N</i> _{par}	14.68	20.14	21.7	19.03
Range of residuals/eÅ ⁻³	-0.241; 0.174	-0.203; 0.324	-0.206; 0.346	-0.282; 0.472

Electron Density Maps

Coumarin

Dynamic Deformation

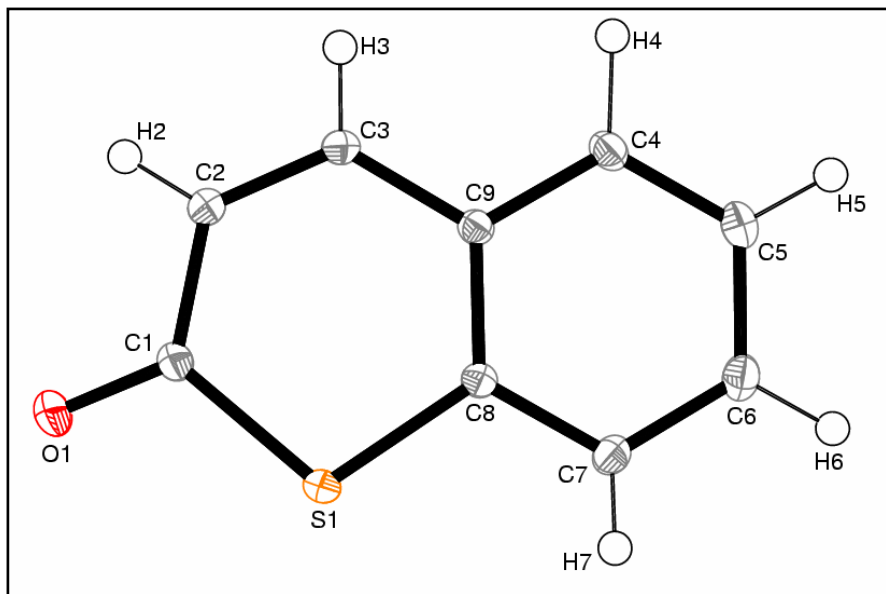


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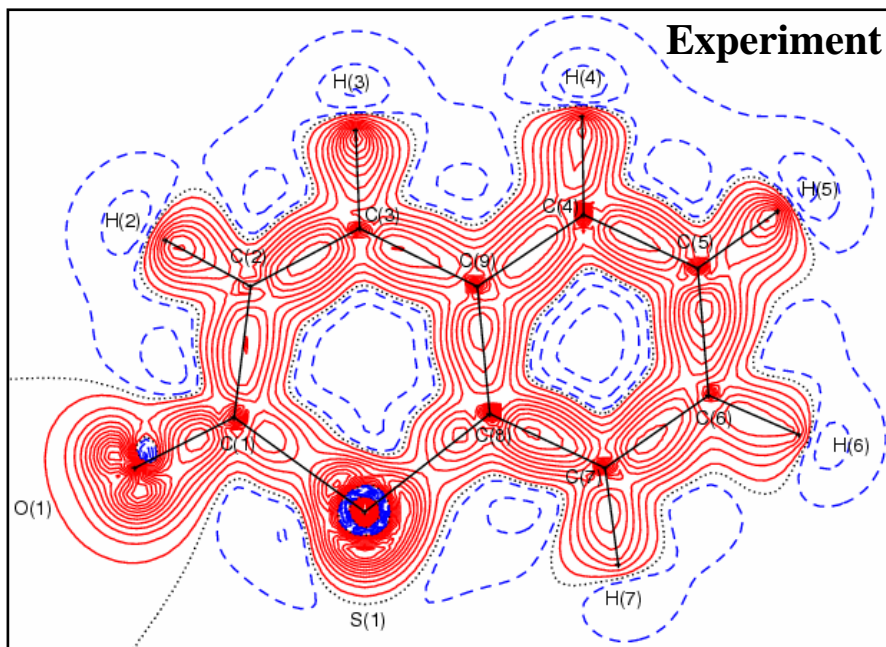
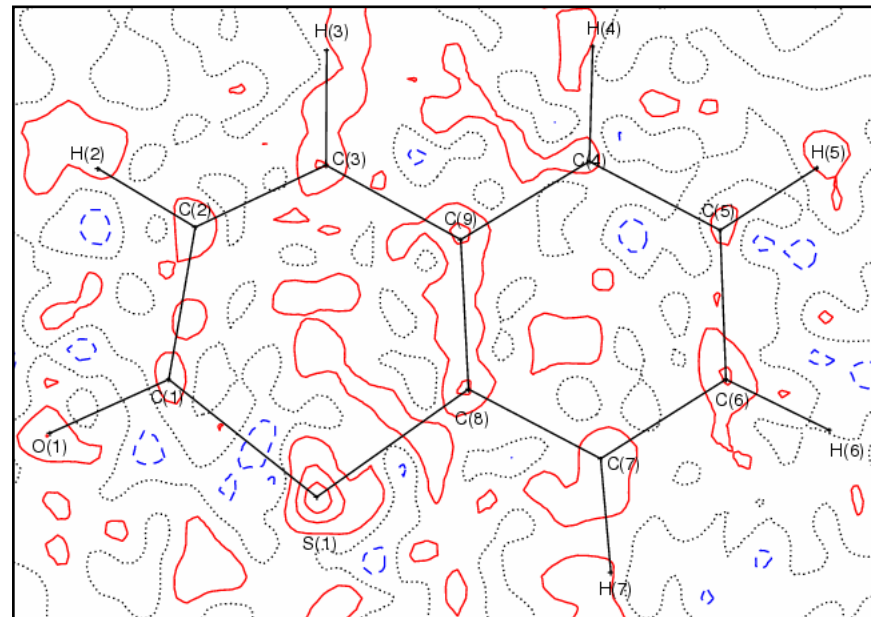
ORTEP @ 90K

1-thiocoumarin

Electron Density Maps

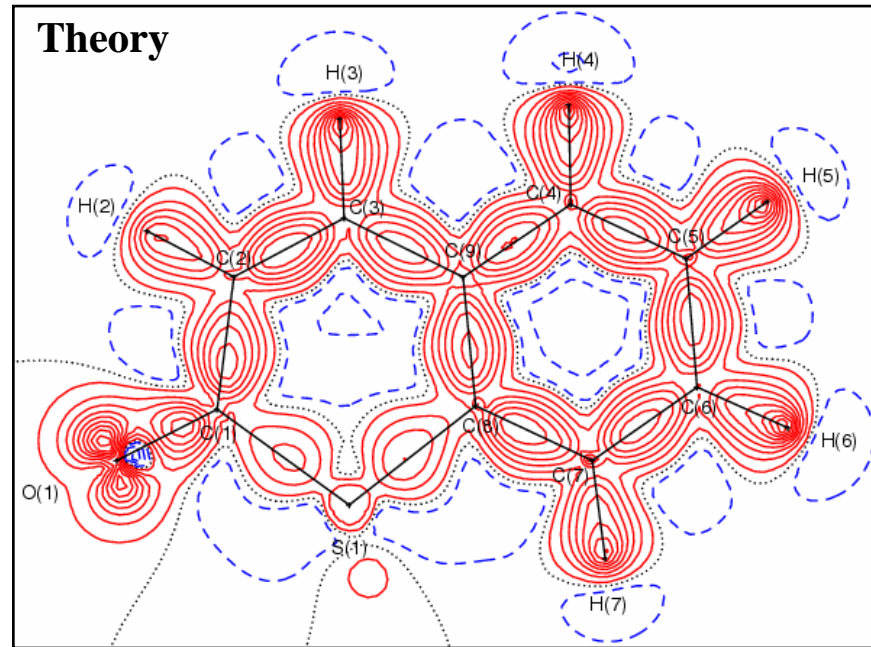


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Experiment

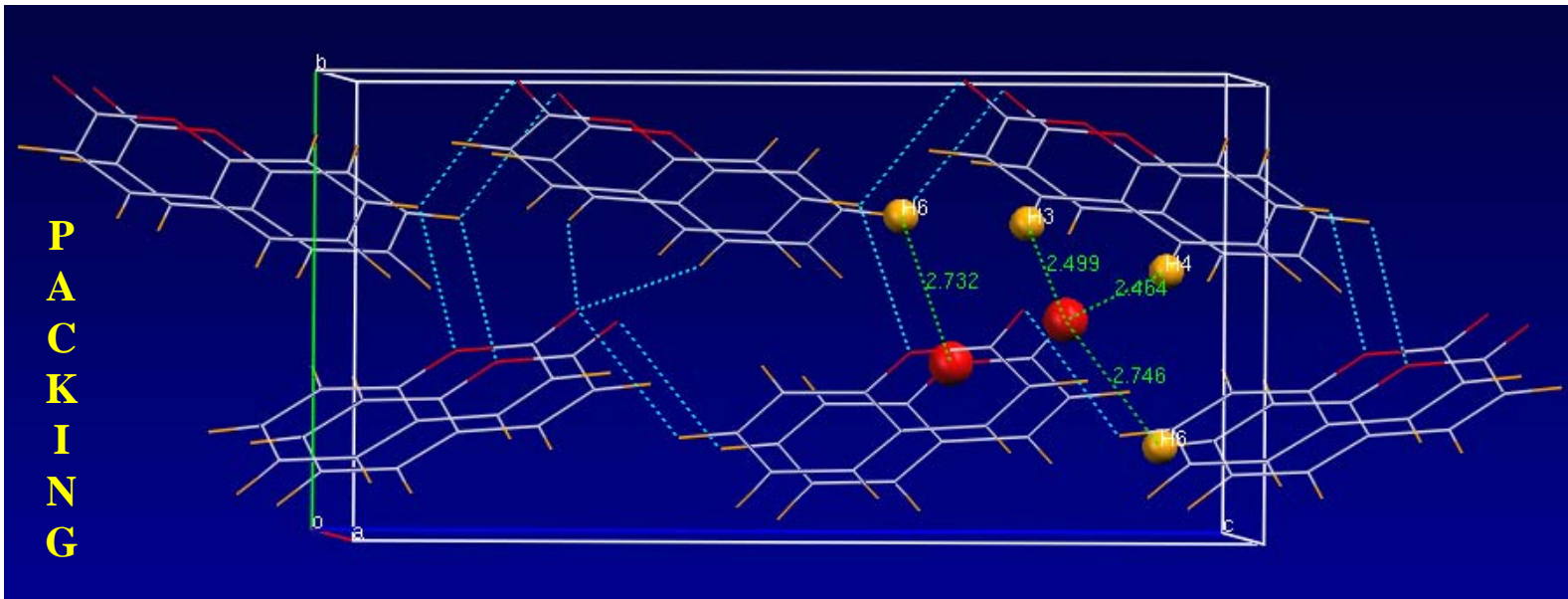
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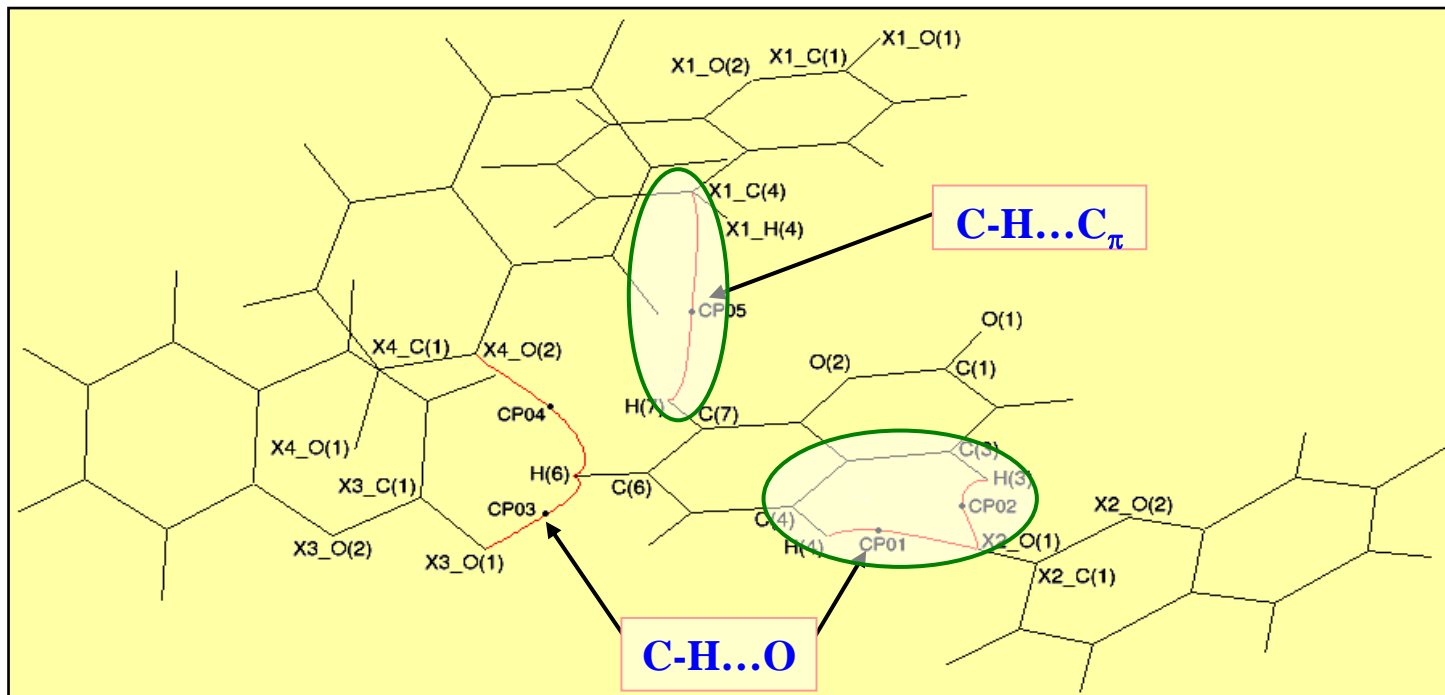
Theory

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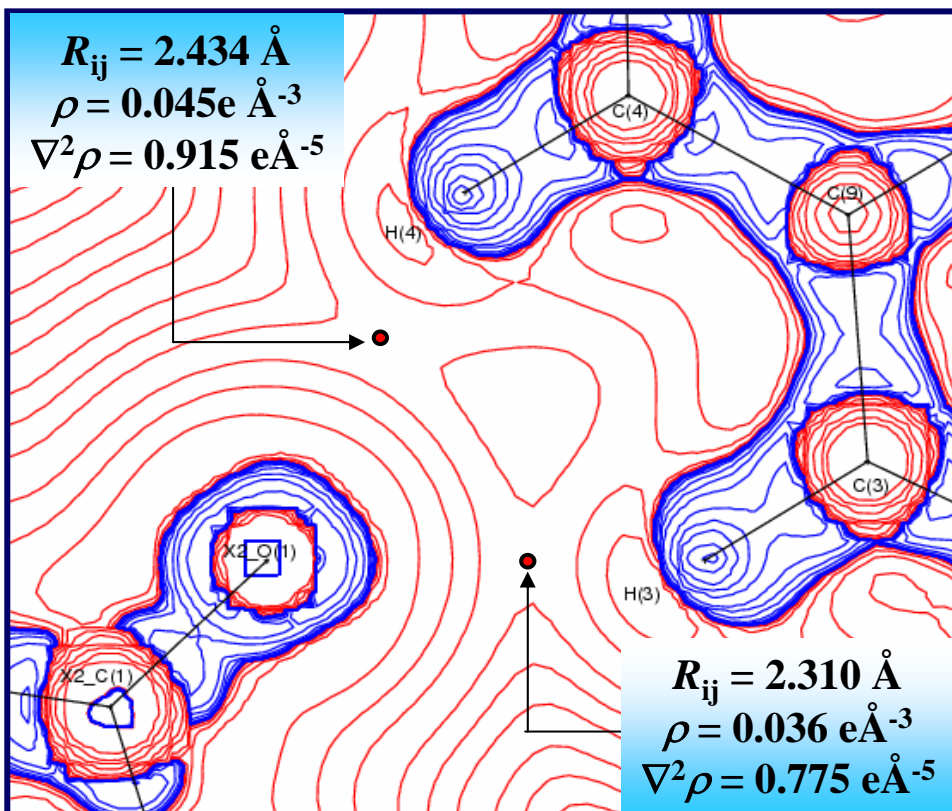
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BOND PATHS & CRITICAL POINTS



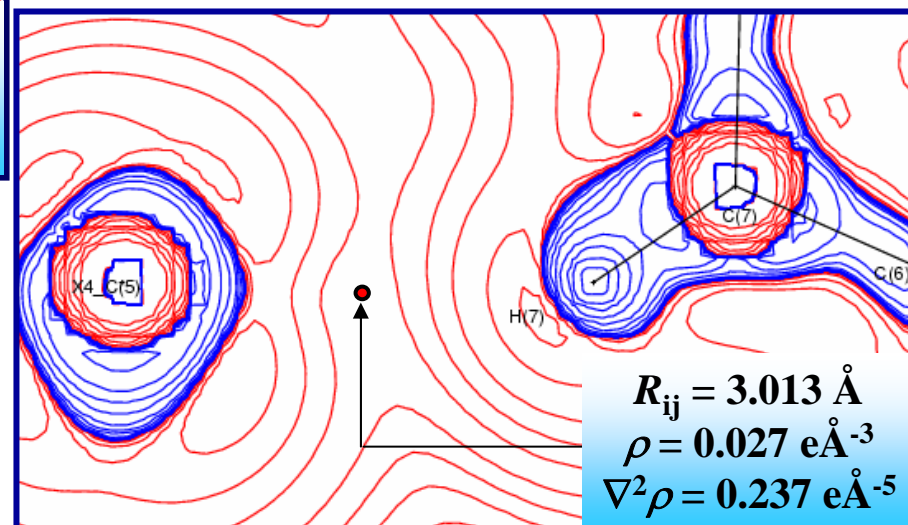
LAPLACIAN MAP



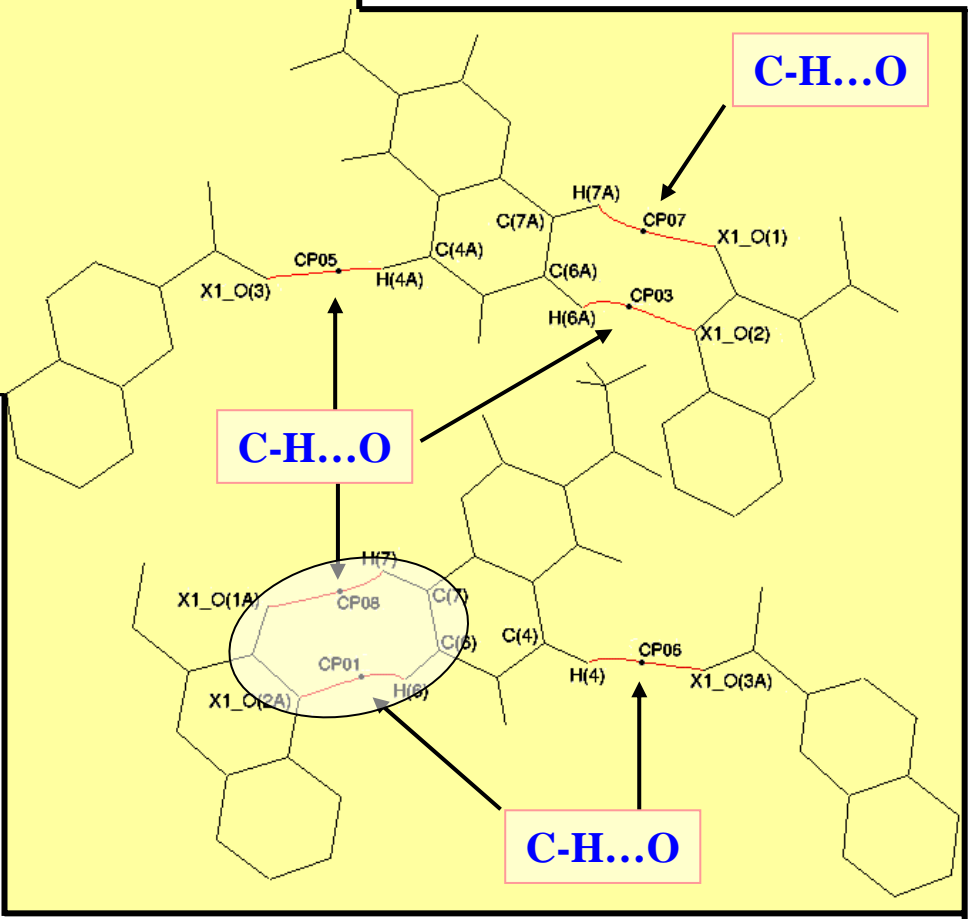
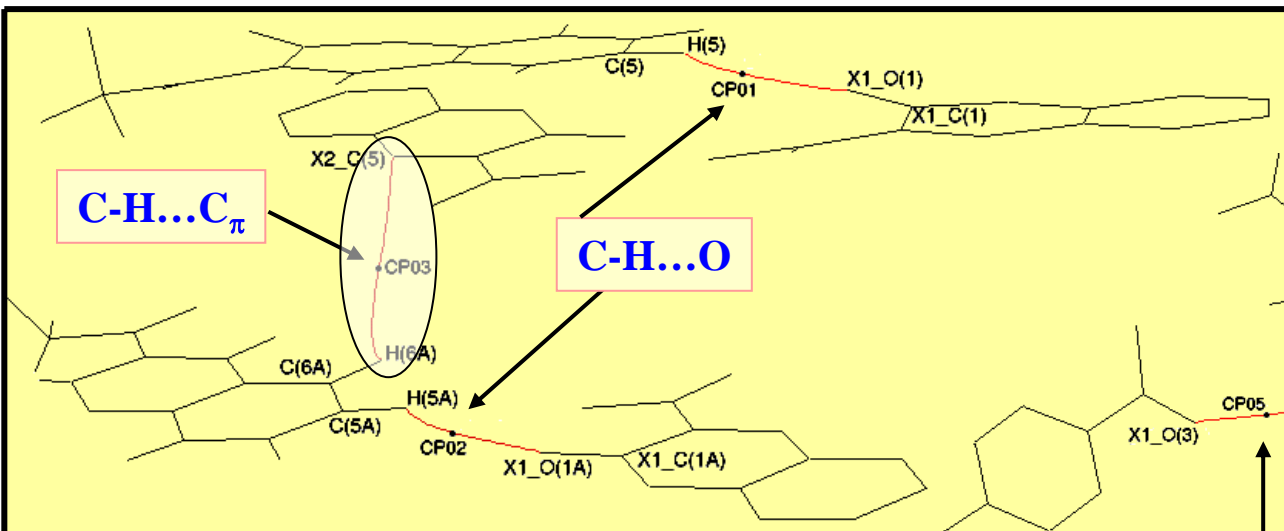
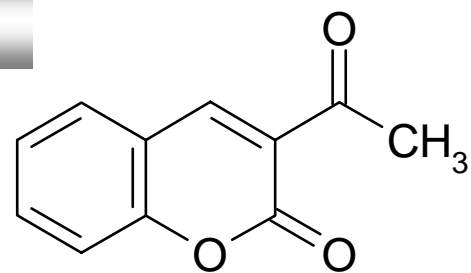
C-H...O Interactions

The contours are drawn at logarithmic intervals in $-\nabla^2 \rho_b \text{ e \AA}^{-5}$

C-H...C_π Interactions



BCP along bond path [K & P 1]



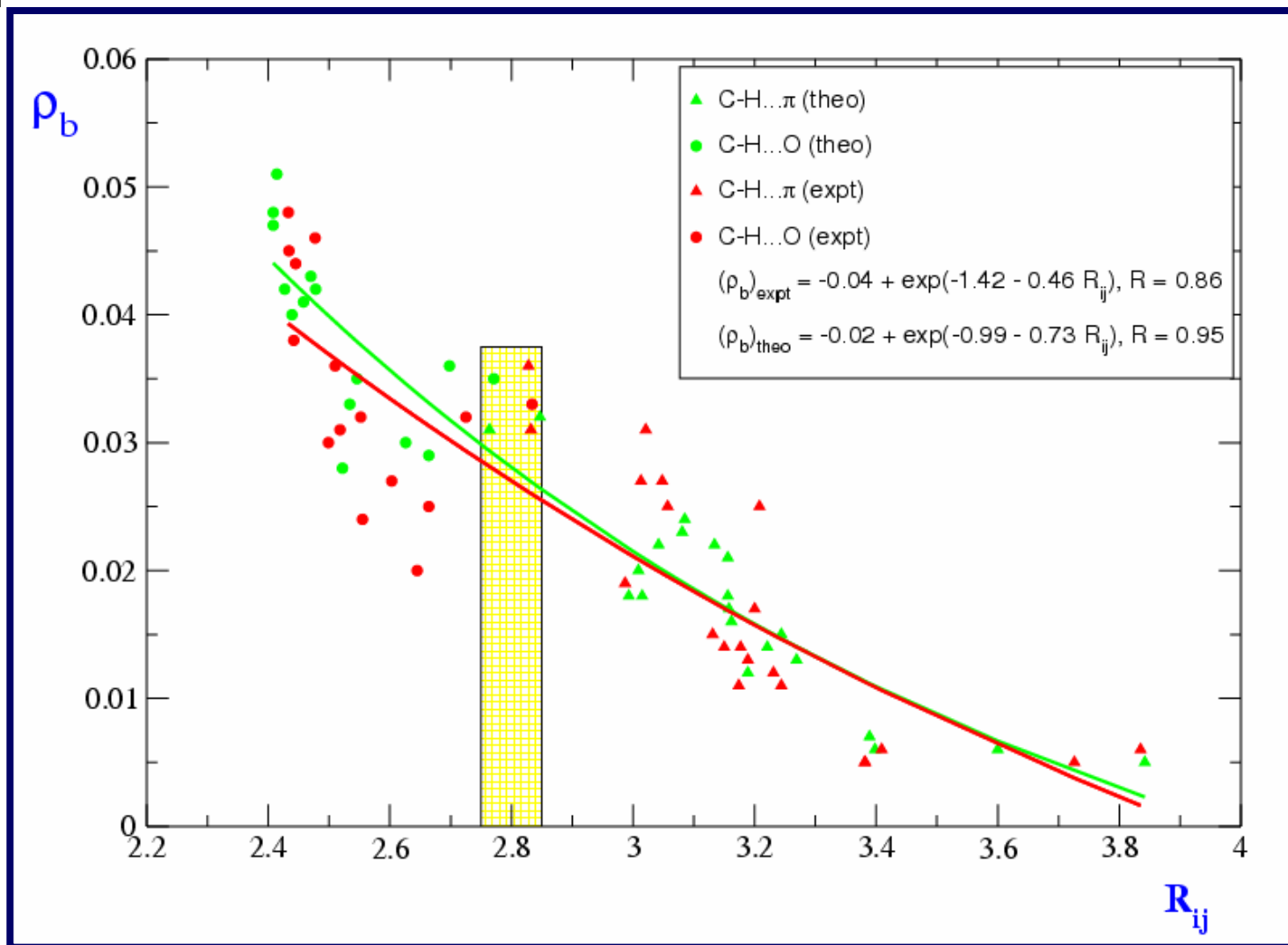
**BONDPATHS
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15 (C-H...O)

21 (C-H...C_π)

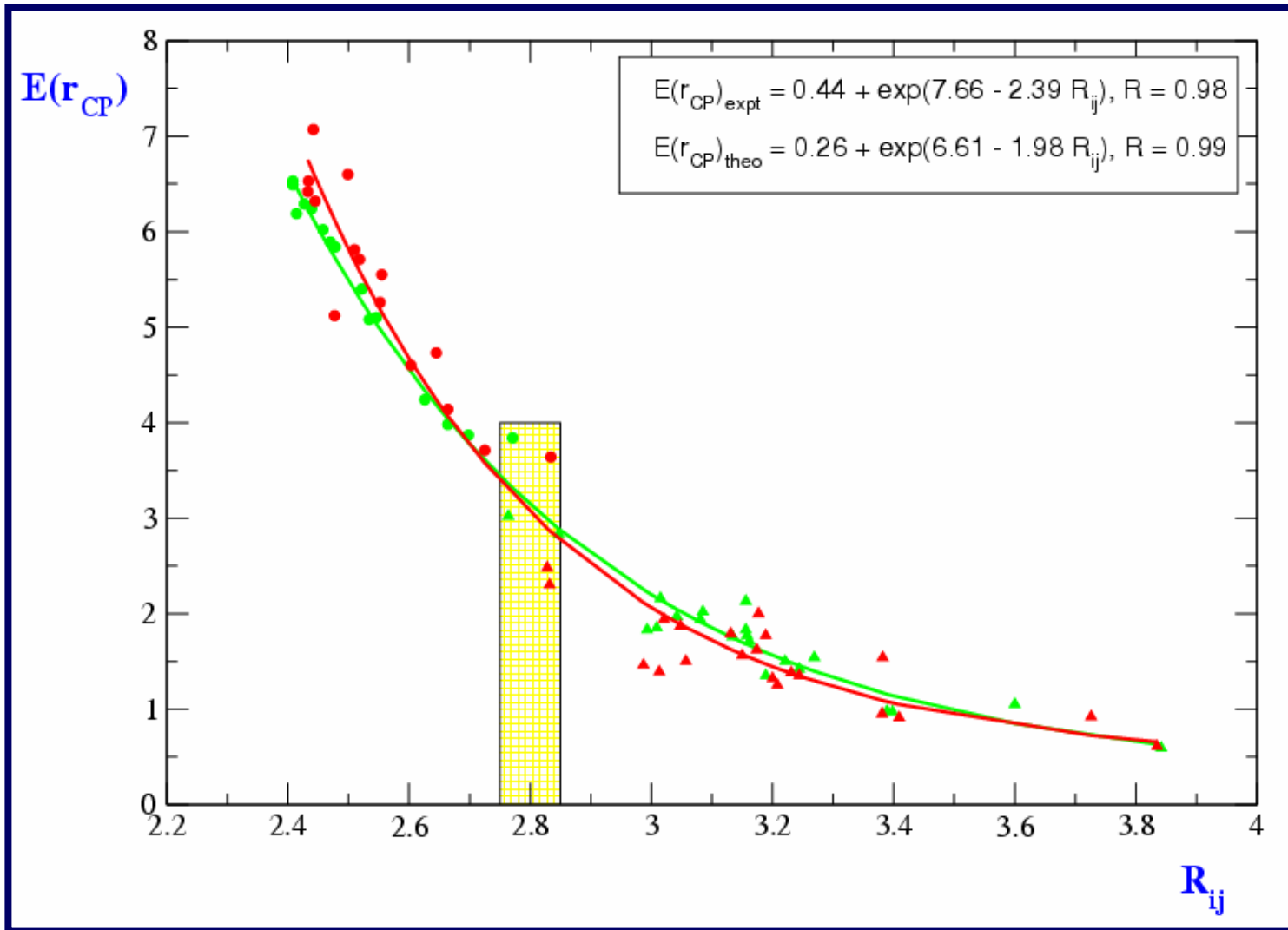
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Data points N = 36



Exponential dependence of ρ_b [$\text{e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$] on the interaction length R_{ij} [\AA]

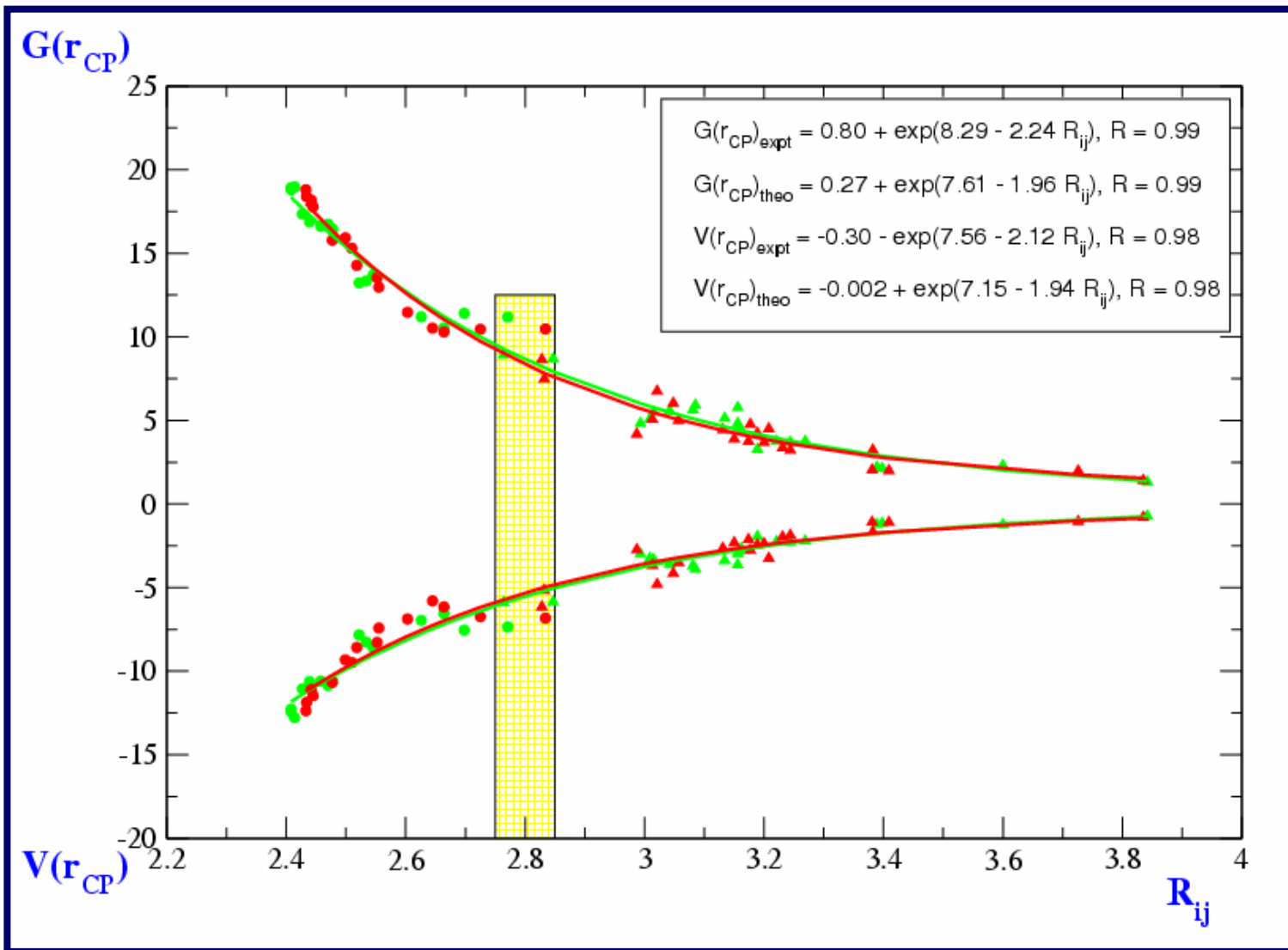
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Exponential dependence of total local electron density $E(r_{CP})$ [kJ mol⁻¹bohr⁻³] on R_{ij} [Å]

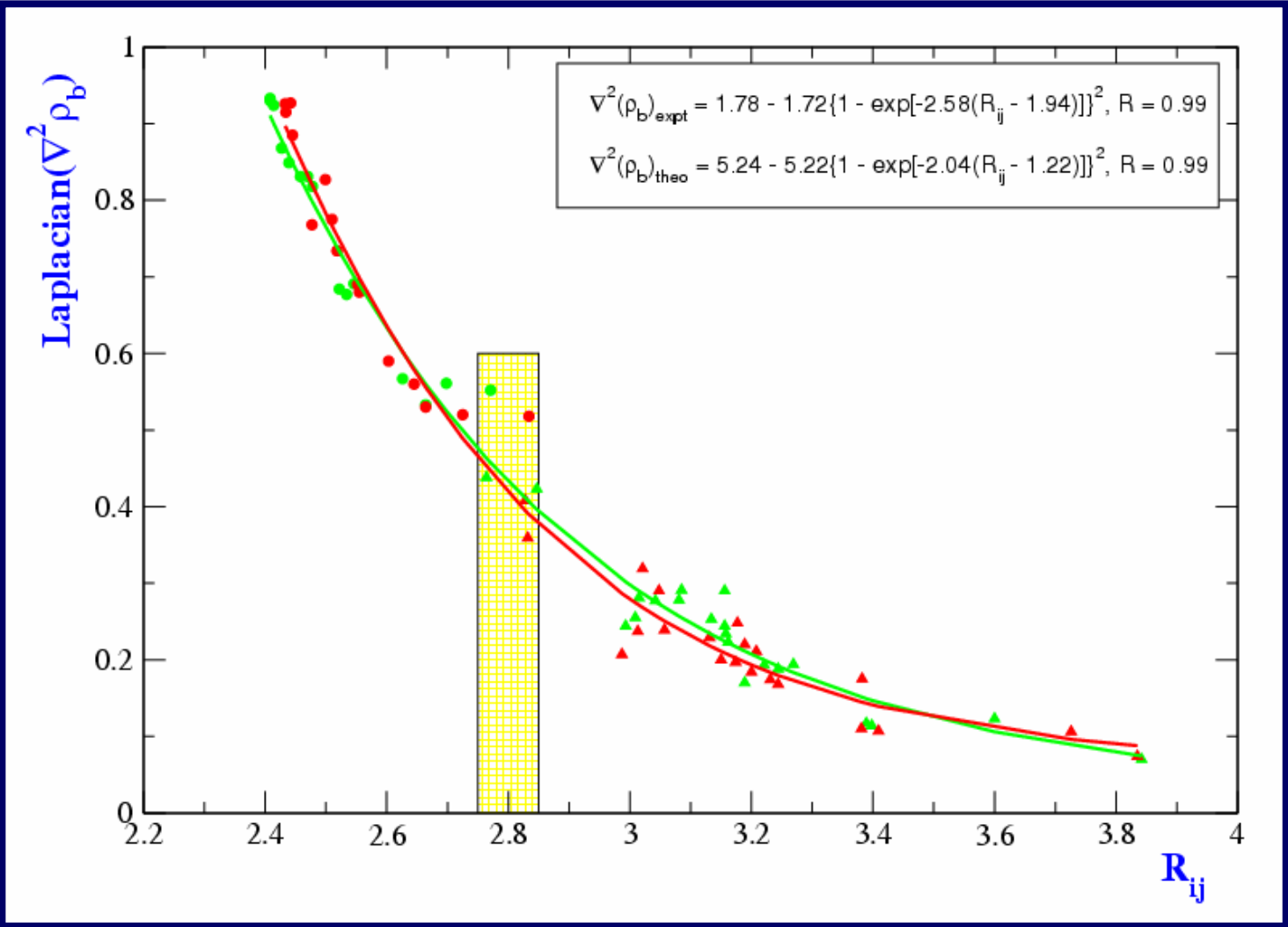
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Exponential fitting of $V(r_{CP})$ [$\text{kJ mol}^{-1}\text{bohr}^{-3}$] and local kinetic energy density $G(r_{CP})$ [$\text{kJ mol}^{-1}\text{bohr}^{-3}$] values on R_{ij} [\AA]

Laplacian
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Morse-like dependence of Laplacian $[\nabla^2\rho_b]$ ($\text{e}\text{\AA}^{-5}$) on R_{ij} [\AA]

15 (C-H...O)

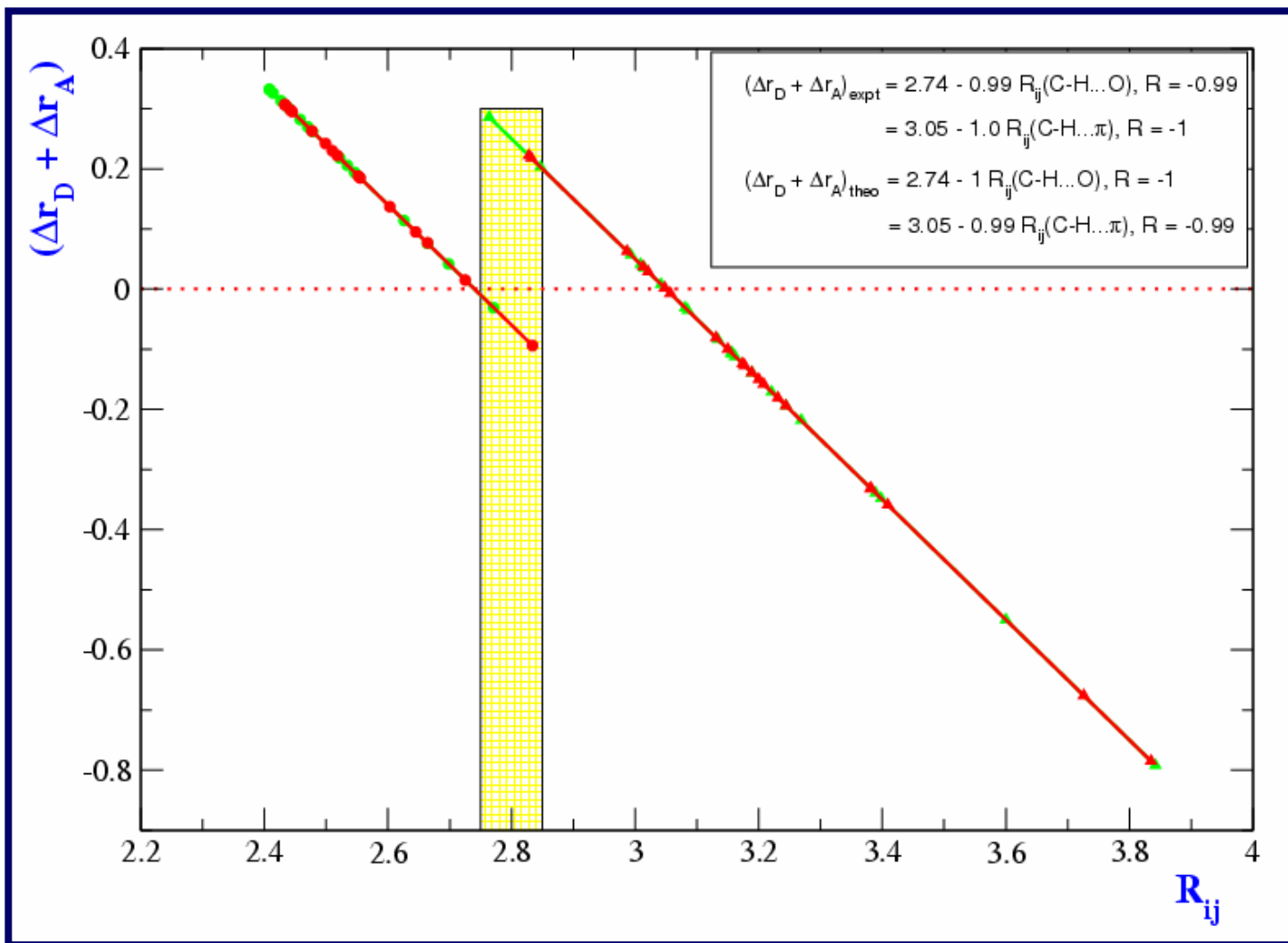
21 (C-H...C $_{\pi}$)

Munshi, P.; Guru Row, T. N. *J. Phys. Chem. A* 2005, 109, 659-672

Mutual
Penetration

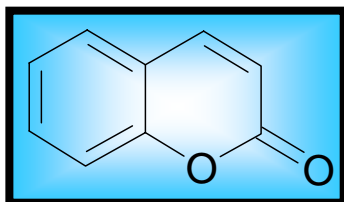
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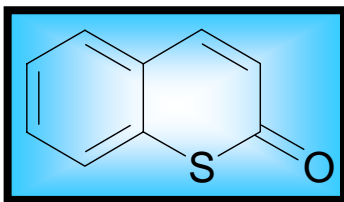


Linear dependence of $(\Delta r_D + \Delta r_A)$ [Å] on R_{ij} [Å]

Coumarin



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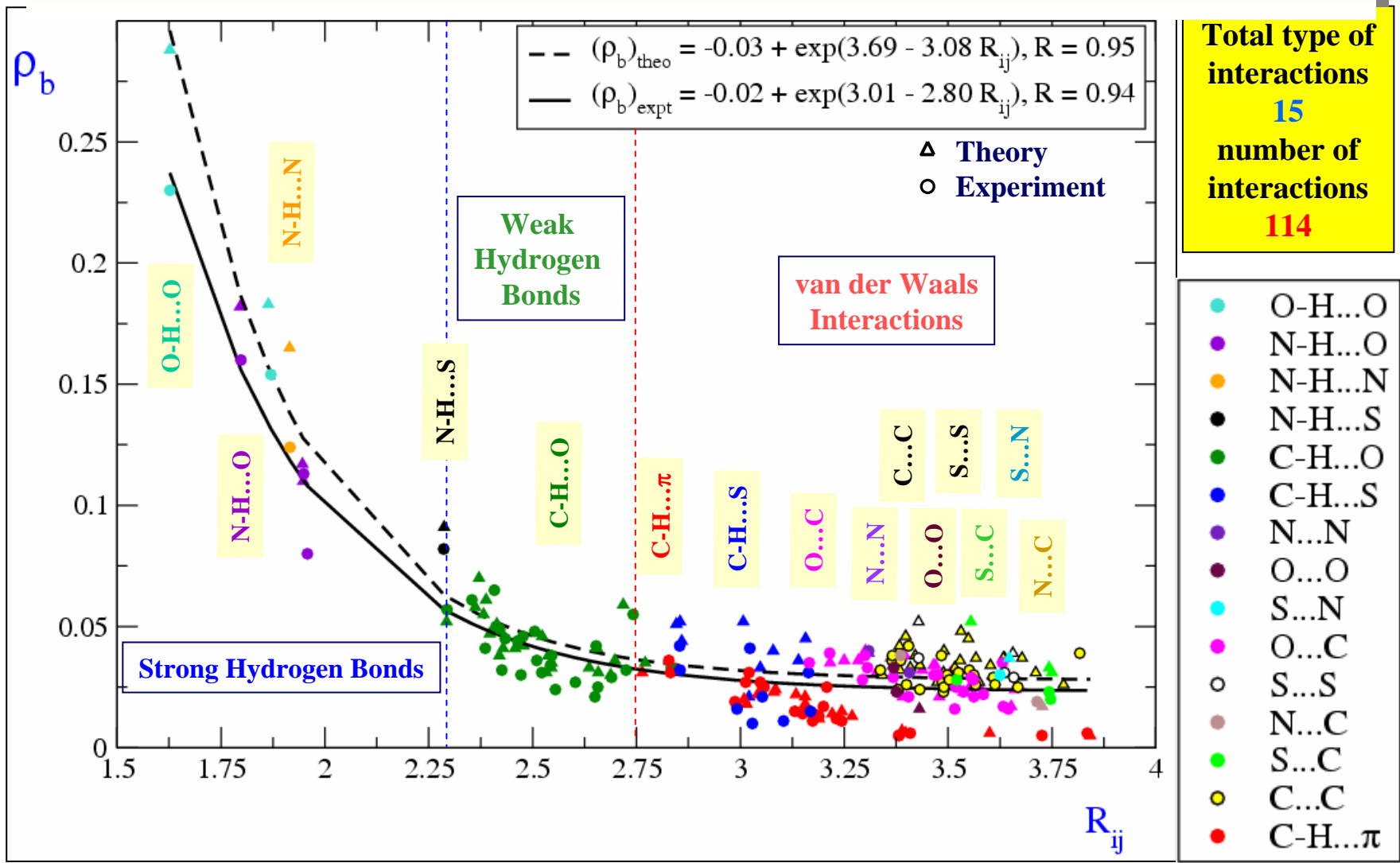
1-thiocoumarin

interactions	atom	q (crystal)		q (isolated)		Δq (crystal – isolated)			
		expt.(E)	theo.(T)	HF	DFT	E-HF	E-DFT	T-HF	T-DFT
C(4)...H(2) ^a	H(2) ↑	0.2569	0.1080	0.0144	0.0441	0.2425	0.2128	0.0936	0.0639
C(9)...H(2) ^a									4
O(1)...H(3) ^b	H(3) ↑	0.0991	0.1280	-0.0083	0.0222	0.1074	0.0769	0.1291	0.0986
O(1)...H(4) ^b	H(4) ↑	0.0957	0.0792	-0.0305	0.0074	0.1262	0.0883	0.1097	0.0718
C(7)...H(4) ^c									3
C(7)...H(4) ^d									
C(7)...H(5) ^e	H(5) ↑	0.0331	0.0655	-0.0317	0.0080	0.0648	0.0251	0.0972	0.0575
C(8)...H(5) ^e									5
O(1)...H(6) ^f	H(6) ↑	-0.0292	0.0859	-0.0241	0.0128	-0.0051	-0.0420	0.1100	0.0731
O(2)...H(6) ^g									2
C(4)...H(7) ^h	H(7) ↑	0.0662	0.0902	0.0026	0.0353	0.0636	0.0309	0.0876	0.0549
C(5)...H(7) ^h									6
O(1)...H(3) ⁱ	H(3) ↑	0.0991	0.0980	-0.0164	0.0155	0.1155	0.0836	0.1144	0.0825
O(1)...H(4) ⁱ	H(4) ↑	0.2872	0.1092	-0.0334	0.0058	0.3206	0.2814	0.1426	0.1034
O(1)...H(6) ^j	H(6) ↑	0.3029	0.0809	-0.0250	0.0126	0.3279	0.29.3	0.1059	0.0683
C(2)...H(6) ^j									3
C(4)...H(7) ^k	H(7) ↑	0.2810	0.0561	-0.0193	0.0185	0.3003	0.2625	0.0754	0.0376
C(5)...H(7) ^k									4

Symmetry codes: ^a(x,y+1/2,-z+3/2), ^b(x+1,y-1/2,-z+3/2), ^c(x+1,y,z), ^d(-x+1,y-1/2,-z+1), ^e(-x+1,y-1/2,-z+1), ^f(-x,y,z+1/2), ^g(-x,y-1/2,-z+1), ^h(x-1,y,z), ⁱ(x,-y+2,z+1/2), ^j(x,y-1,x), ^k(x,-y+1,z-1/2).

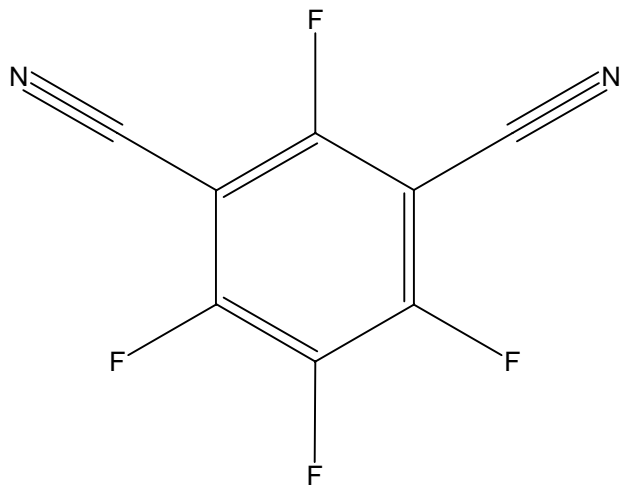
Continuum of a Strong Hydrogen Bonds to Weak Interactions

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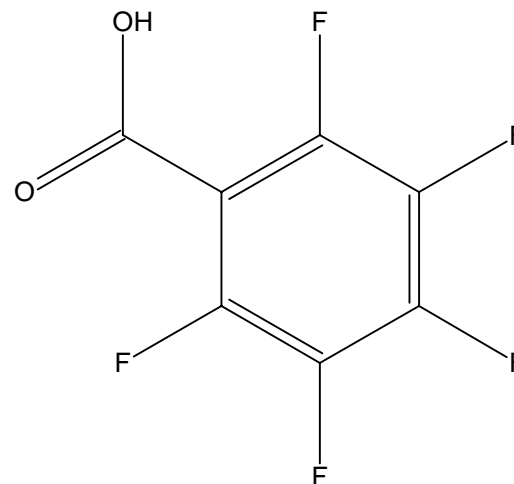
Exponential dependence of ρ_b [$\text{e}\text{\AA}^{-3}$] on the interaction length R_{ij} [\AA]

Some Recent Literature reports on charge density analysis performed on molecules containing organic fluorine

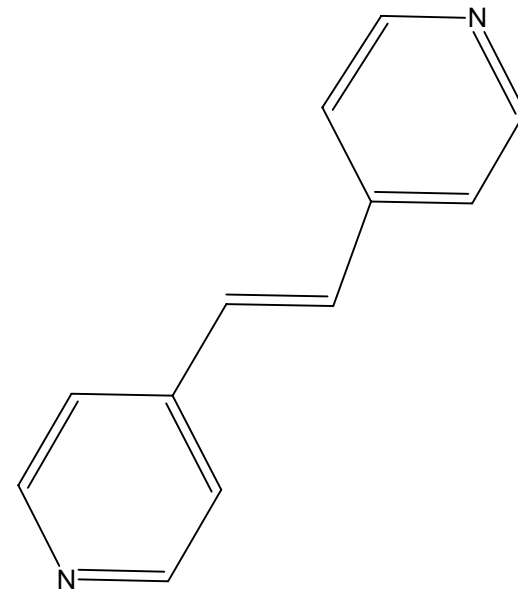
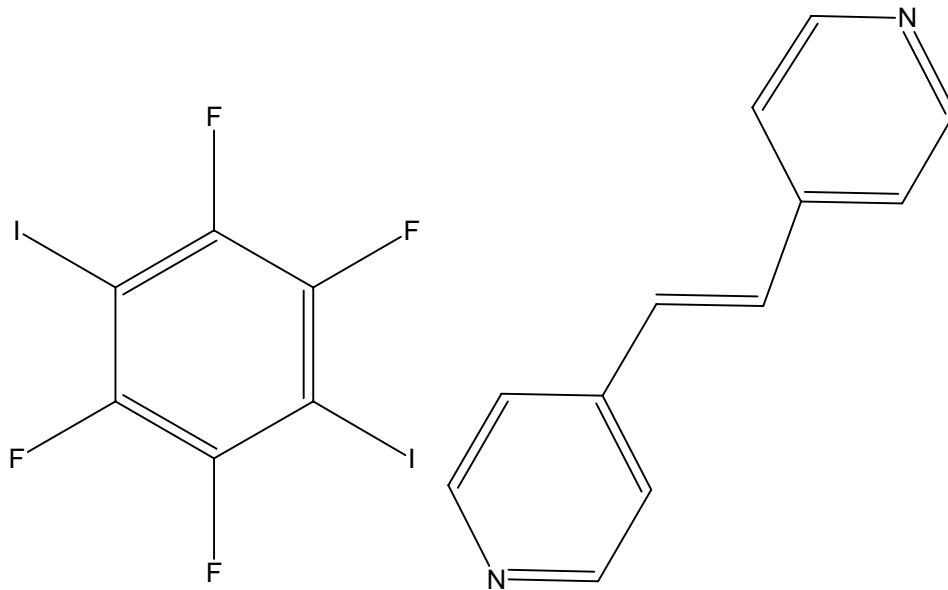
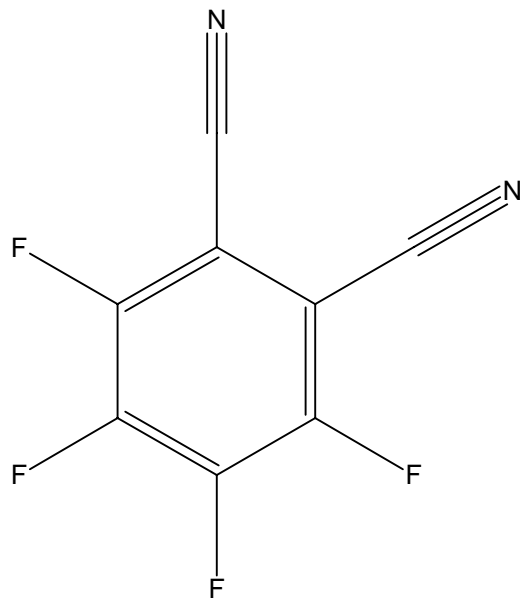


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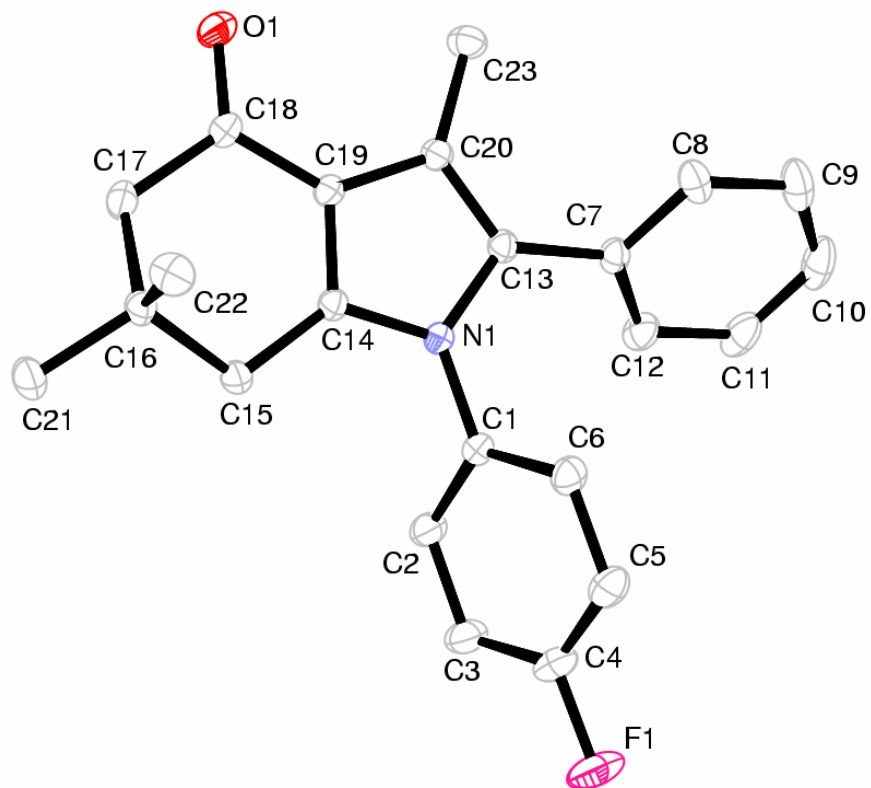
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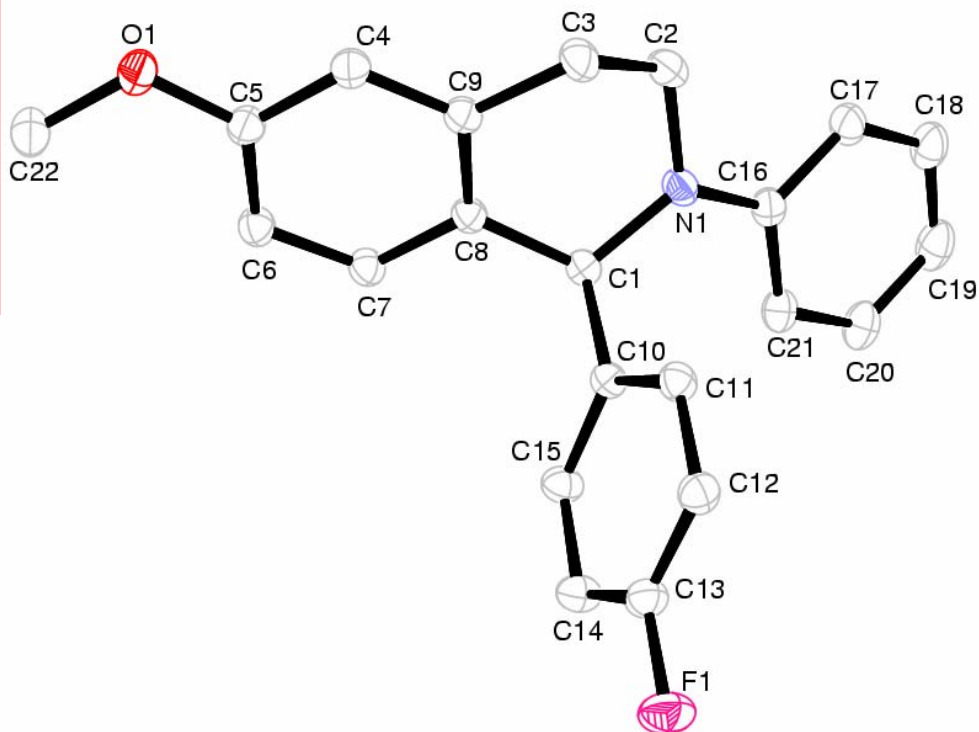
Molecules Designed for Charge Density analysis



Compound (A)

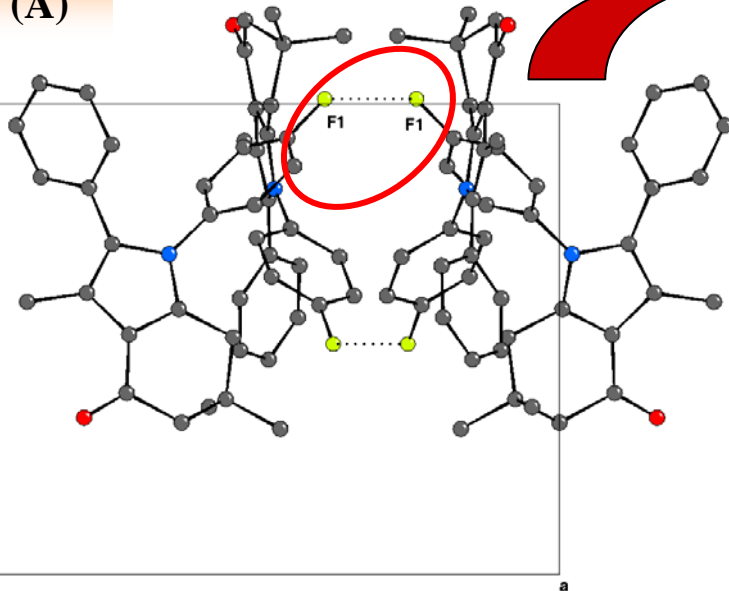
*Deepak Chopra, T. S. Cameron,
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Compound (B)

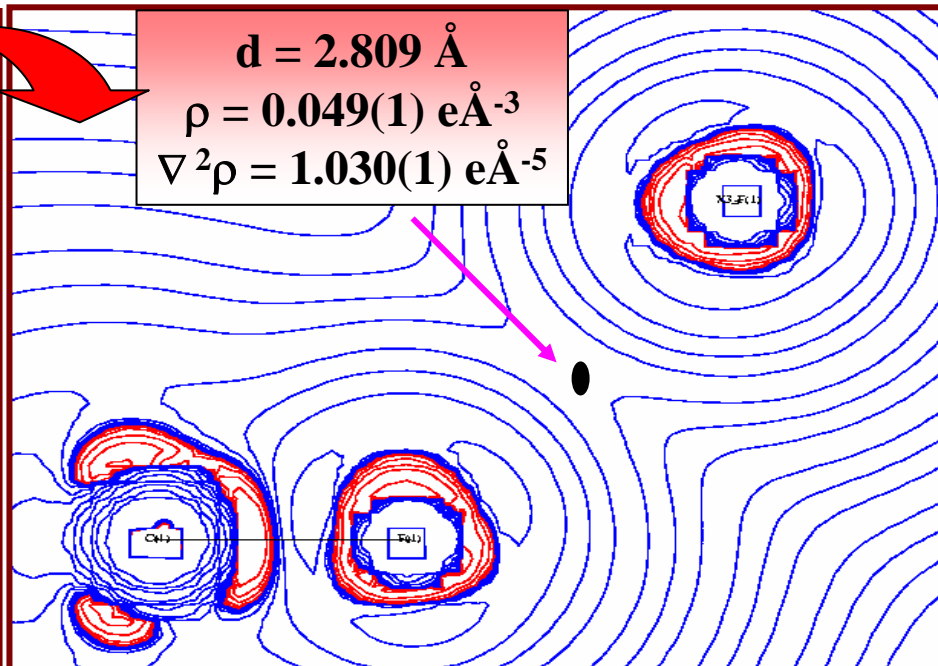


Laplacian Distribution in the F...F interaction regime

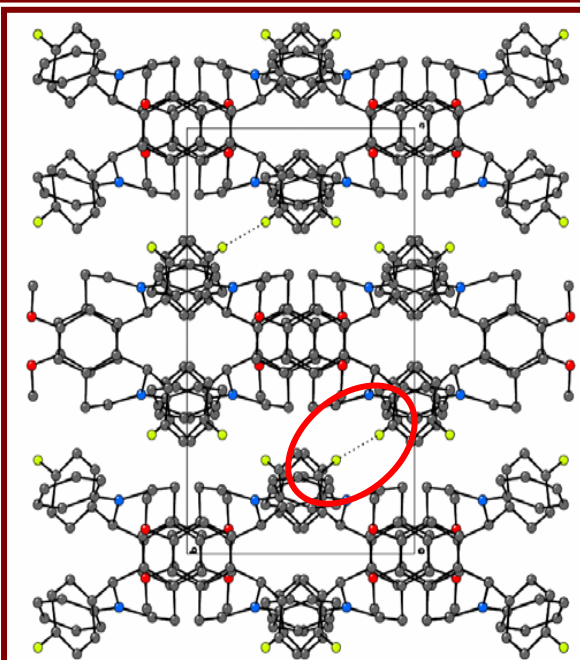
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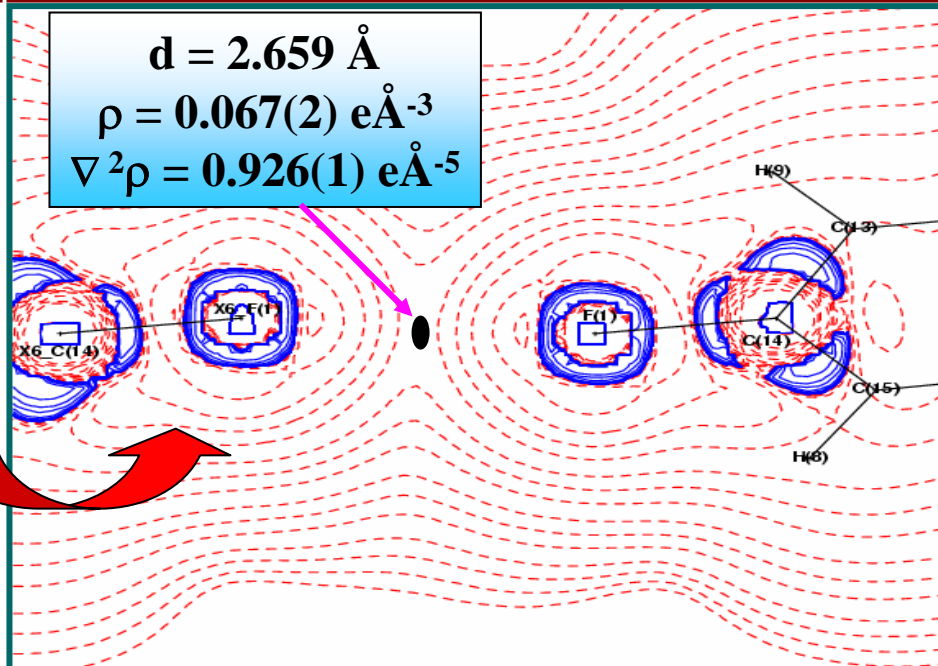
$$d = 2.809 \text{ \AA}$$
$$\rho = 0.049(1) \text{ e\AA}^{-3}$$
$$\nabla^2\rho = 1.030(1) \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$$



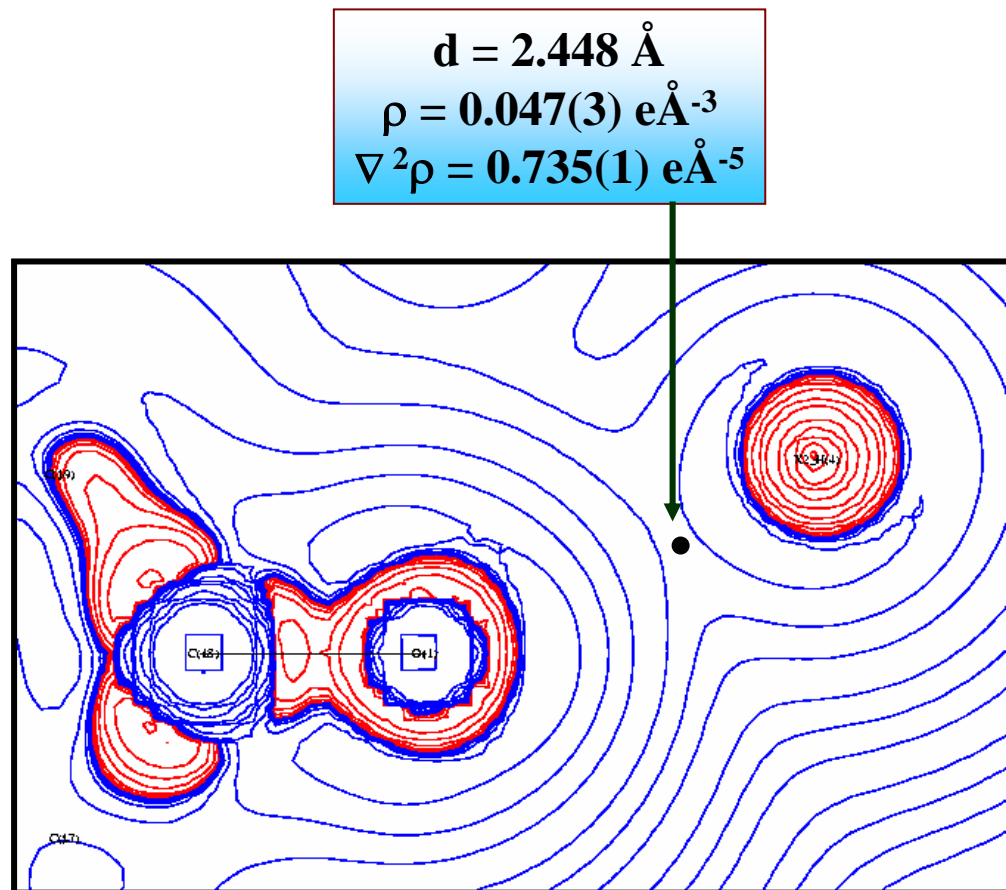
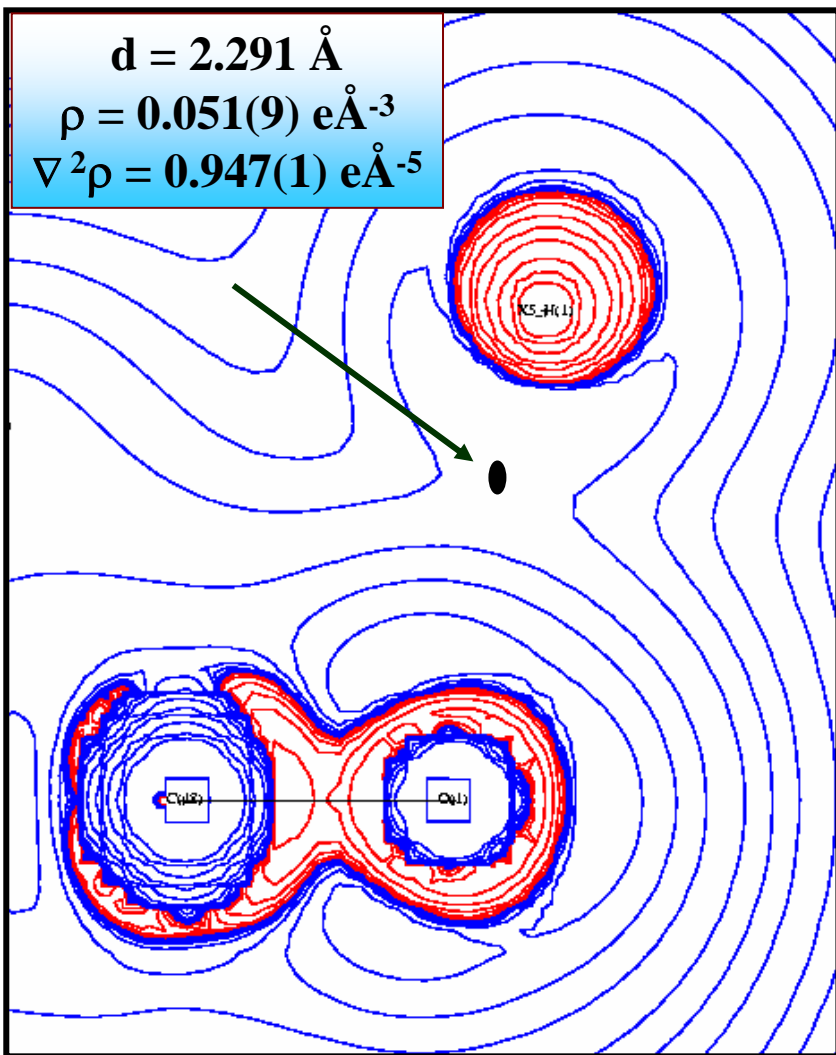
Compound (B)



$$d = 2.659 \text{ \AA}$$
$$\rho = 0.067(2) \text{ e\AA}^{-3}$$
$$\nabla^2\rho = 0.926(1) \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$$

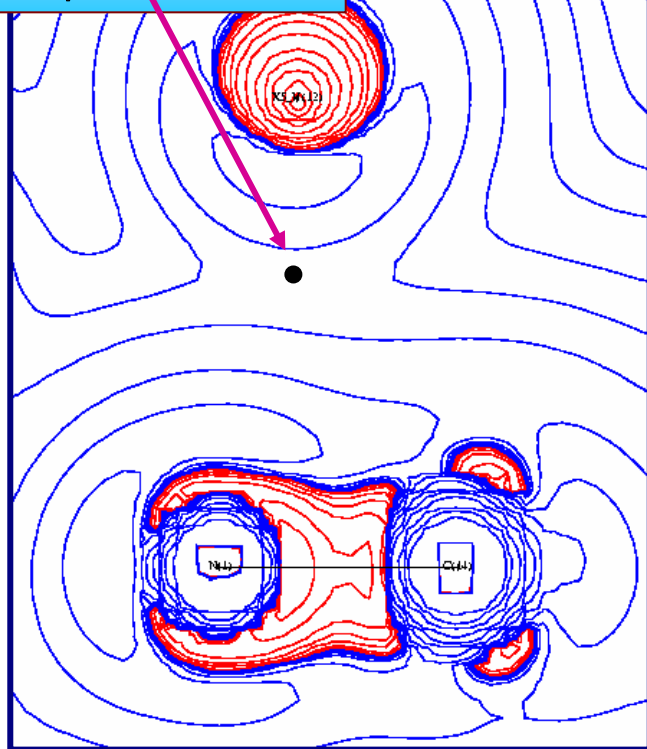


Charge Density Features associated with C-H...O Hydrogen Bonding in Compound (A)

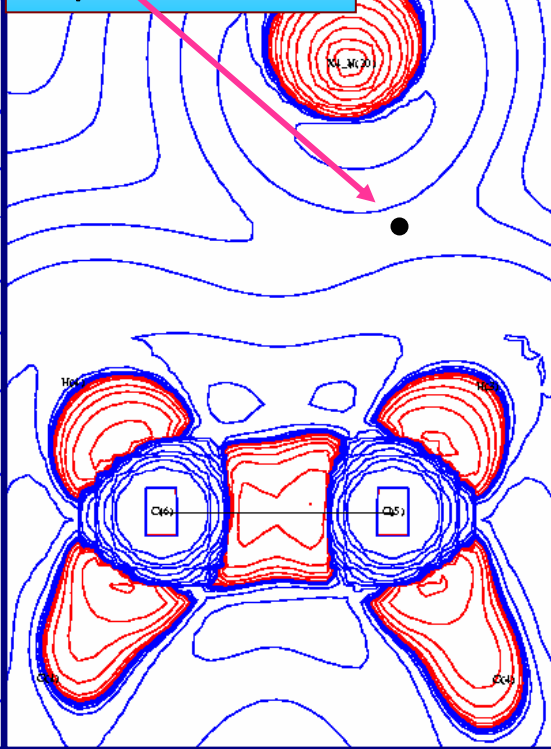


Aromatic C-H... π and C-H...F Hydrogen Bond in Compound (A)

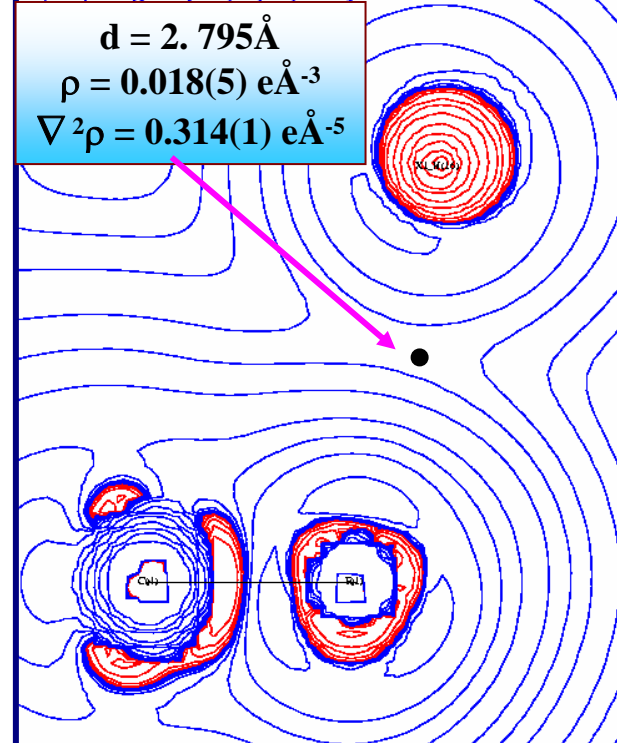
$d = 2.833 \text{ \AA}$
 $\rho = 0.025(5) \text{ e\AA}^{-3}$
 $\nabla^2\rho = 0.502(1) \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$



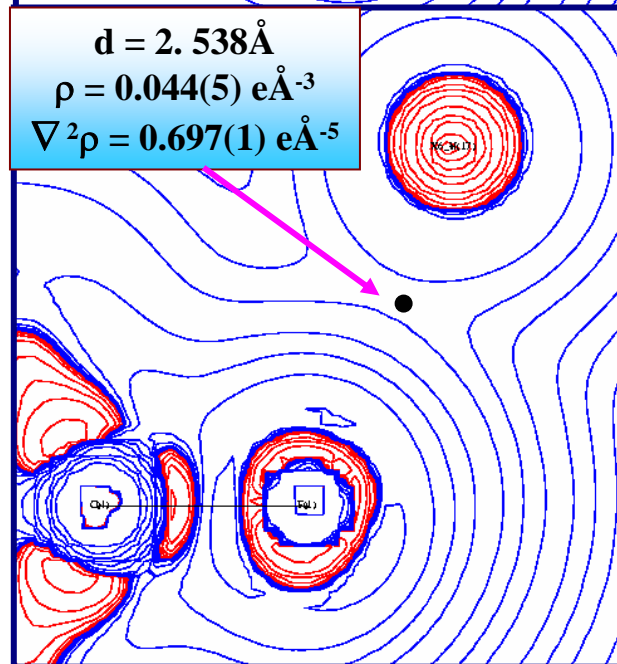
$d = 2.723 \text{ \AA}$
 $\rho = 0.037(5) \text{ e\AA}^{-3}$
 $\nabla^2\rho = 0.703(1) \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$



$d = 2.795 \text{ \AA}$
 $\rho = 0.018(5) \text{ e\AA}^{-3}$
 $\nabla^2\rho = 0.314(1) \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$

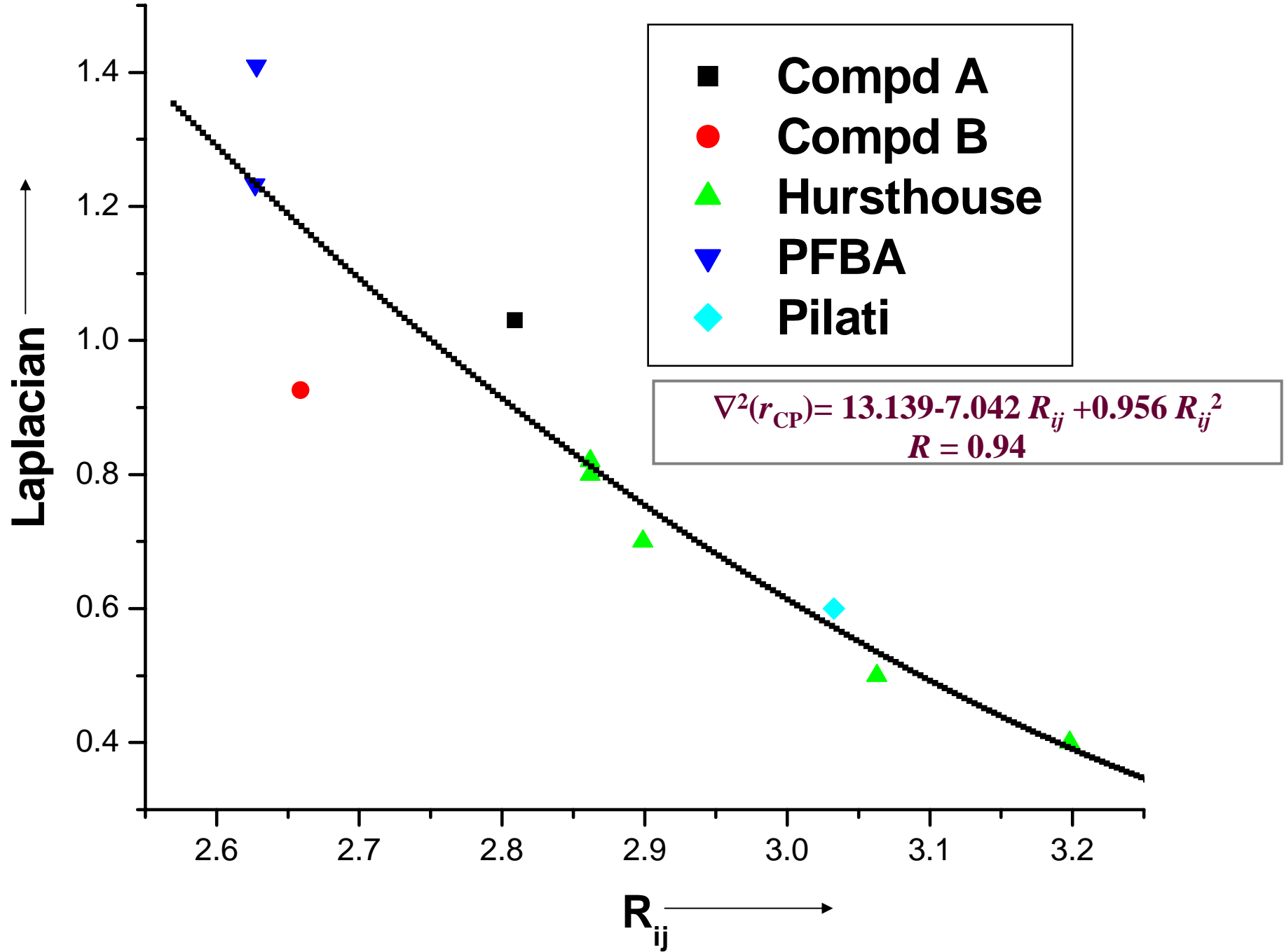


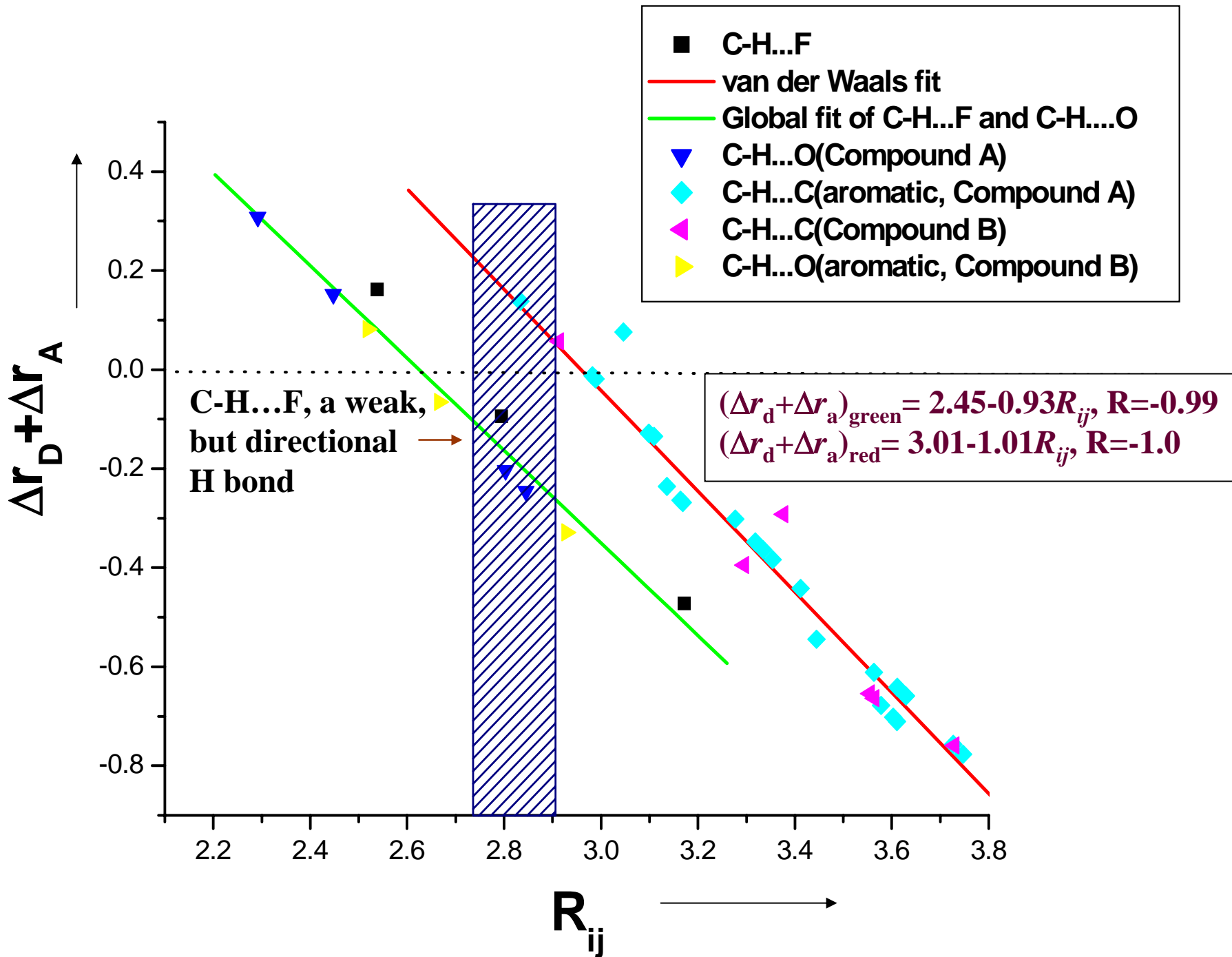
$d = 2.538 \text{ \AA}$
 $\rho = 0.044(5) \text{ e\AA}^{-3}$
 $\nabla^2\rho = 0.697(1) \text{ e\AA}^{-5}$



Topological parameters in C-F...F-C interactions [K & P 1-4]

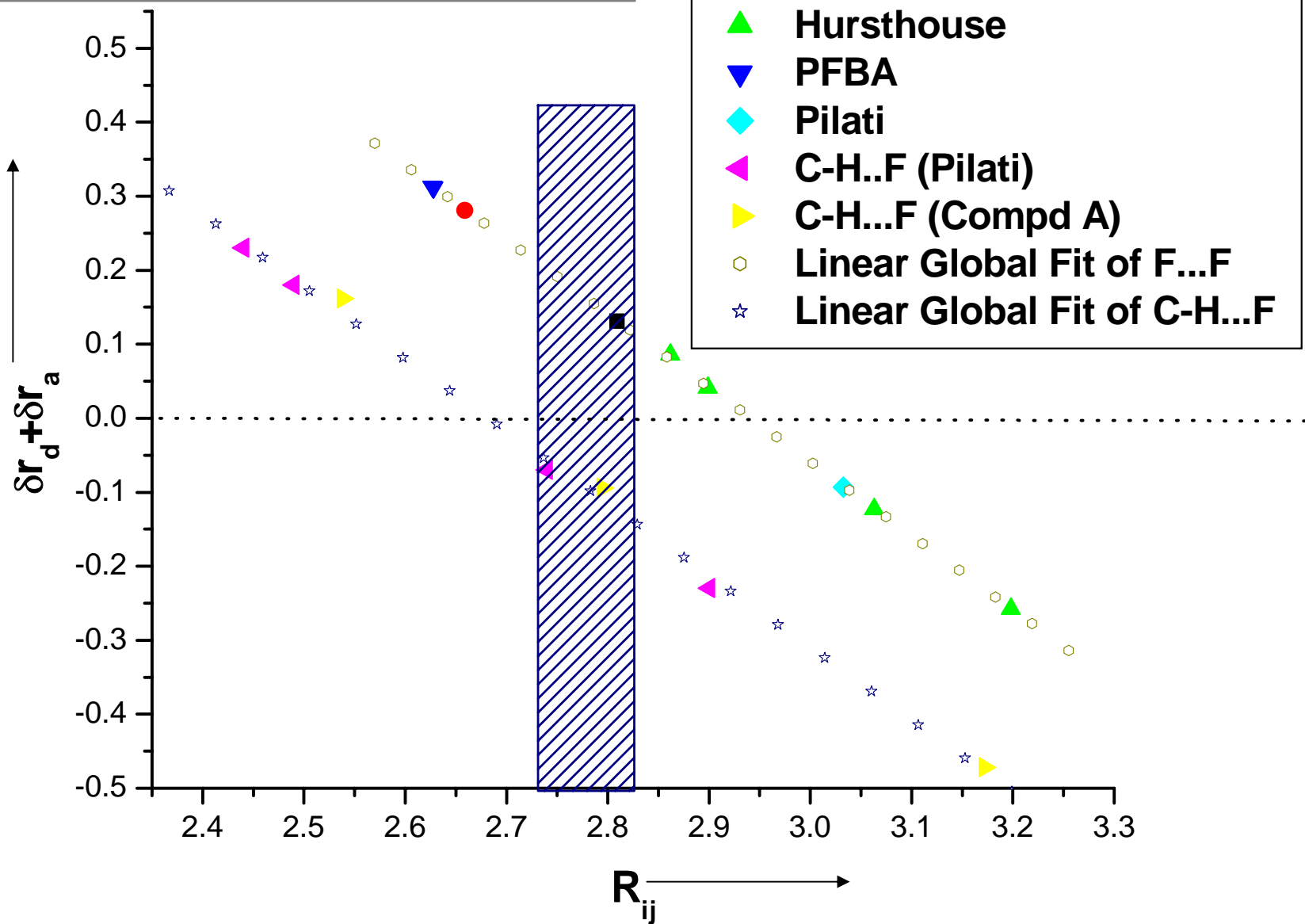
Compound	R_{ij}	ρ_b	$\nabla^2\rho_b$	$G(r_{CP})$	$V(r_{CP})$	$E(r_{CP})$	$\Delta r_D + \Delta r_A$
A	2.809	0.049	1.030	37.752	-24.476	13.276	0.131
B	2.659	0.067	0.926	36.873	-27.869	9.003	0.281
Hursthouse	2.899	0.040	0.700	25.782	-16.884	8.898	0.041
	2.862	0.050	0.820	30.944	-21.264	9.680	0.086
	2.862	0.040	0.800	29.084	-18.535	10.549	0.086
	3.063	0.030	0.500	18.162	-11.553	6.609	-0.123
	3.198	0.020	0.400	14.05	-8.283	5.767	-0.258
Pilati	3.033	0.034	0.600	21.847	-13.969	7.878	-0.093
PFBA	2.627	0.058	1.233	45.668	-30.251	15.417	0.313
	2.628	0.067	1.410	52.858	-35.862	16.996	0.312





$$(\Delta r_D + \Delta r_A)_{\text{C-H...F}} = 2.617 - 0.976 R_{ij}, R = -1.00$$

$$(\Delta r_D + \Delta r_A)_{\text{F...F}} = 2.943 - 1.000 R_{ij}, R = -1.00$$



Conclusions and future directions

1. Hydrogen bonds classified using a universal fit.
2. Limit of a hydrogen bond featured in C-H...O and C-H... π contacts.
3. Insights into the ubiquitous C-F...F-C contacts.
4. Evaluation of the nature of the interaction.
5. Calculation of electrostatic potentials leading to surface characteristics.

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