

Characterising Hydrogen Bonding. Creation and Genesis.

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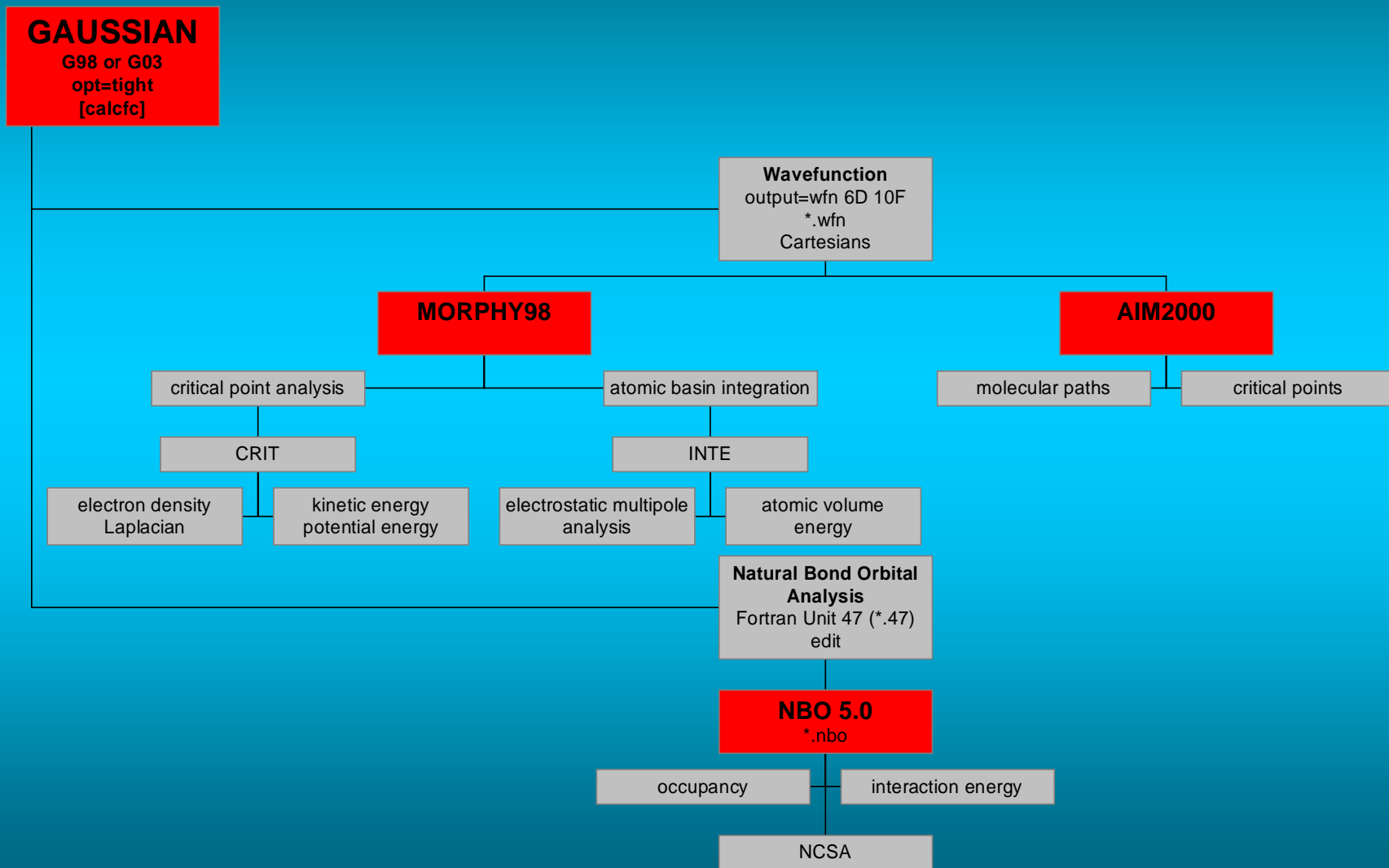
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Pople versus Dunning basis-sets

Summary

- Diols and water structure
- Intramolecular hydrogen bonding in
 - Open-chain diols and other 2-substituted ethanols
 - Cyclic 1,2-diols
 - Glucopyranose
- VDW atomic radii
- Topological fold catastrophes
- Cooperativity in water clusters

Data Generation



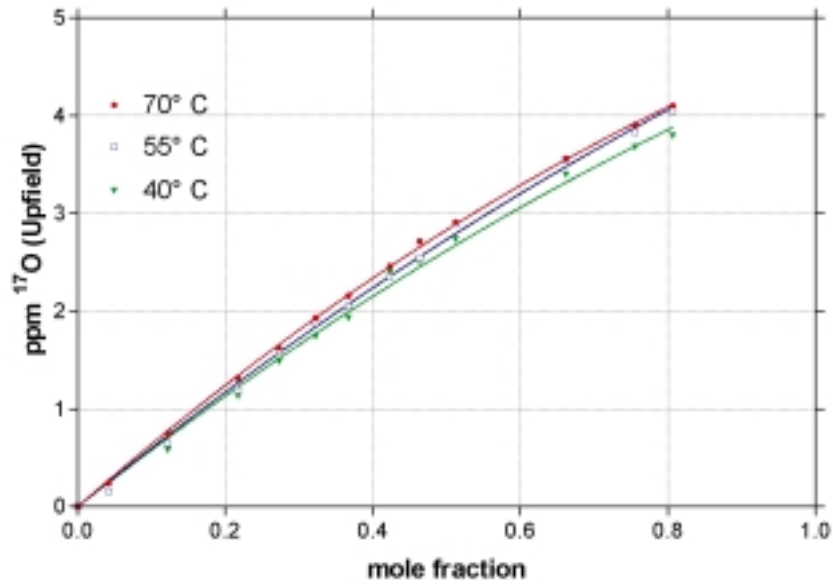
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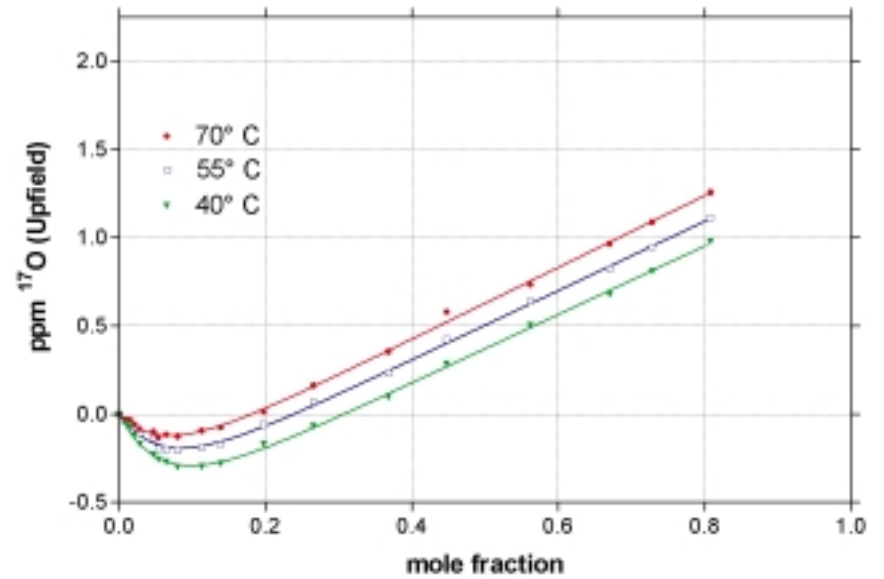
Diols and Water Structure

Structuring and de-structuring

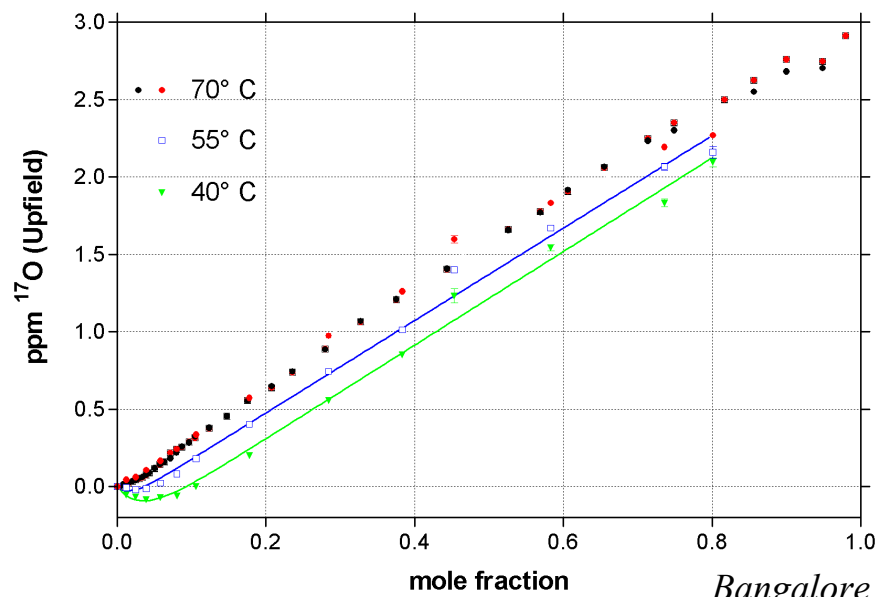
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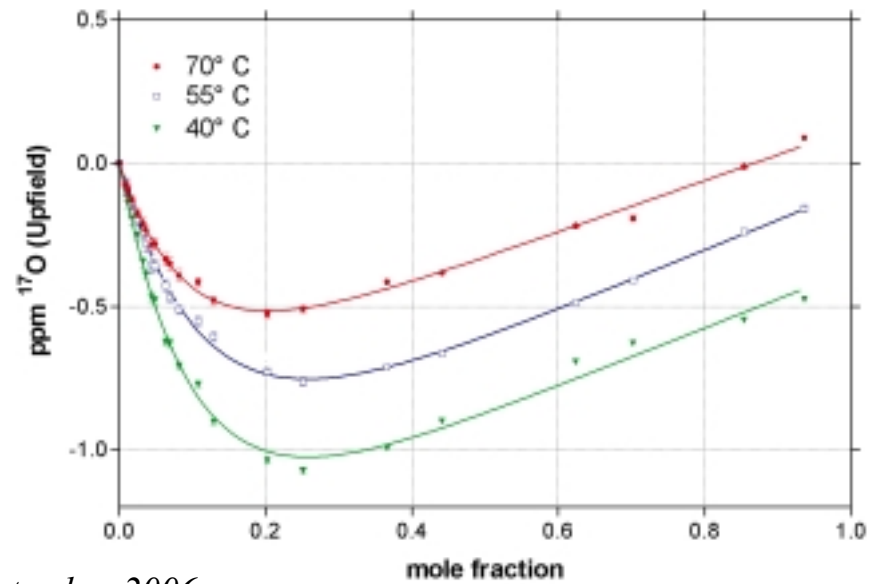
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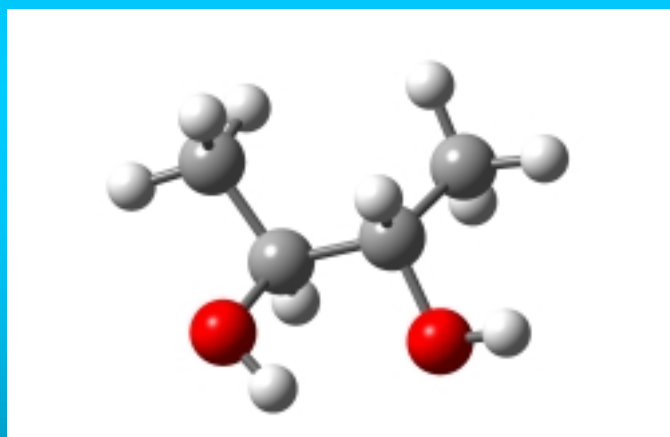


Butan-2,3-diol (VI)
(*meso* + *racemat*)



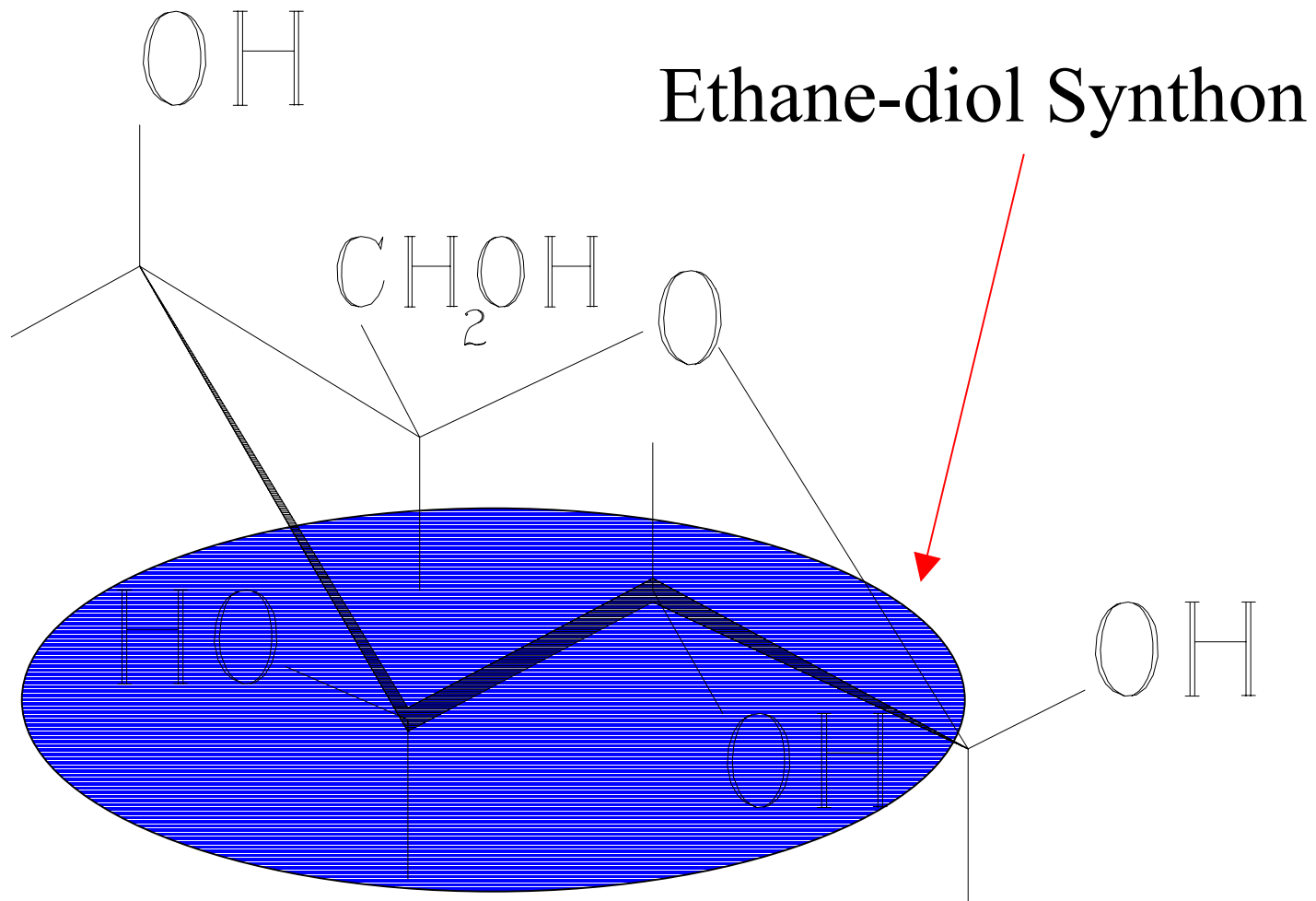
^{17}O Chemical Shift as a Measure of Water Structure in Binary Glycol-Water Systems

- Type I (upfield) = ‘destructuring’ - all glycols but structure-dependent



- Type II (downfield) = ‘structuring’ - only glycols containing the methylcarbinol group, CH_3CHOH

$^4\text{C}_1$ -Galactopyranose

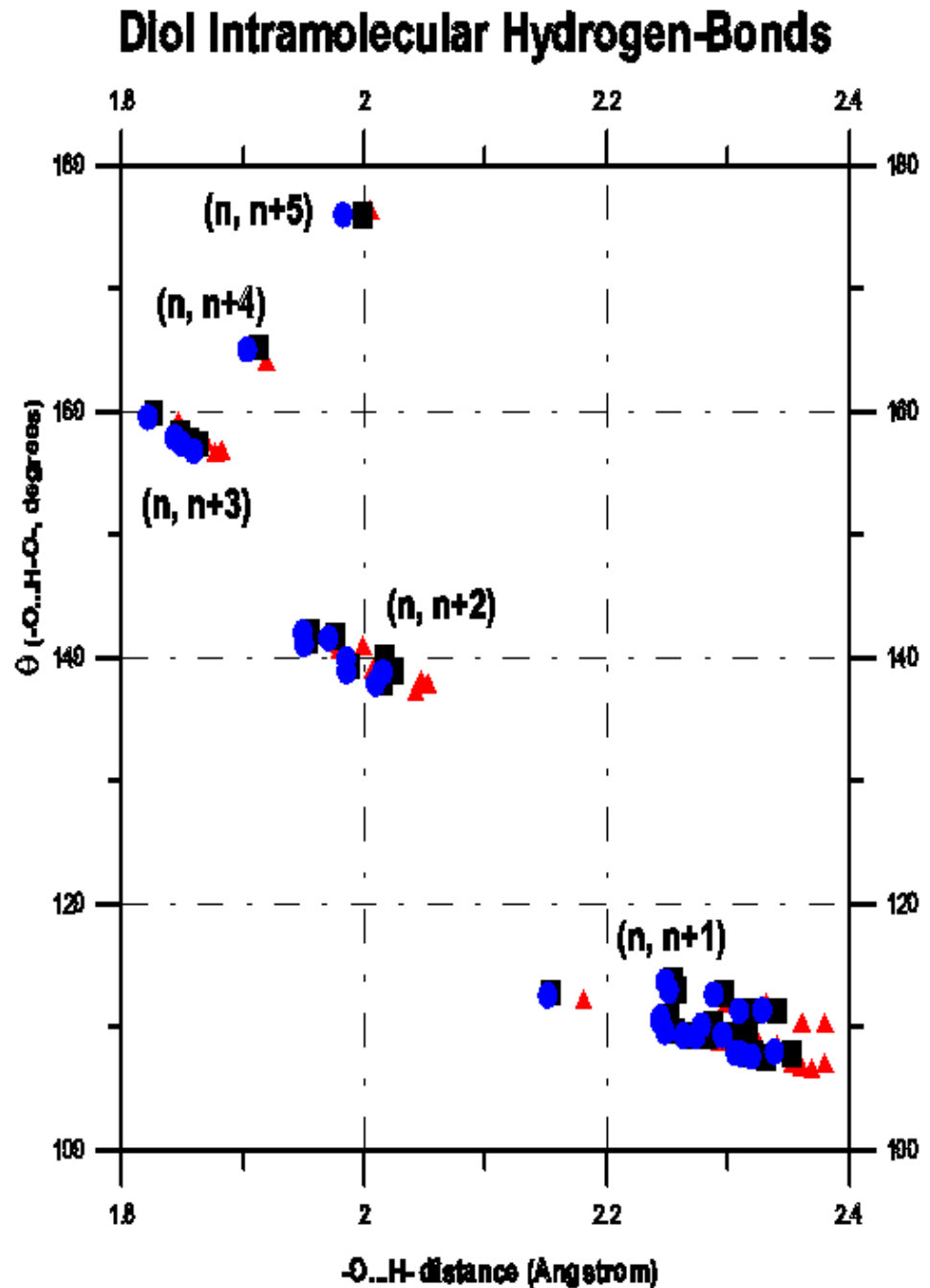


Intramolecular Hydrogen Bonding

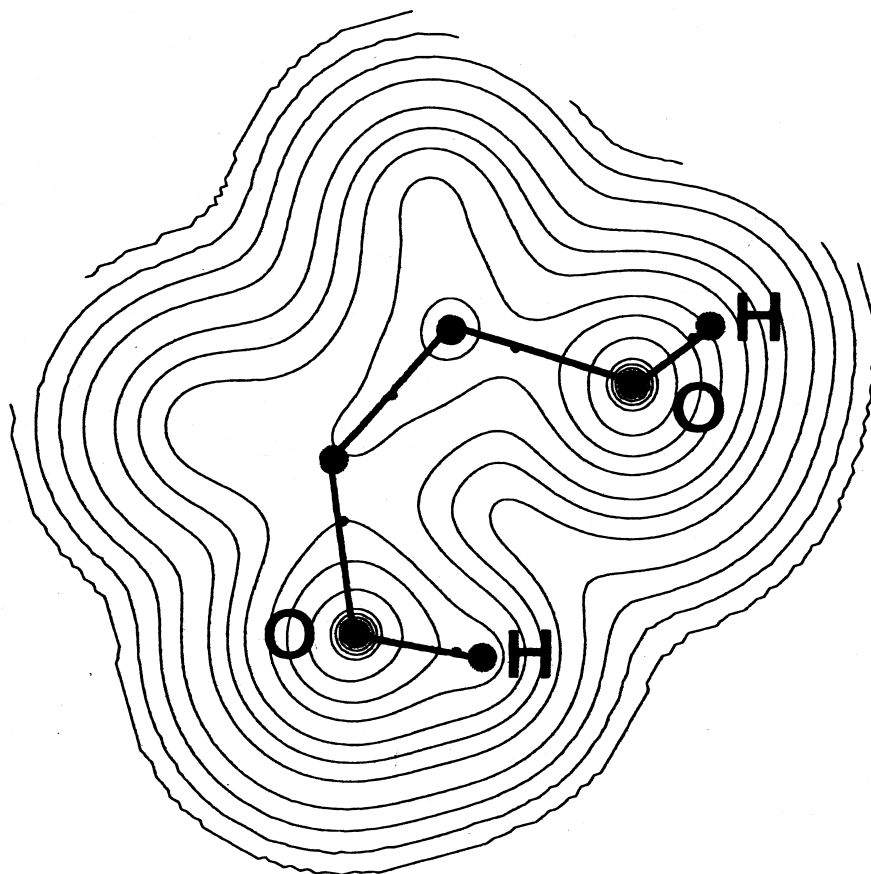
- open-chain diols and 2-substituted ethanols

Diols

- (n,n+1)
 - 12ED, 23BD
- (n,n+2)
 - 13BD, 25PD
- (n,n+3)
 - 14BD, 25HD
- (n,n+4)
 - 15PD
- (n,n+5)
 - 16HD



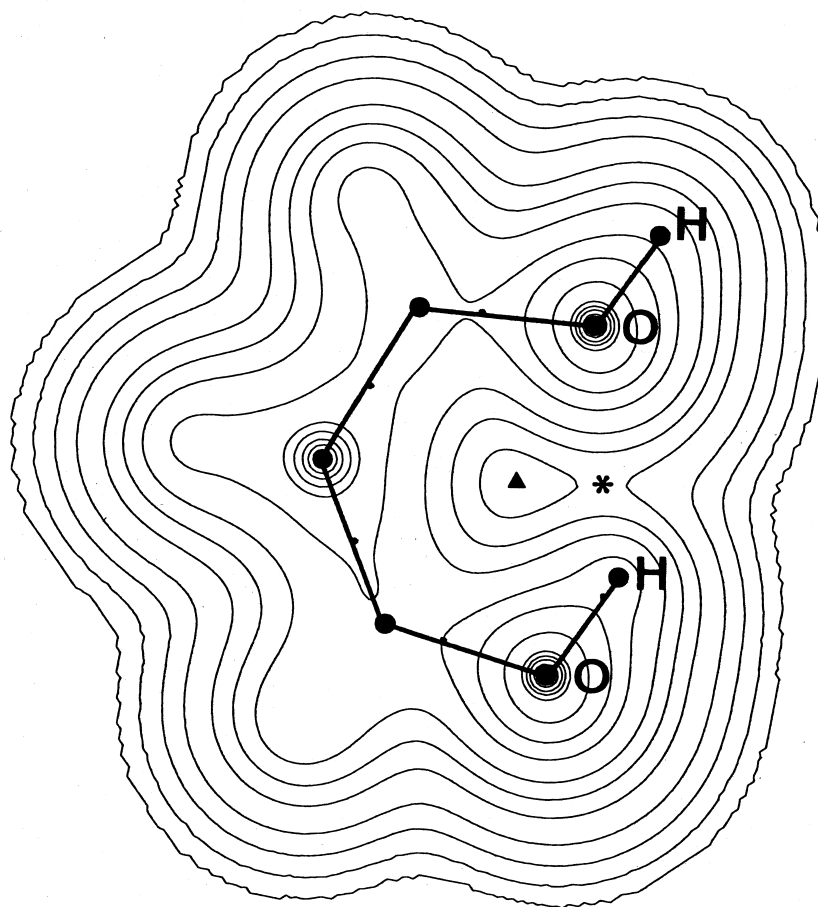
Electron Density



Ethane-1,2-diol

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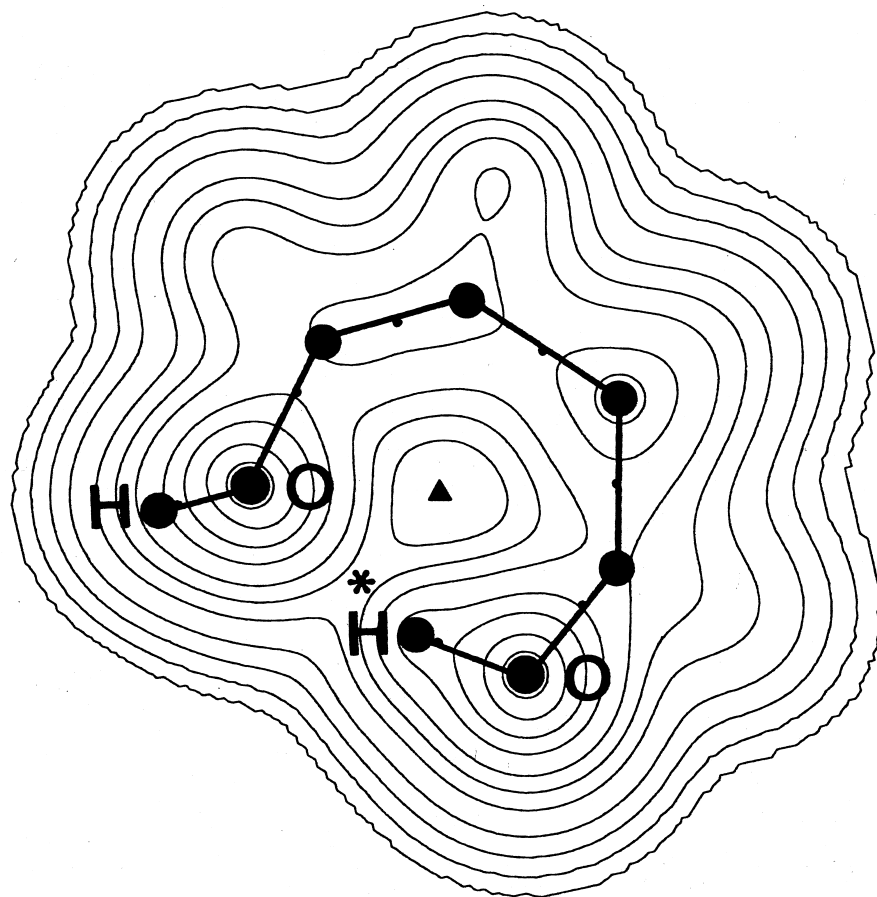
Electron Density



Propane-1,3-diol

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Electron Density



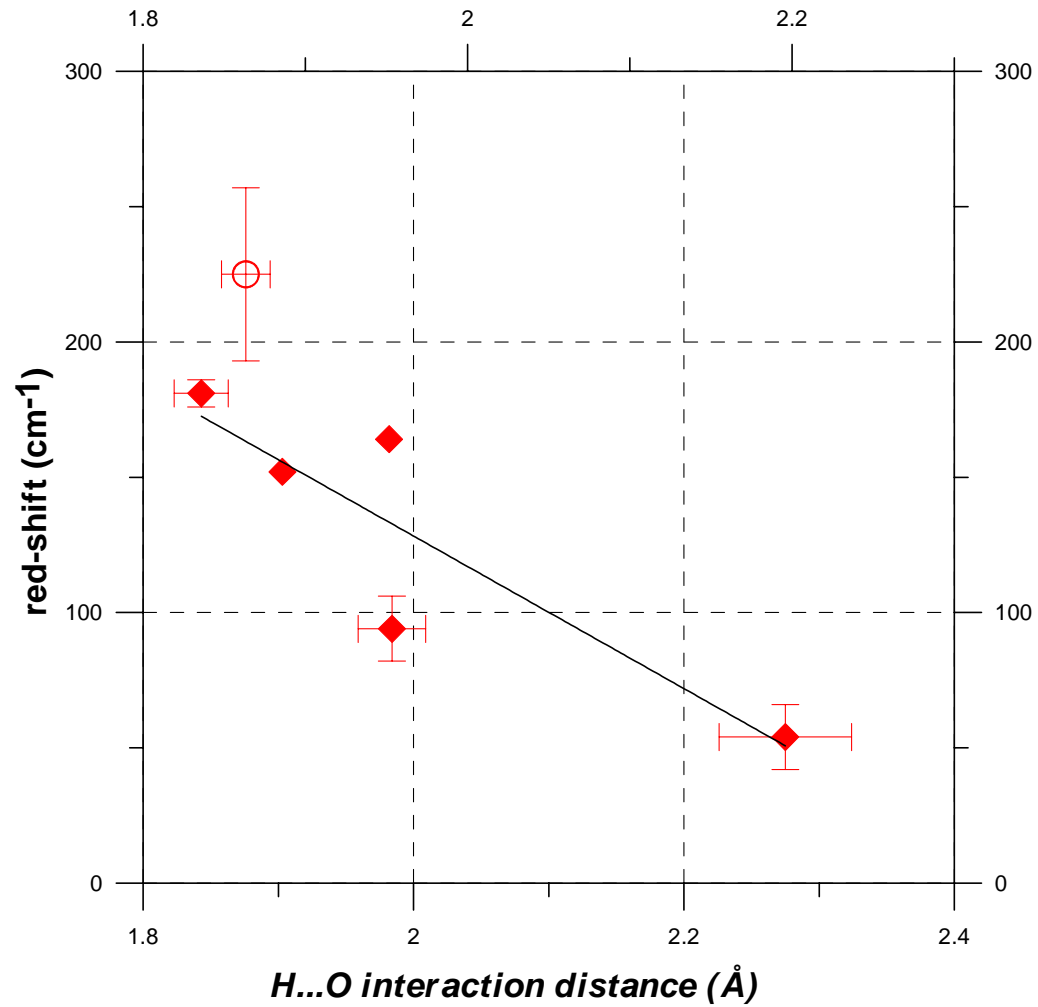
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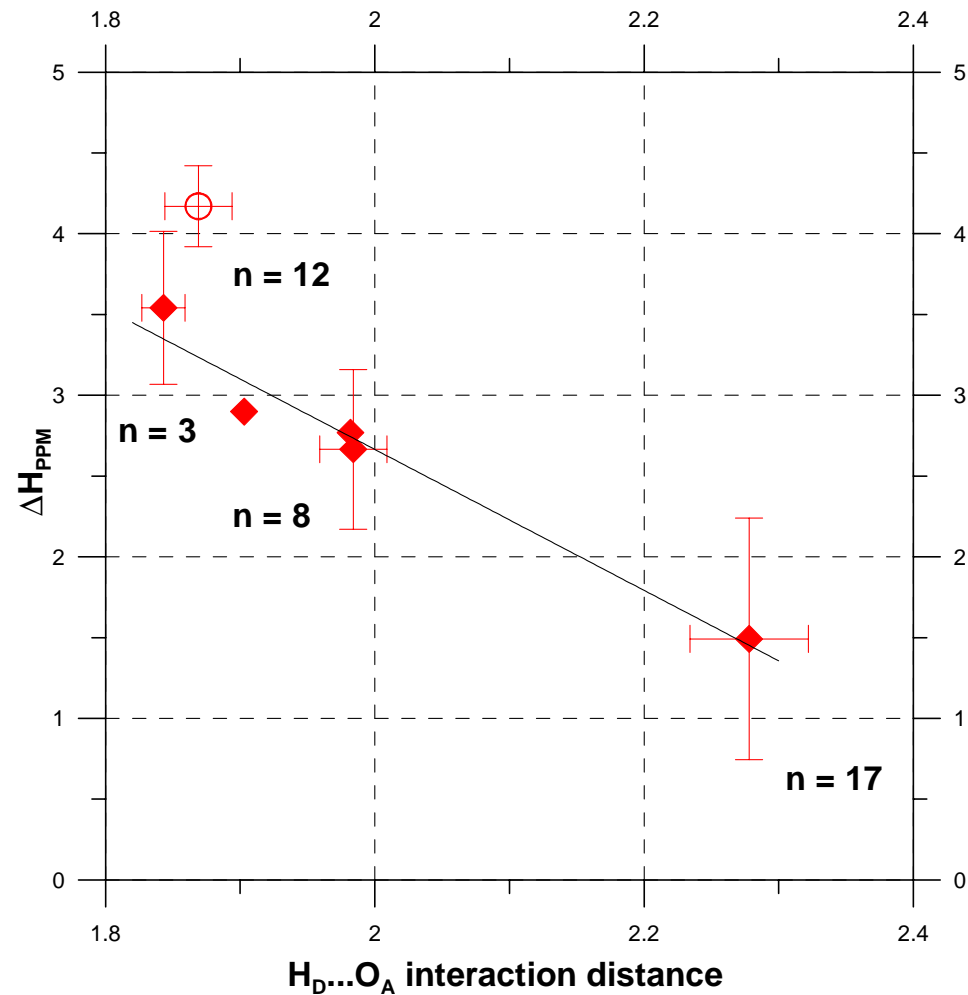
BCP Electron Density and Laplacian

Diol	ρ	$\nabla^2\rho$	$f(h)$	ellipt.	BCP
12EG	--	--	--	--	no
13PG	0.02163	+0.0845	0.3713	0.02293	yes
14BD	0.03186	+0.1128	0.3479	0.04764	yes
15PD	0.02576	+0.0987	0.3532	0.06160	yes
16HD	0.02282	+0.0802	0.3513	0.02240	yes

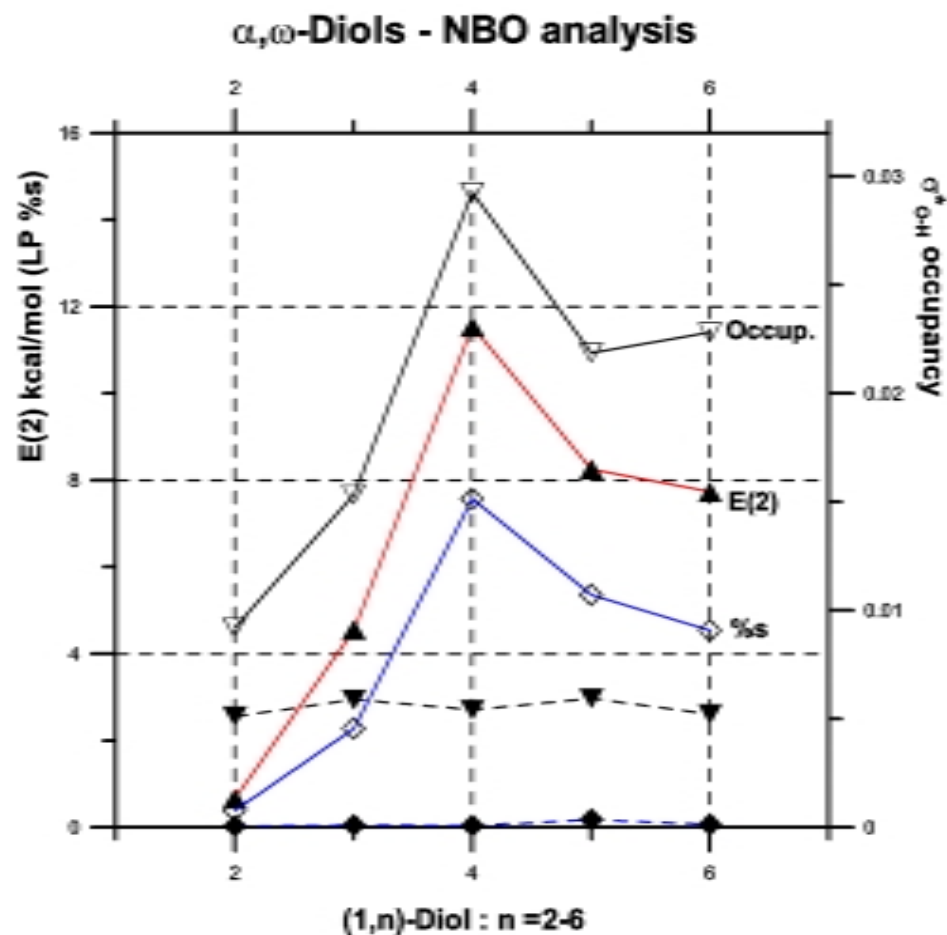
IR red-shift for -O-H_D



NMR downfield shift for $-O-H_D$

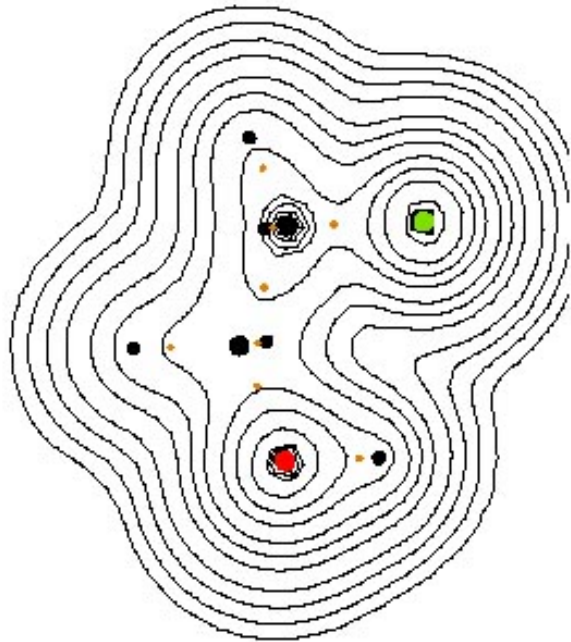


α,ω -Diols - NBO Analysis

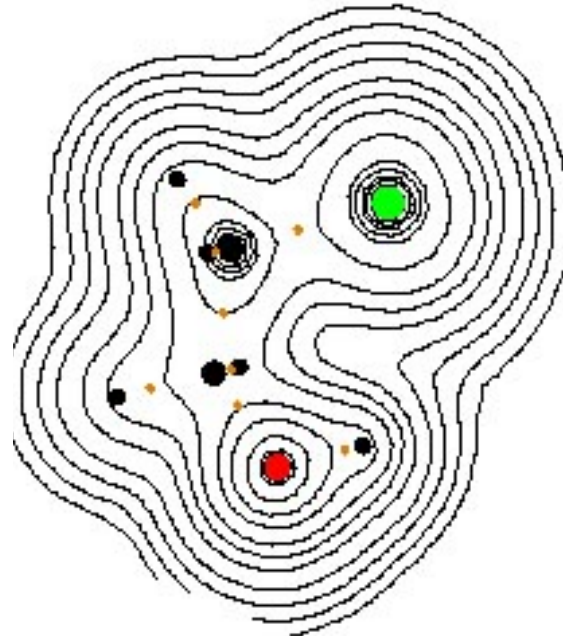


2-Haloethanols

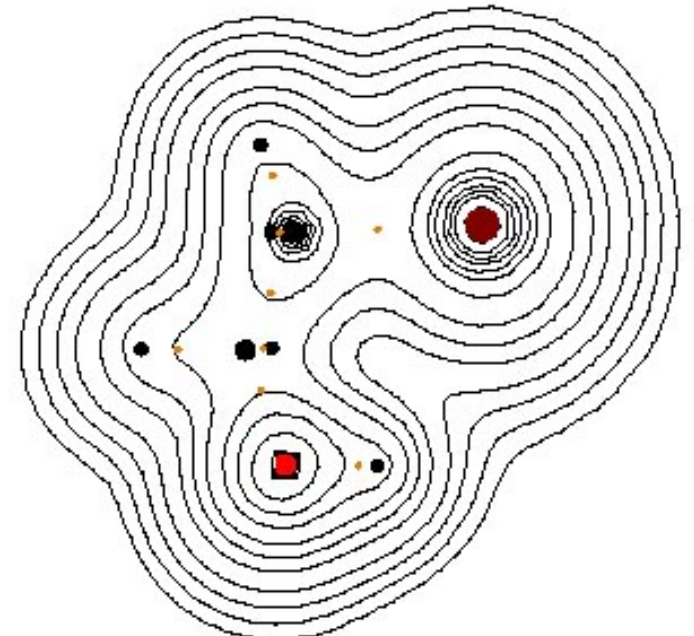
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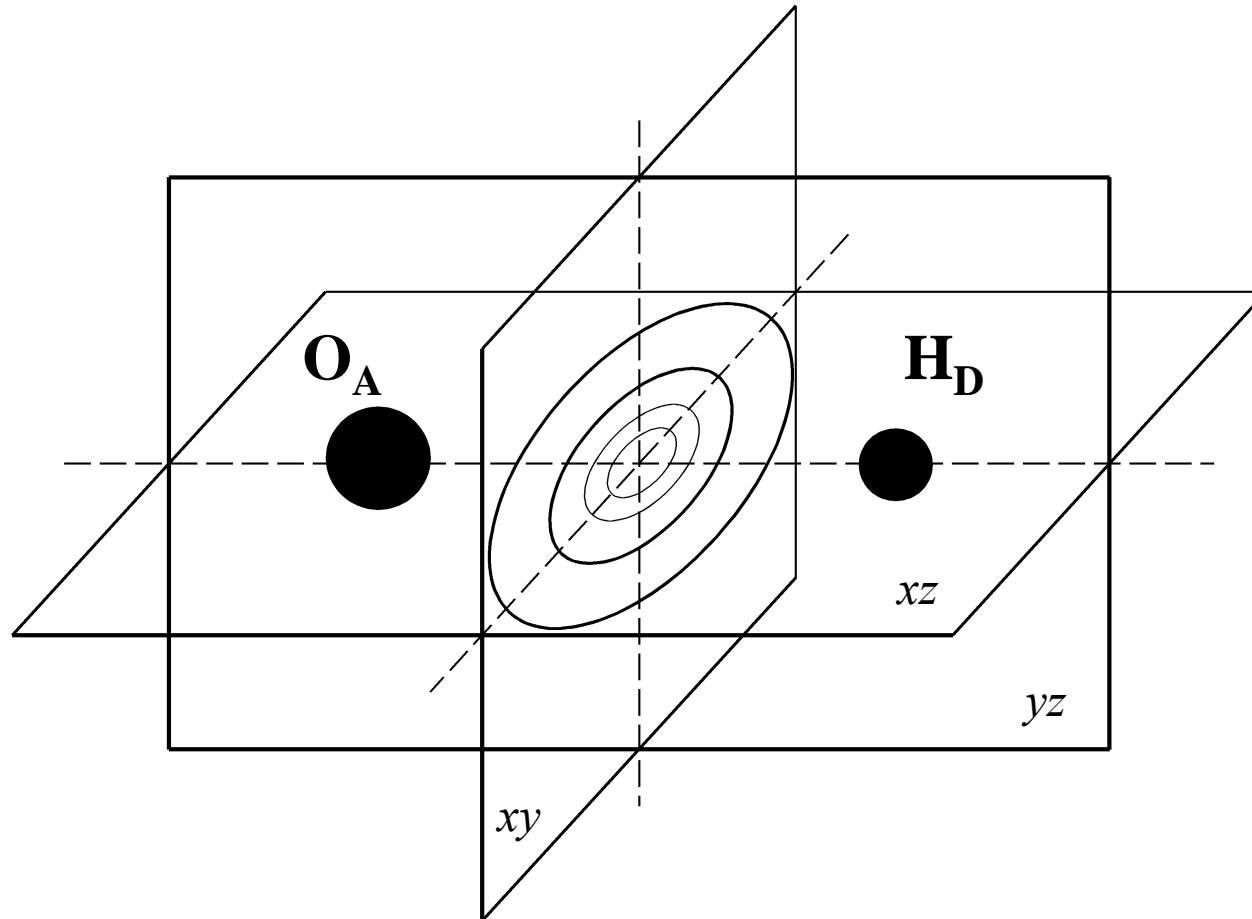
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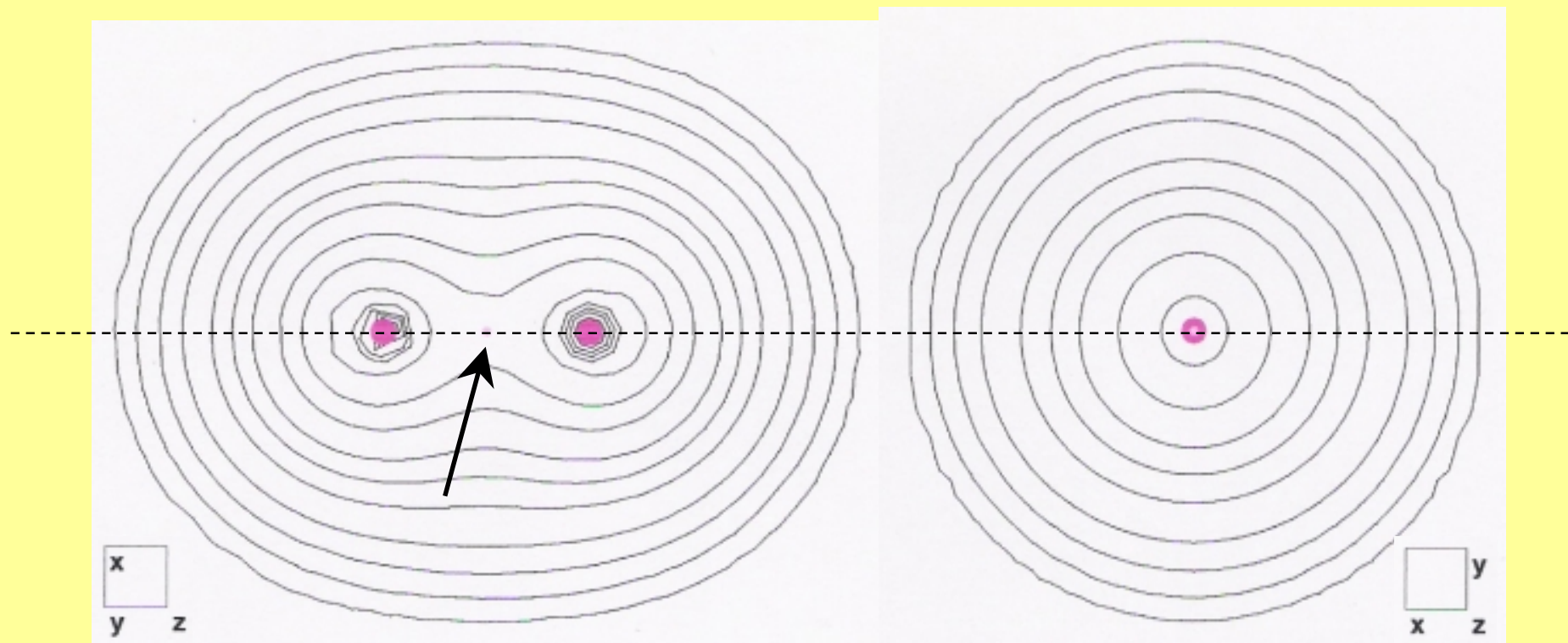
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Internuclear axes



Bond Critical Point (BCP)



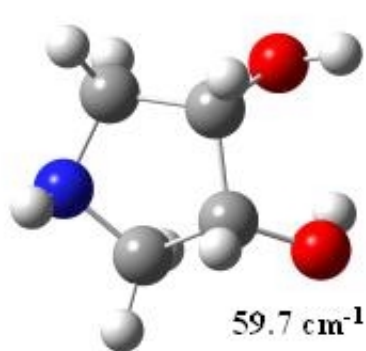
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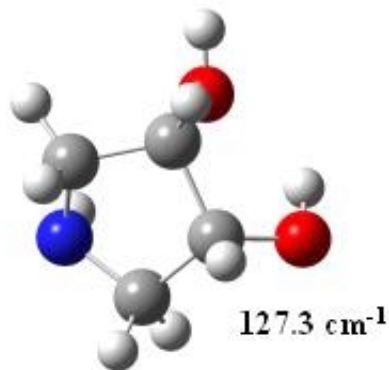
Cyclic 1,2-Diols

- Simple cyclic diols such as:
 - Dihydroxycyclopropane (C3):
 - 1,2-Dihydroxycyclobutane (C4):
 - 1,2-Dihydroxycyclopentane (C5):
 - 1,2-Dihydroxycyclofuran (C4O);
 - 1,2-Dihydroxycyclohexane (C6);
 - 1,2-Dihydroxybenzene (C6);
- do not form an intramolecular –O...H-O- hydrogen bond as evidenced by a (3,-1) BCP.

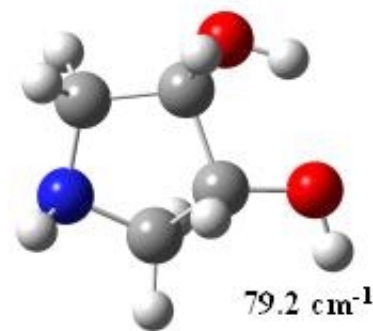
Dihydroxypyrrolidine conformers



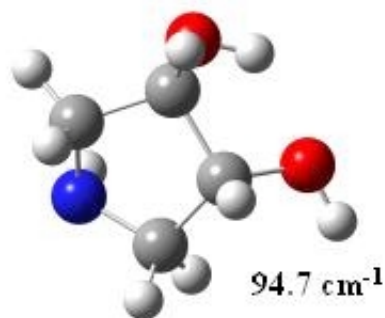
NO (+0.45 kcal/mole)



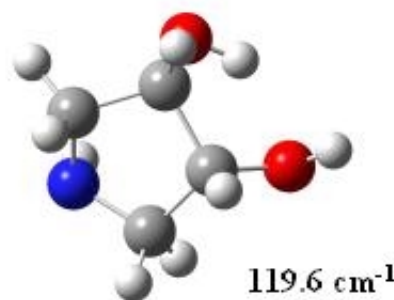
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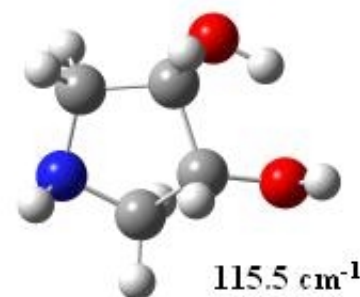
NO (+0.90 kcal/mole)



YES (+0.25 kcal/mole)



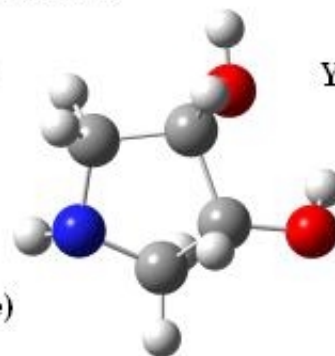
YES (+0.00 kcal/mole)



YES (+1.02 kcal/mole)

94.6 cm^{-1}

NO (+0.56 kcal/mole)



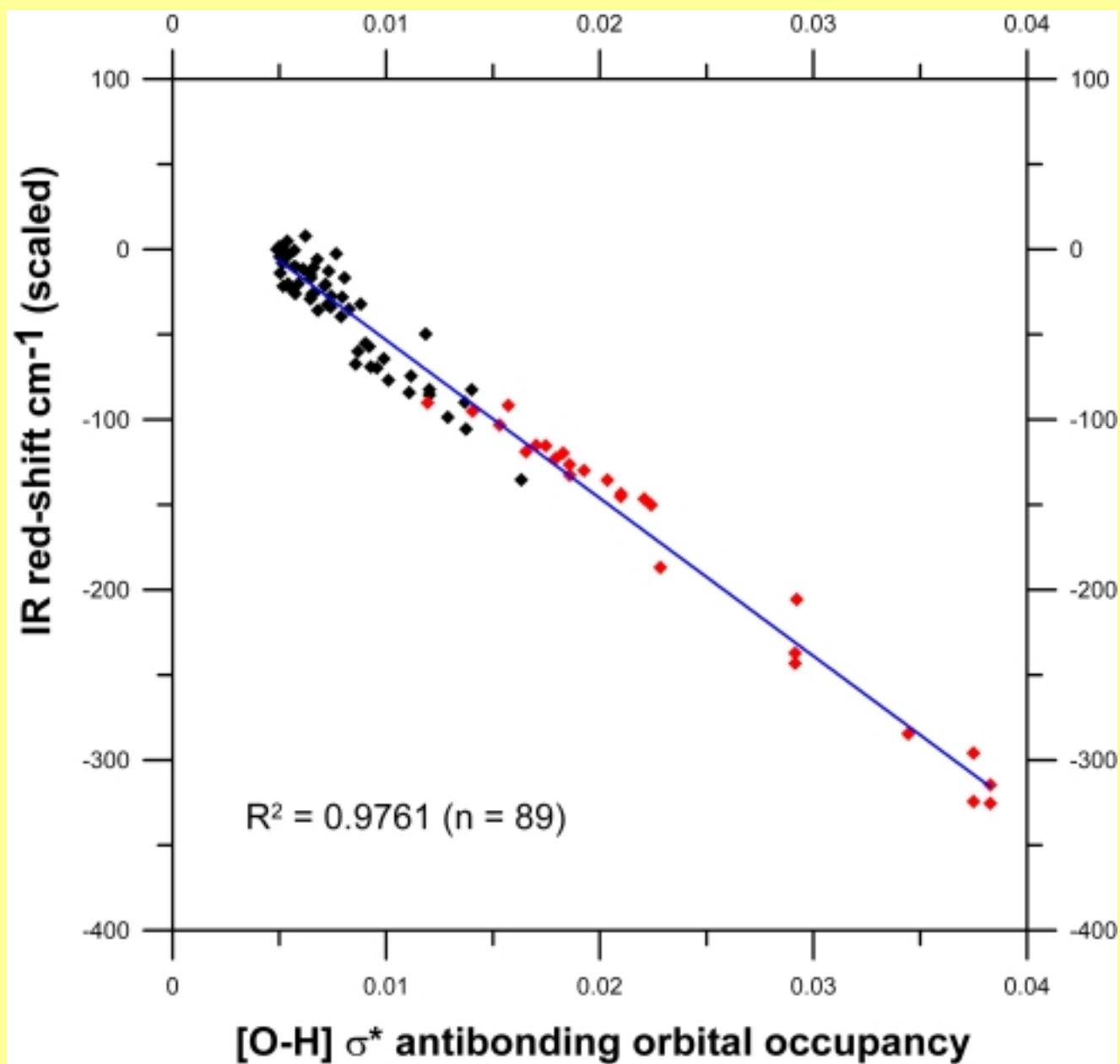
unscaled ($\nu_1 - \nu_2$)

Dihydroxypyrrolidine conformers

DHCPyr	O _A -H	O-H _D	HB?
A1	<i>26.0</i>	<i>82.3</i>	<i>N</i>
A2	-4.8	115.3	Y
B1	<i>10.7</i>	<i>85.4</i>	<i>N</i>
B2	5.8	95.1	Y
C1	22.8	135.5	Y
C2	13.9	122.8	Y
D1	<i>0.6</i>	<i>89.8</i>	<i>N</i>
D2	<i>26.0</i>	<i>82.4</i>	<i>N</i>

Scaled IR red-shifts in cm⁻¹ referenced to 12EG_confA

Diol [O-H] σ^* occupancies



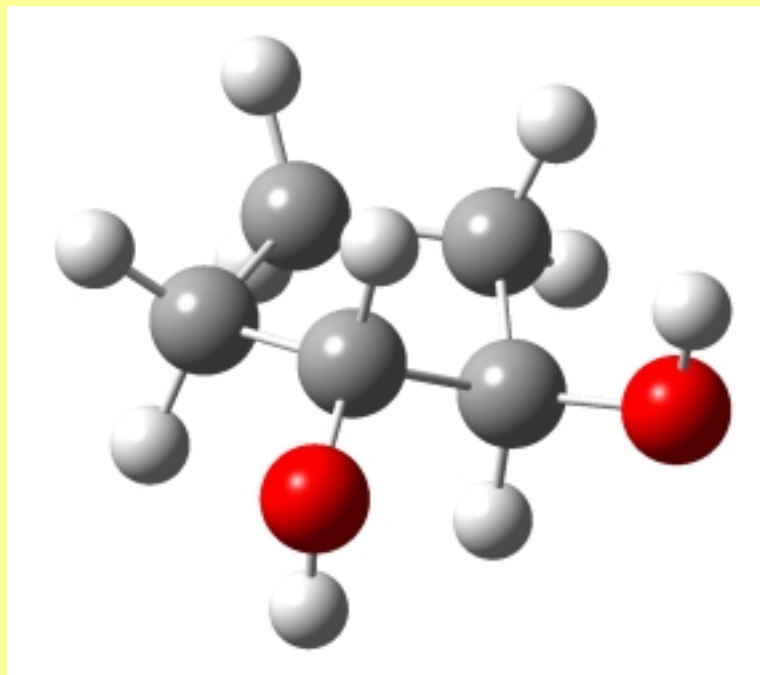
IR red-shifts and antibonding orbital occupancies without hydrogen bonding

Ethanediol Conformer	kcal/mol	ν cm ⁻¹	shift cm ⁻¹	occupancy $\sigma^*[\text{O—H}]$
<i>tTt</i>	2.35	3690.5 (s)	0.0	0.00489
		3691.0 (a)		
<i>gTt</i>	2.52	3687.0	-3.2	0.00520
		3669.6	-21.2	0.00730
<i>gTg</i>	2.72	3664.6 (a)	-26.4	0.00769
		3665.5 (s)	-25.1	
<i>gTg'</i>	2.52	3668.0 (a)	-23.0	0.00718
		3669.4 (s)	-21.2	
<i>tGt</i>	2.58	3693.5 (a)	+2.5	0.00492
		3693.7 (s)	+3.2	
<i>g'Gg'</i>	0.74	3675.9 (a)	-15.1	0.00641
		3677.4 (s)	-13.2	
<i>g'G'g'</i>	4.95	3659.0 (a)	-32.0	0.00778
		3659.9 (s)	-30.7	
<i>g'Pg'</i>	2.18	3644.5 (s)	-46.1	0.00902
		3648.0 (a)	-43.0	
<i>g'Gt (min)</i>	(00.0)	3636.9	-53.9	0.00920
		3690.8	0.0	0.00512

Average for 1,2-diols = -29.9 ± 9.6 cm⁻¹

IR red-shifts and antibonding orbital occupancies
without hydrogen bonding

1,2-dihydroxycyclopentane



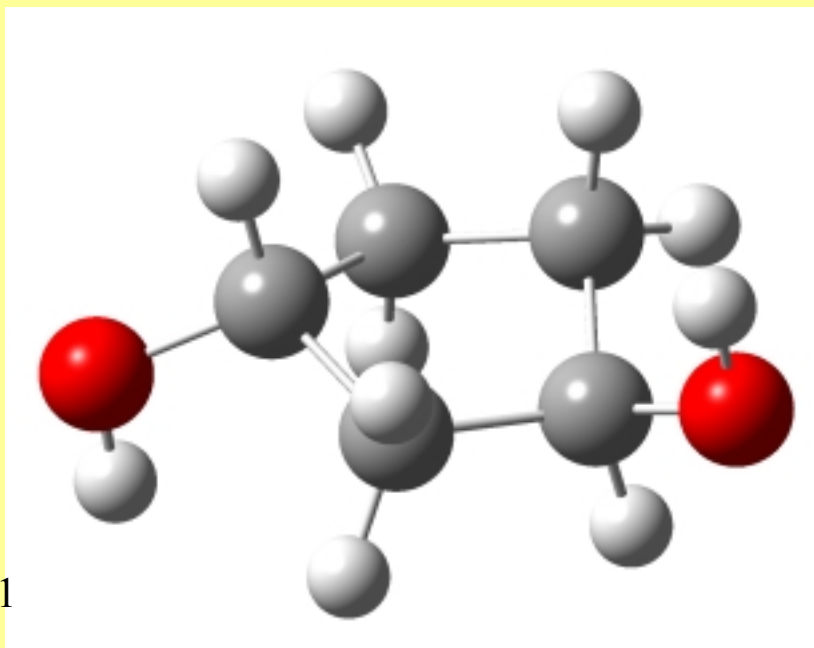
red-shift = 40.0 cm⁻¹

$\sigma^*[\text{O-H}] = 0.00907$

C-H \Rightarrow $\sigma^*[\text{O-H}]$
= 2.99 kcal/mole

IR red-shifts and antibonding orbital occupancies
without hydrogen bonding

1,3-dihydroxycyclopentane



red-shift = 43.5 cm^{-1}

$\sigma^*[\text{O-H}] = 0.00944$

C-H $\Rightarrow \sigma^*[\text{O-H}]$
= 3.04 kcal/mole

Hyperconjugation and Steric Effects (a.k.a. Pauli Exchange Repulsion)

$\sigma_{\text{CH}} - \sigma_{\text{CH}}^*$ in Ethane

(Weinhold & Landis, 2005)

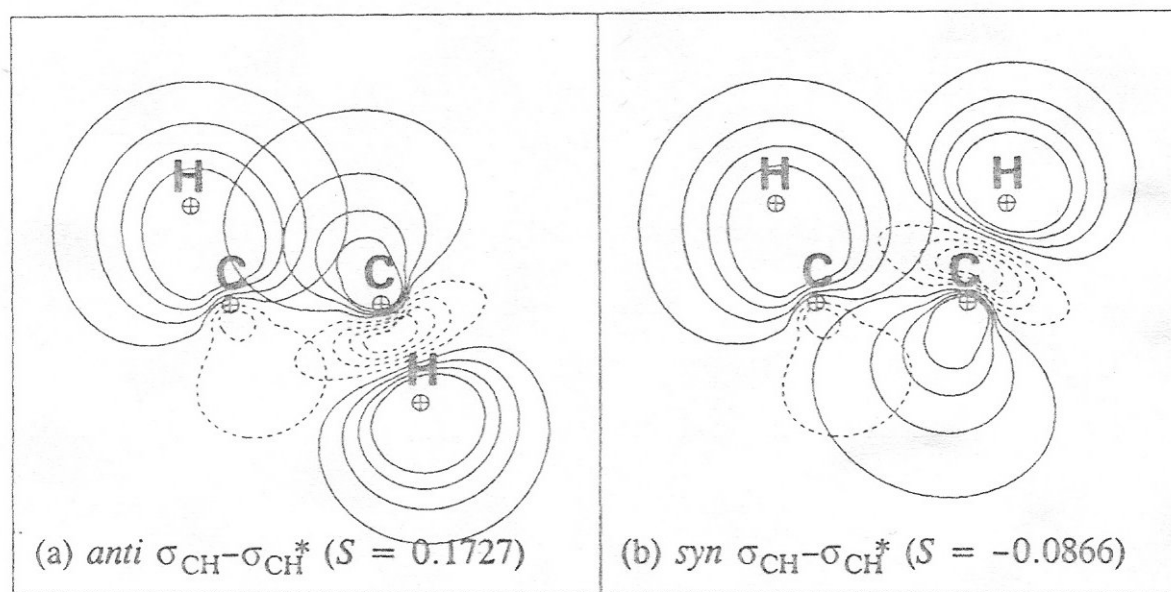


Figure 3.55 Leading $\sigma_{\text{CH}} - \sigma_{\text{CH}}^*$ hyperconjugative donor-acceptor interactions in the staggered (left) and eclipsed (right) conformers of ethane.

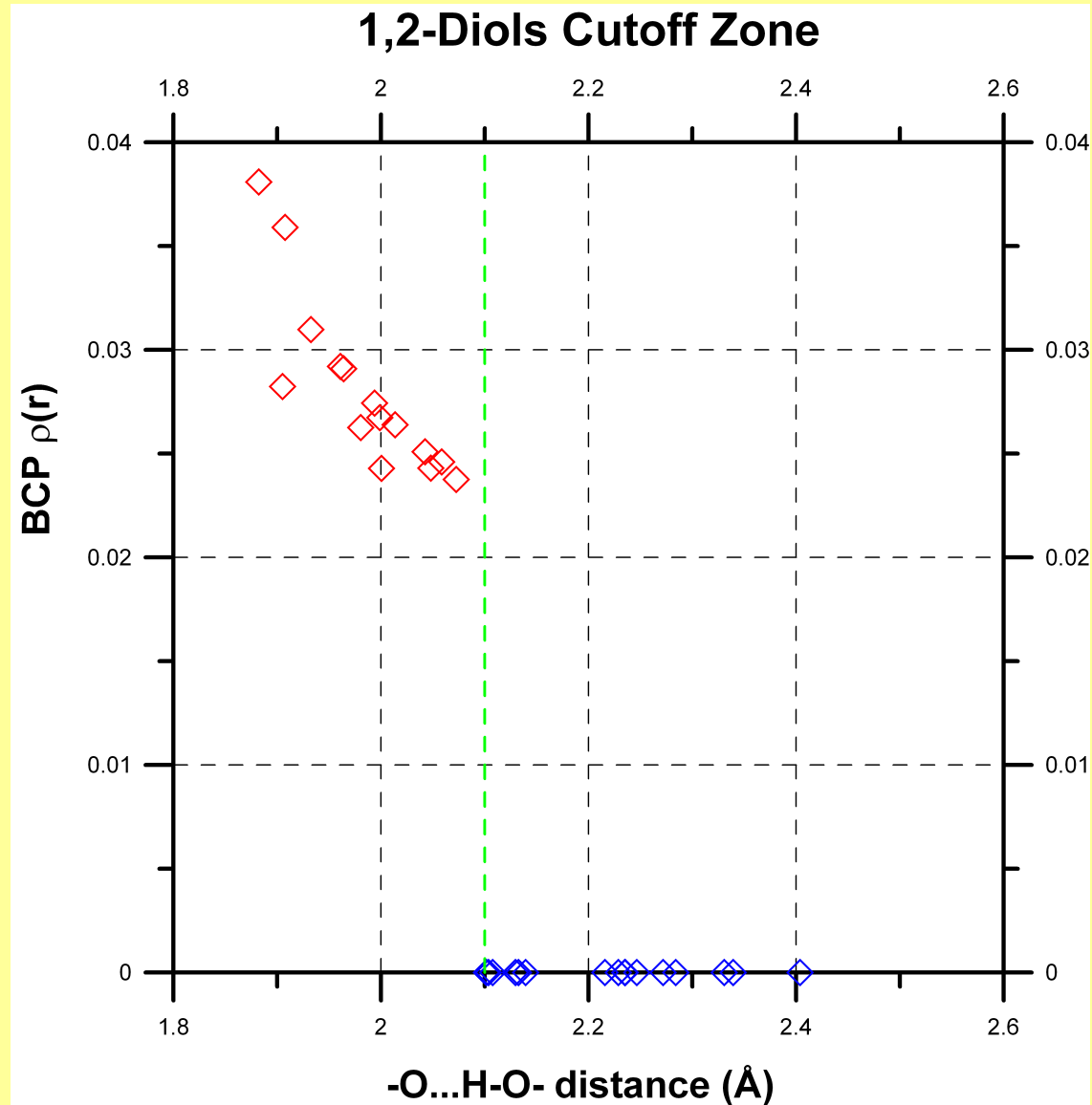
Numerical overlap integral (S) larger by a factor of two for the *anti*-periplanar arrangement compared to the *syn*-periplanar one.

$n_o \Rightarrow [O-H]\sigma^*$ hyperconjugation in 1,2-diols

	HB?	kcal/mole		HB?	kcal/mole
12EGb	<i>N</i>	<i>0.54</i>	DHCP A1	<i>N</i>	<i>1.76</i>
12EGd	<i>N</i>	<i>0.98</i>	DHCP A2	Y	3.96
13PG	Y	4.55	DHCP B1	<i>N</i>	<i>1.77</i>
14BD	Y	11.57	DHCP B2	Y	2.68
15PD	Y	8.06	DHCP C1	Y	4.63
16HD	Y	7.64	DHCP C2	Y	3.65
NB2OH	Y	3.52	DHCP D1	<i>N</i>	<i>2.06</i>
NB4OHex	Y	5.28	DHCP D2	<i>N</i>	<i>1.33</i>
NB4OHen	Y	7.02	Ribose A	Y	3.19
NB4OHm	Y	5.37	Ribose B	<i>N</i>	<i>1.60</i>
NB4OHdi	Y	3.19			

Average $\sigma \Rightarrow \sigma^*$ stabilisation = 4.41 ± 0.38 kcal/mole

Geometric Cutoff Point



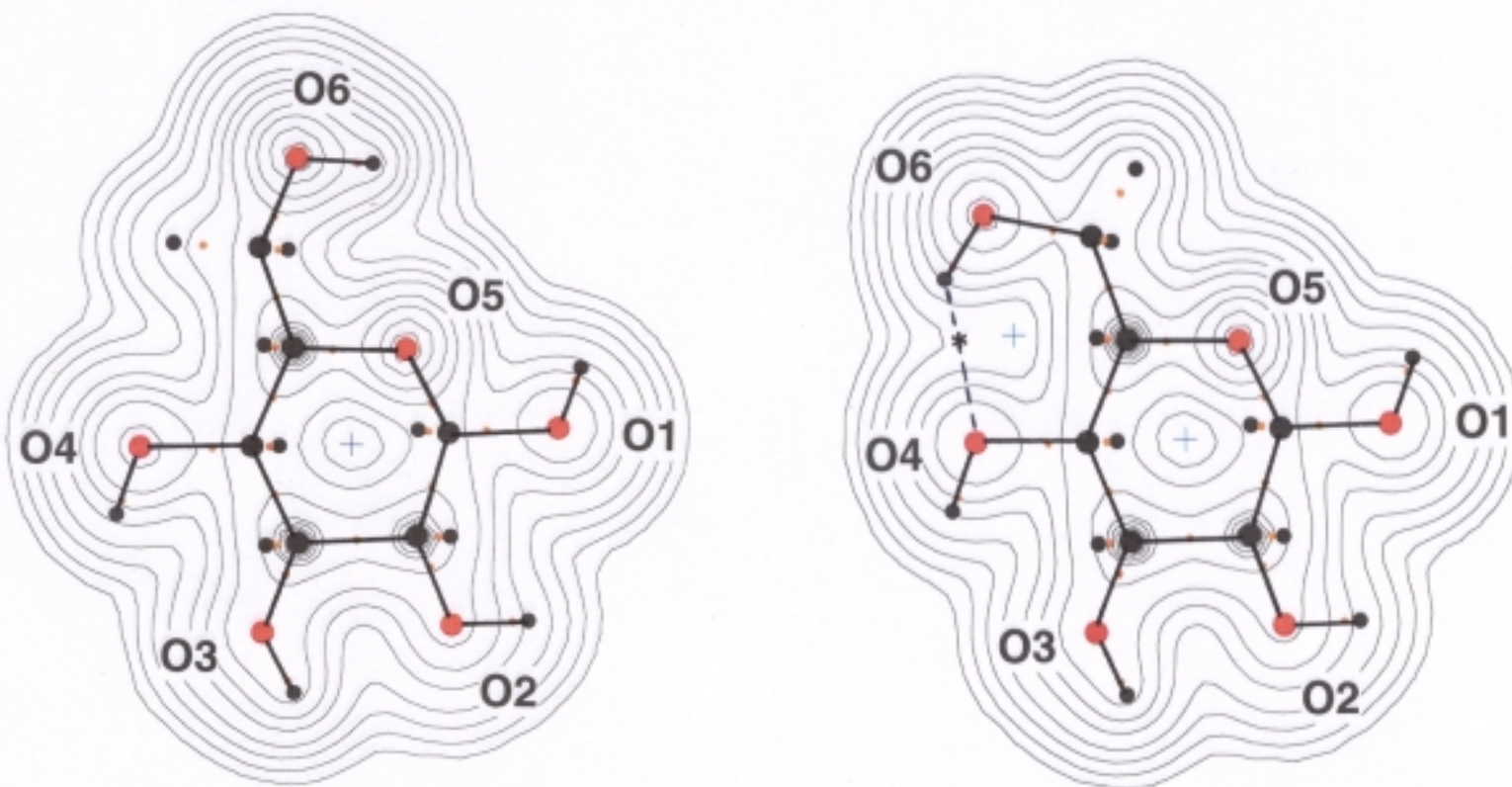
Hyperconjugation v. Pauli Exchange

Structure	[S*]	[S]	$\Delta E_{n \rightarrow \sigma^*}$	$\Delta E_{\text{exchange}}$	ΔE_{diff}
12EG (<i>tGg'</i>)	0.0601	0.1066	-0.54	+1.29	+0.75
12EG (<i>gGg'</i>)	0.0817	0.1024	-0.98	+1.56	+0.58
12PG (<i>tG'g</i>)	0.1038	0.1335	-0.87	+1.95	+1.08
12PG (<i>tGg'</i>)	0.0899	0.1166	-0.71	+1.57	+0.86
23BD (<i>meso</i>)	0.1166	0.1388	-1.00	+2.08	+1.08
13PG (<i>tGG'g</i>)	0.2596	0.1836	-4.55	+4.52	-0.03
13BD (<i>A</i>)	0.2860	0.2034	-5.63	+5.48	-0.15
13BD (<i>B</i>)	0.2473	0.1785	-5.64	+5.74	+0.10
2M13PG (<i>A</i>)	0.2602	0.1881	-4.53	+4.67	+0.14
24PD (<i>dl</i>)	0.2789	0.2082	-4.90	+5.48	+0.58
24PD (<i>meso</i>)	0.3027	0.2250	-6.13	+6.41	+0.28
14BD	0.3687	0.2298	-11.57	+9.00	-2.57
25HD (<i>dl</i>)	0.3801	0.2542	-12.60	+10.62	-1.98
25HD (<i>meso</i>)	0.3658	0.2415	-11.29	+9.43	-1.86
15PD	0.3441	0.2108	-8.06	+6.40	-1.66
16HD	0.3068	0.1915	-7.64	+5.51	-2.07

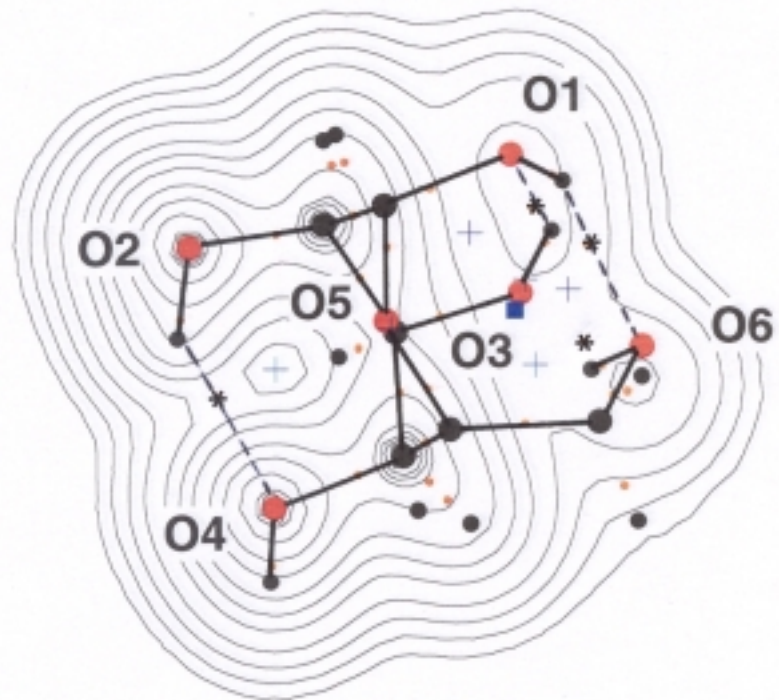
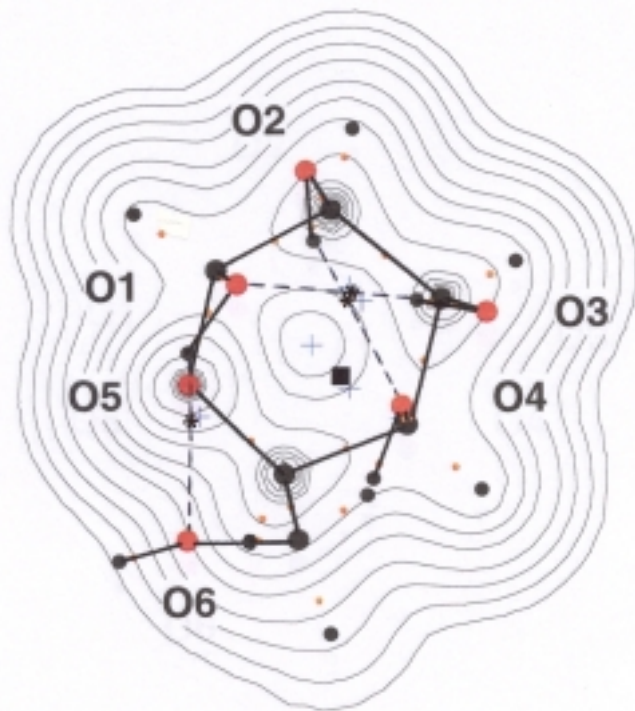
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- carbohydrate rings, e.g., hexopyranose

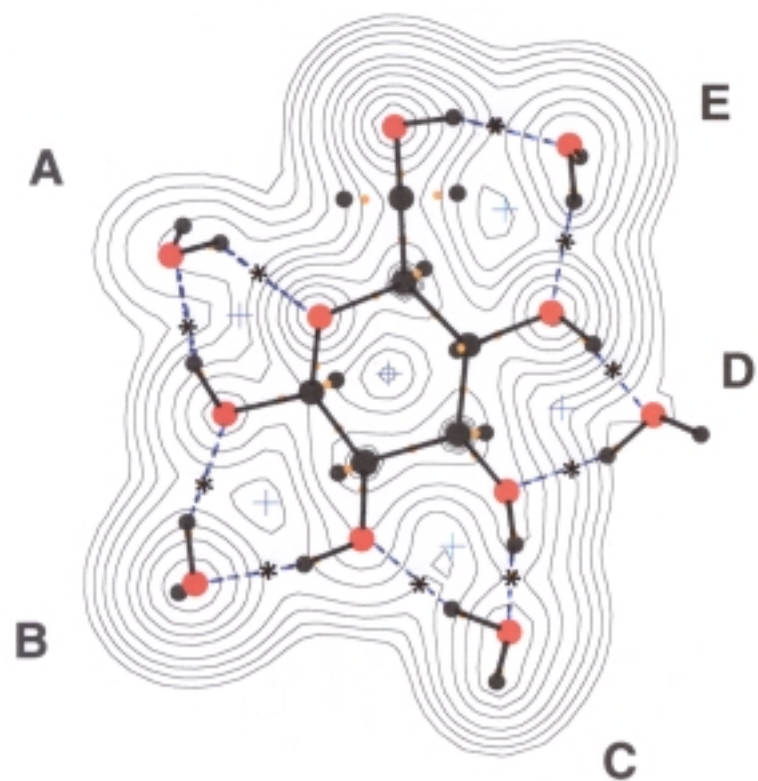
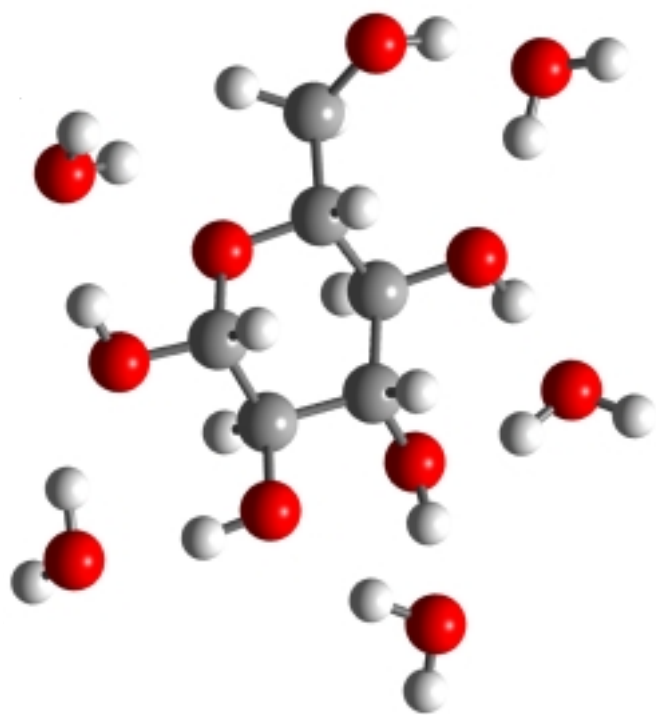
Glucopyranose ${}^4C_1 g^+ / trans$



Glucopyranose ${}^1\text{C}_4 g^+$



Hydrogen Bond Cooperativity



Diols and Water Structure

VDW atomic radii and interpenetration

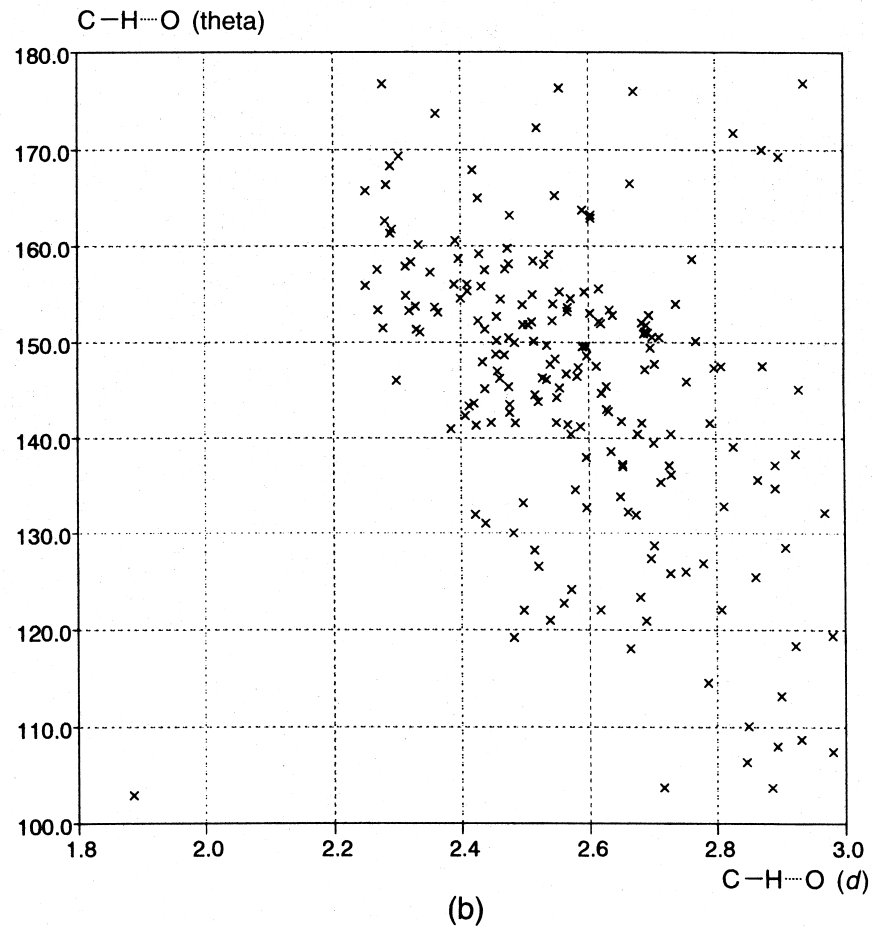
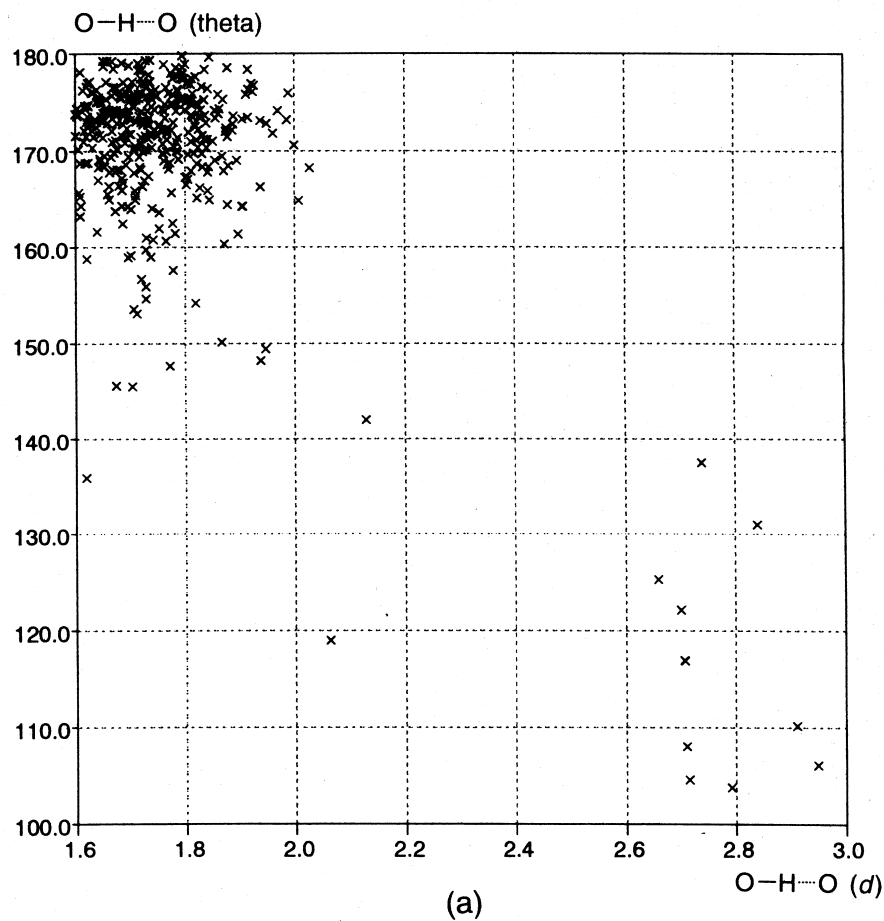


Fig. 1.5. Difference between strong and weak hydrogen bonds. θ - d scatterplots for (a) O—H \cdots O and (b) C—H \cdots O hydrogen bonds in synthons 4 and 5, respectively (CSD data). The weak hydrogen bonds span much wider ranges of angles and distances than the tightly grouped sample of strong hydrogen bonds. Note, however, the roughly inverse θ - d correlation in the right hand side plot, that is characteristic of a hydrogen bonding interaction.

from Desiraju, G.R.; Steiner, T. (1999)

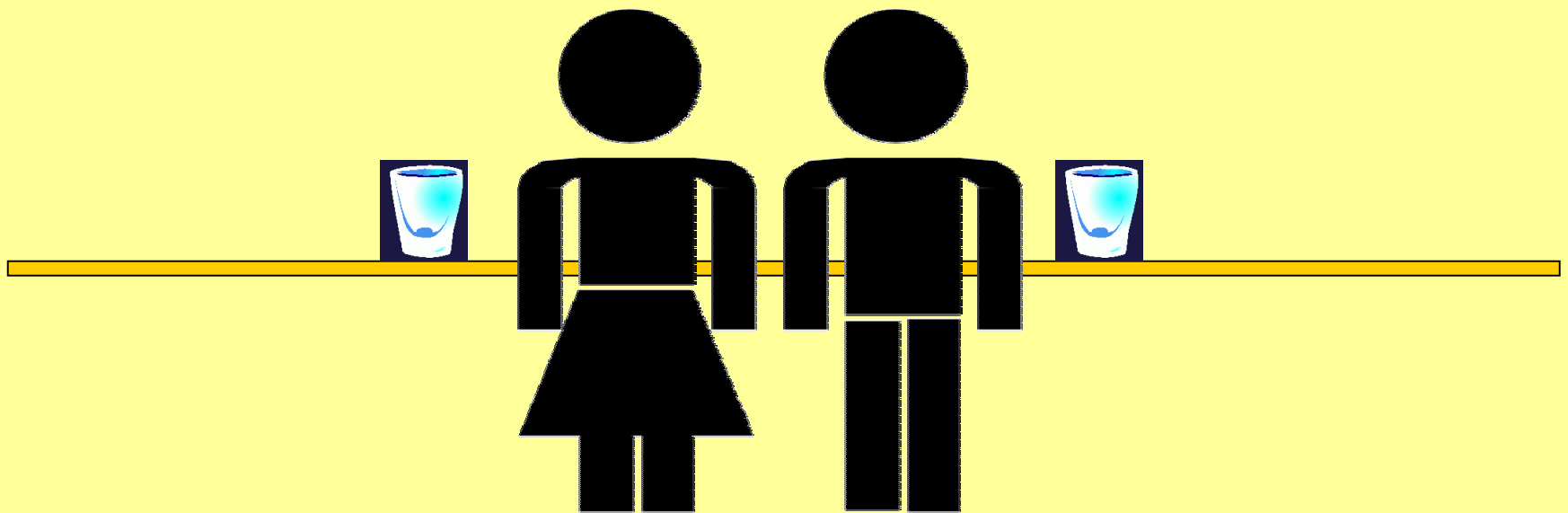
Distance Criteria?

What information can be extracted from separation distance?



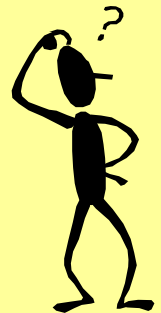
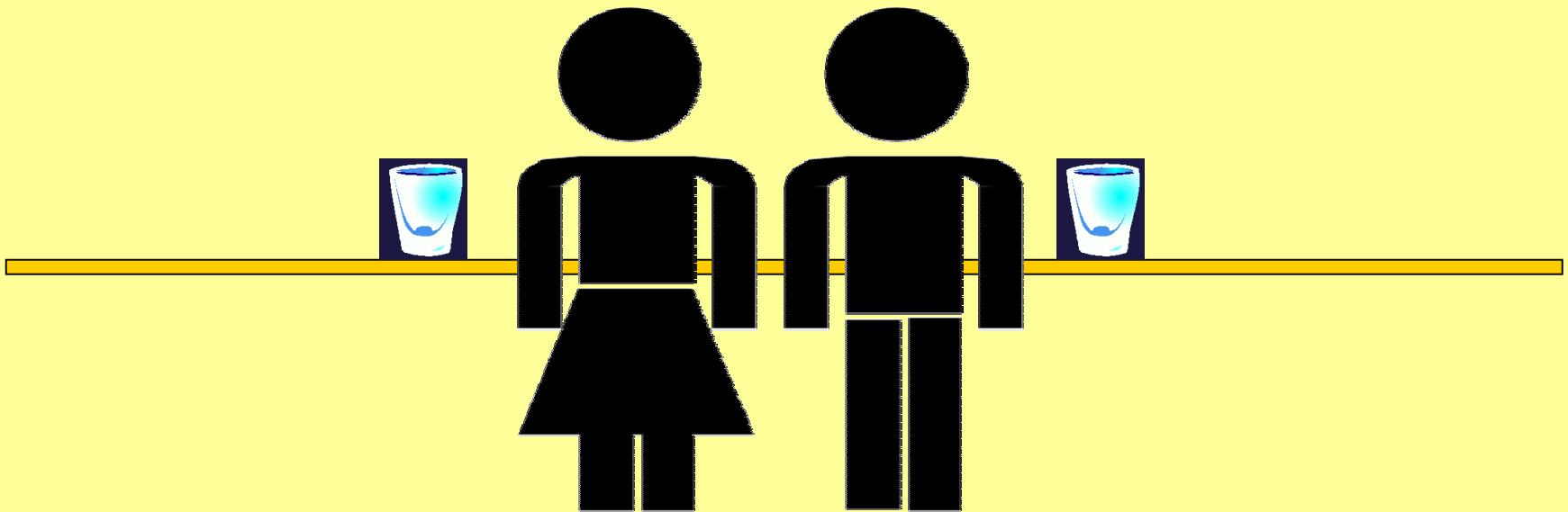
Distance Criteria?

Interaction likely!



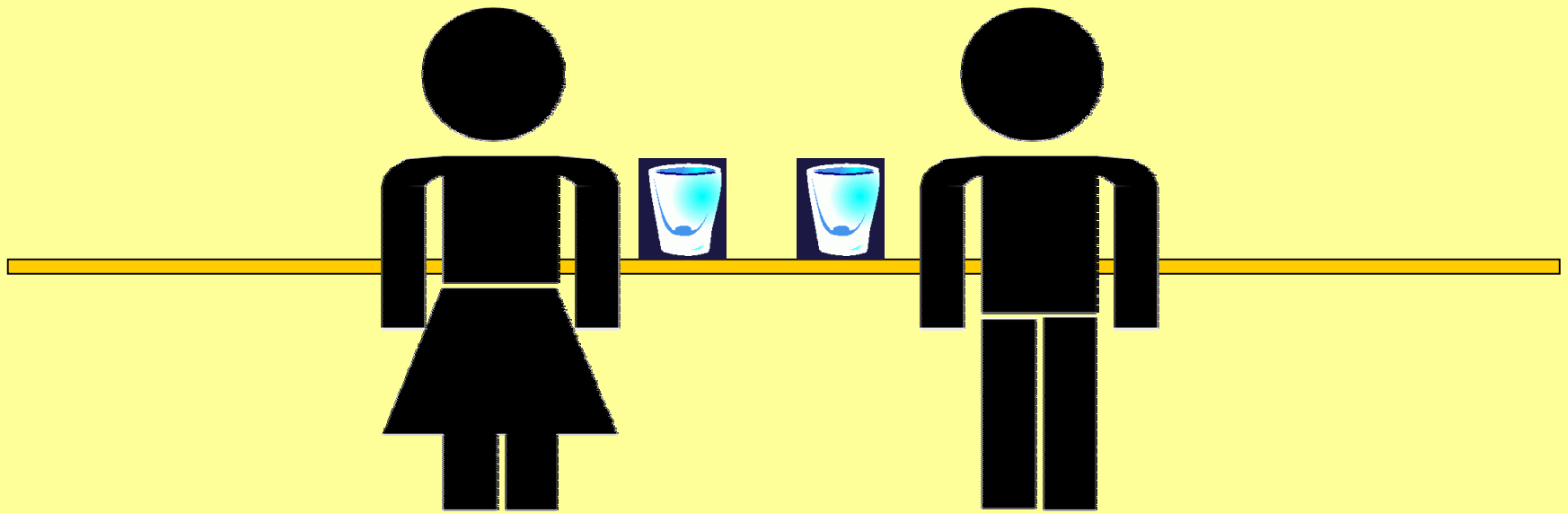
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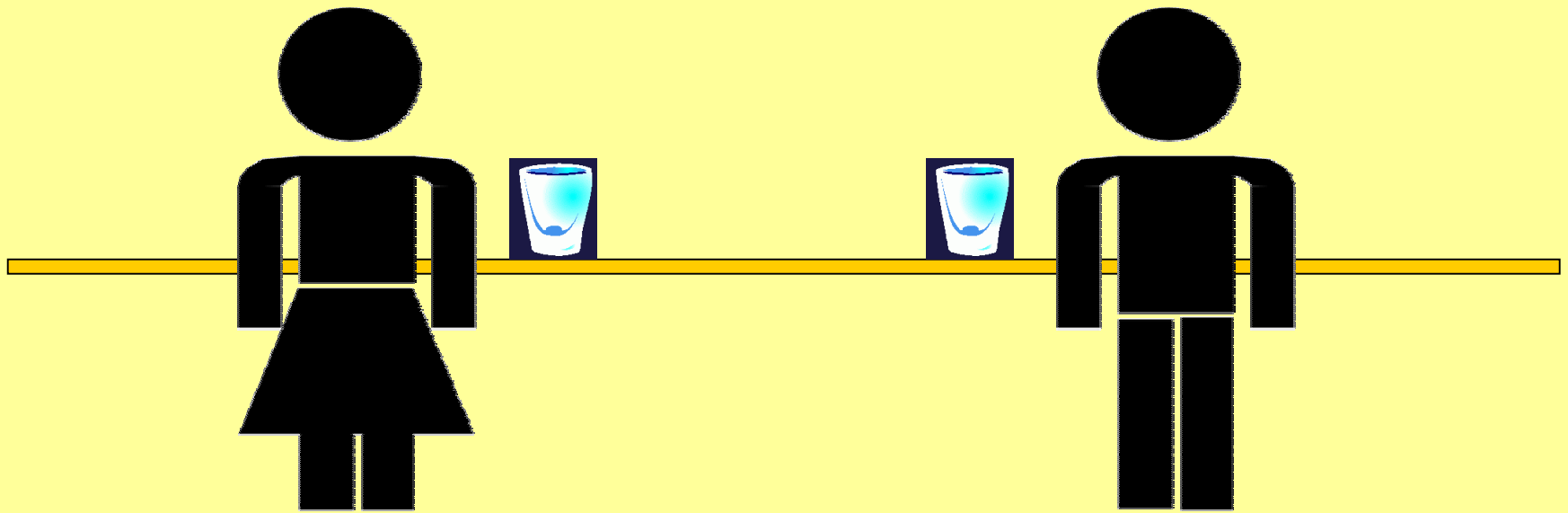
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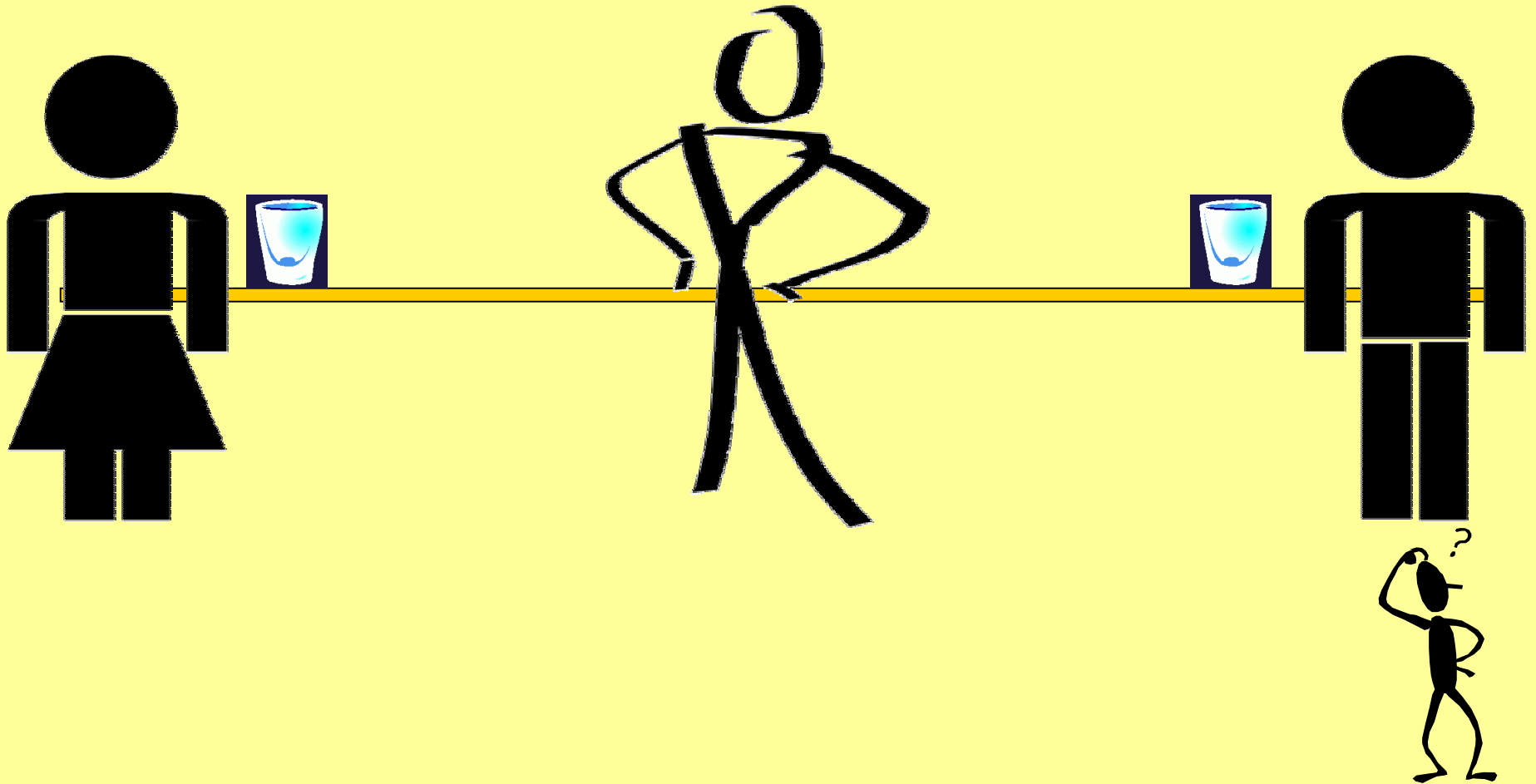
Distance Criteria?

May talk to one another



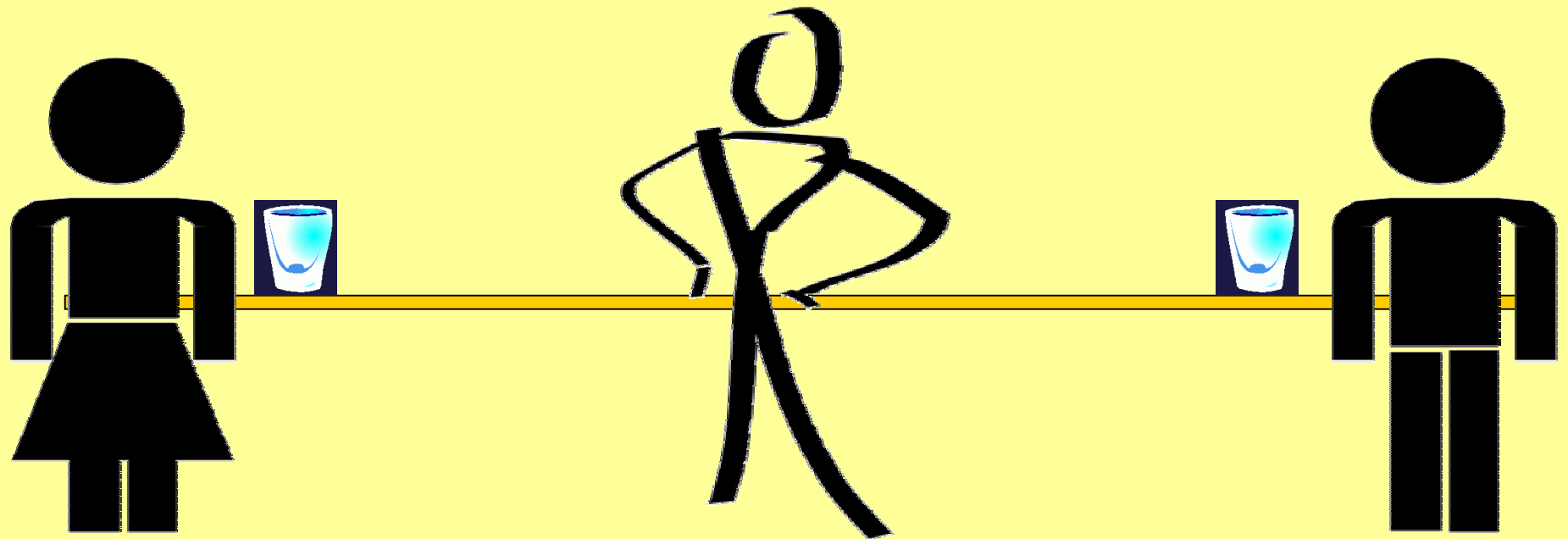
Distance Criteria?

Unlikely to be talking



Distance Criteria?

Unlikely to be talking (probably married!)



Modified Atomic Radii

Source	H	N	O	-H...N-	-H...O-
Bondi	1.2	1.55	1.52	2.75	2.72
Pauling	1.2	1.5	1.4	2.70	2.72
Rowland & Taylor	1.1	1.64	1.58	2.74	2.68
Yang & Davidson	1.06	1.36	1.27	2.42	2.33
Bader (a)	1.52	1.77	1.68	3.29	3.20
(b)	1.34	1.62	1.55	3.08	2.89
Klein (a)	1.34	1.87	1.68	3.21	3.02
(b)	1.18	1.66	1.50	2.84	2.68
(c)	0.98	1.46	1.33	2.44	2.31
(d)	0.82	1.31	1.20	2.13	2.02

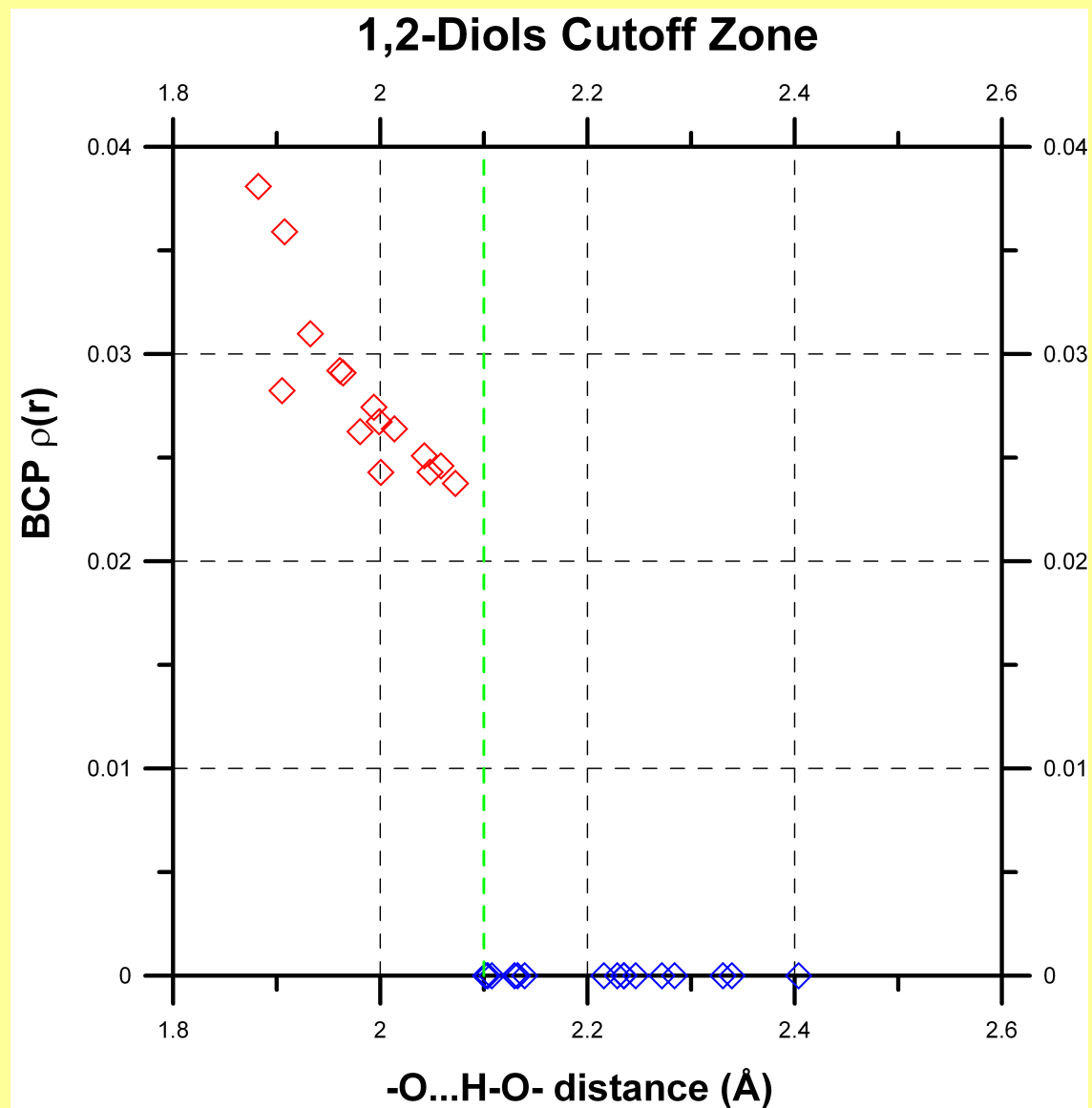
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Diols and Water Structure

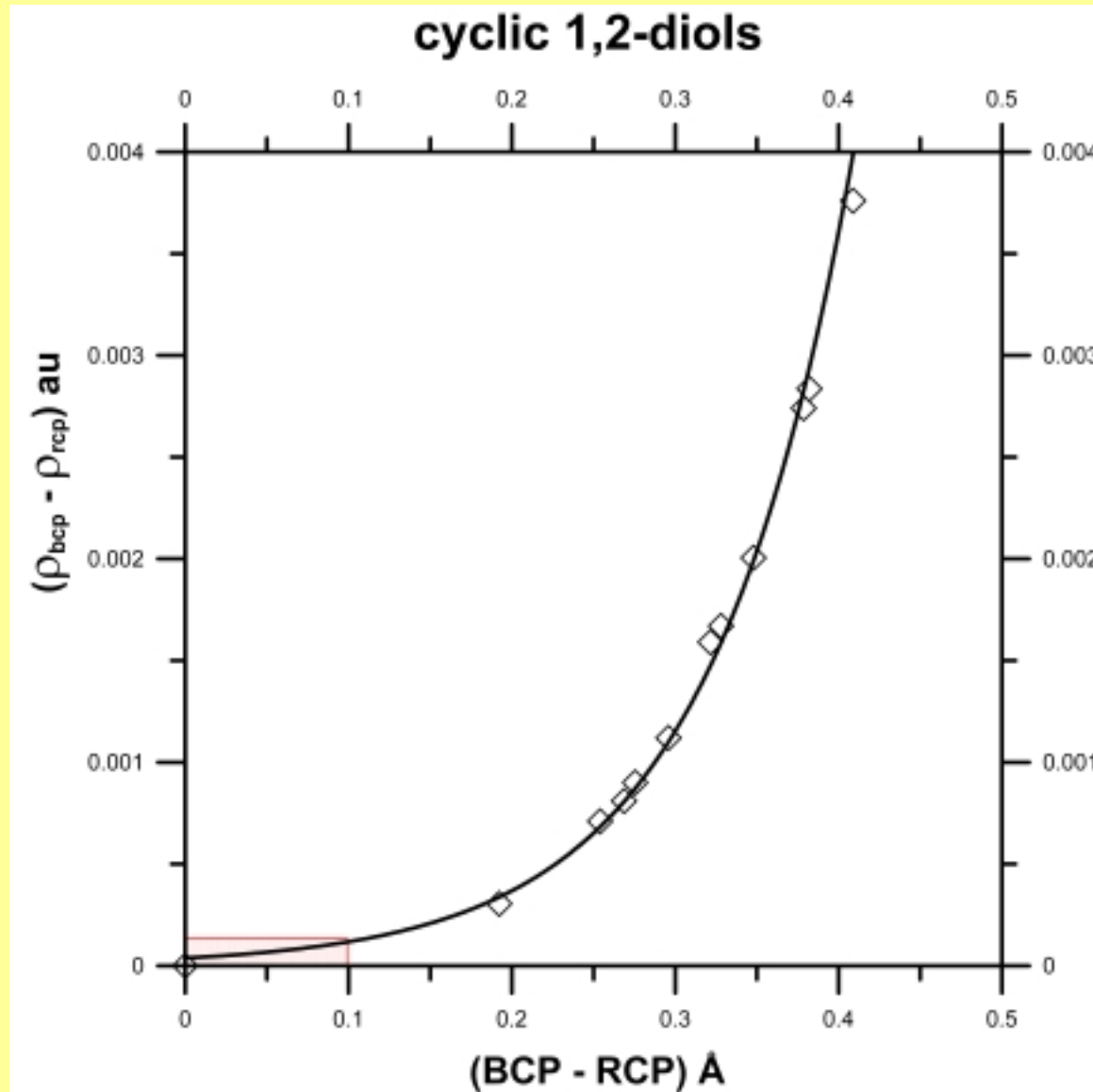
Topological fold catastrophes

Fold Catastrophe = BCP-RCP Coalescence



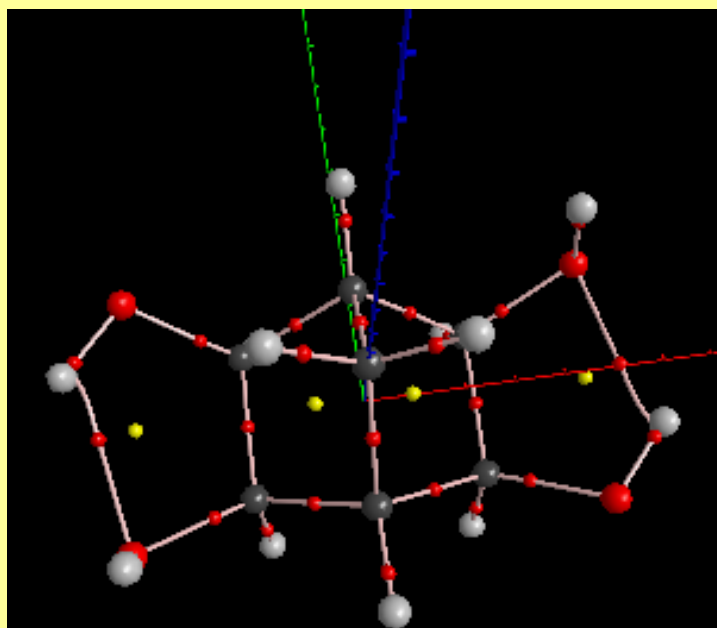
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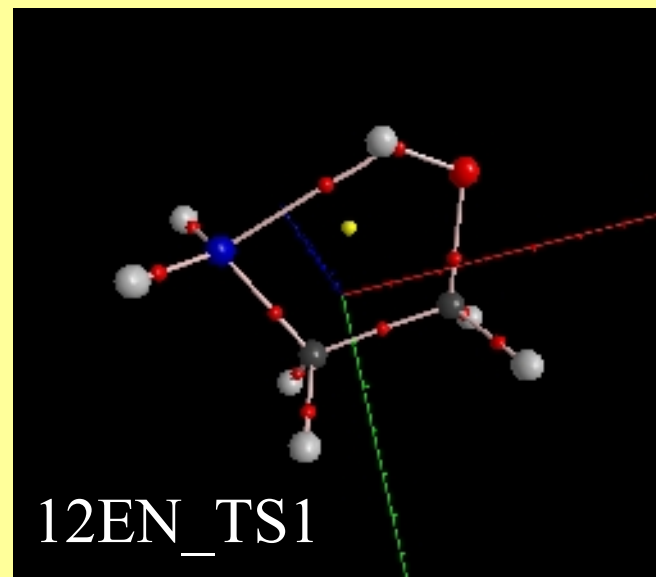


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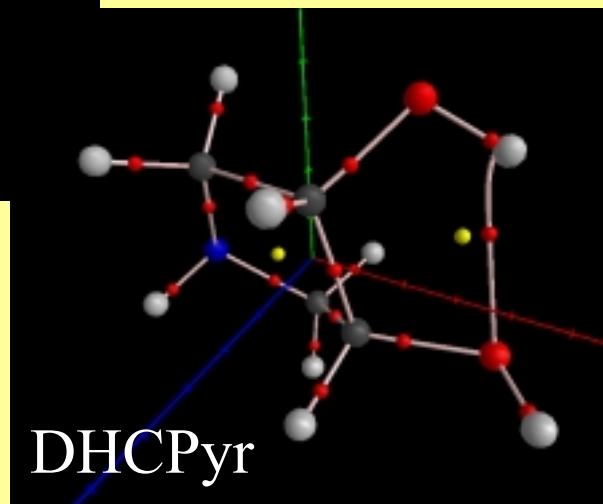


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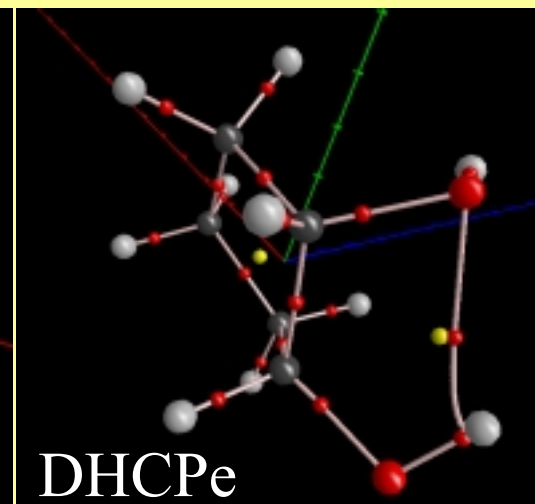


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DHCPe coalesces at
higher levels of theory



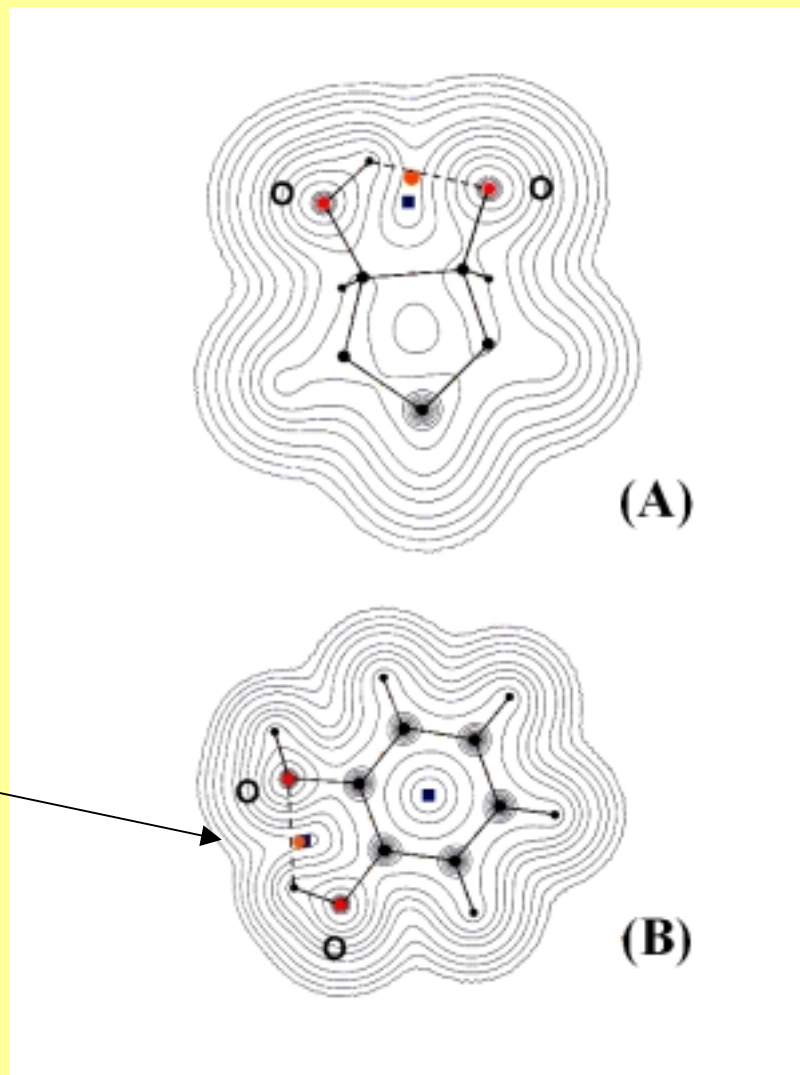
DHCPyr



DHCPe

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DHBz coalesces at
higher levels of theory



NB4OH

DHBz

Figure 5. Electron density contour plots for (A) *endo*-2,3,5,6-tetrahydroxynorbornane calculated at MPW1PW91/6-311+G(2d,p), and (B) *ortho*-dihydroxybenzene at B3LYP/6-31+G(d,p).

Fold Catastrophe = BCP-RCP Coalescence

- Always analyse the BCP and RCP;
- As the BCP and RCP coalesce the **Hydrogen Bond** ceases to exist, i.e., there is no longer concentration of electron density around the internuclear axis;
- A (BCP-RCP) distance of $< 0.1 \text{ \AA}$ and an electron density difference $(\rho_{\text{bcp}} - \rho_{\text{rcp}}) < 0.0002 \text{ au}$, should be treated with caution;
- If there is evidence of incipient BCP:RCP coalescence, then calculations must be made at higher levels of theory until a 'limit situation' is reached;
- Diffuse and polarisation functions as well as electron correlation are important in achieving invariant electron density profiles.

Diols and Water Structure

Cooperativity in water clusters

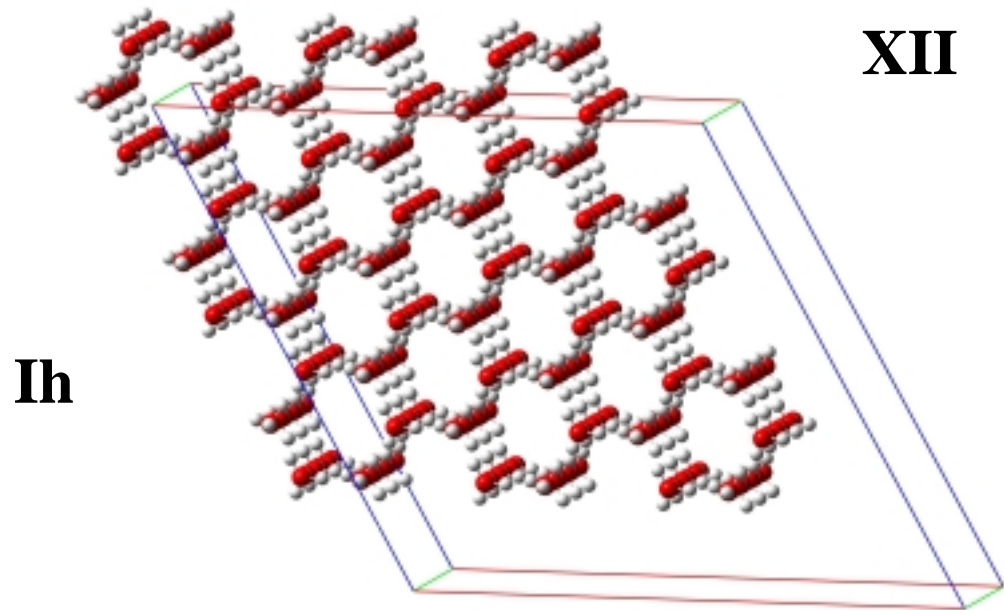
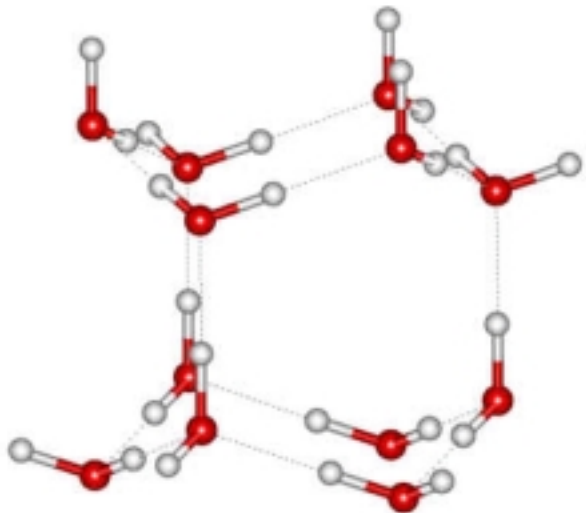
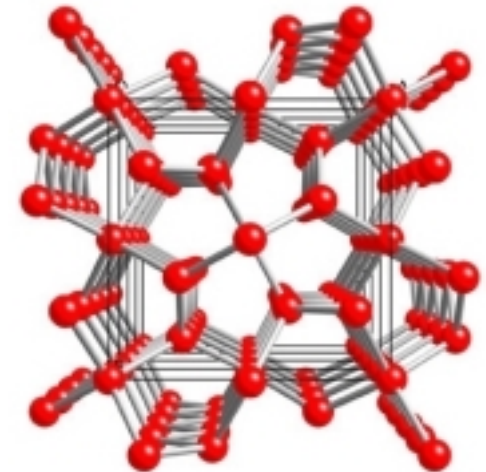
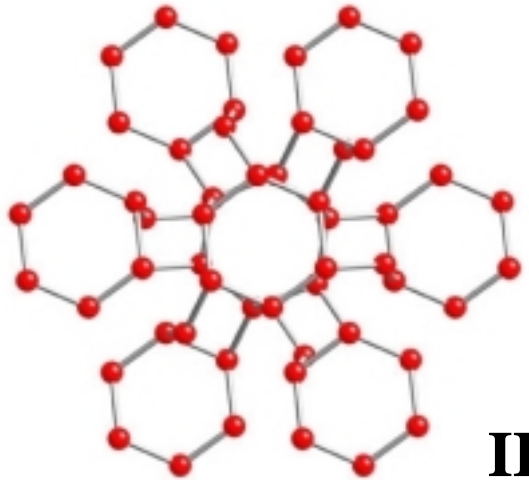
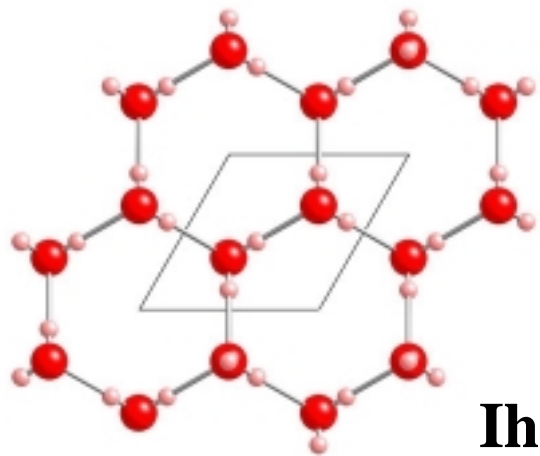
O—O in Clusters

- Calculated O—O in solid, highly structured, edged-fused pentagonal clusters for the O...H—O distance terminated by tetrahedrally coordinated H₂O molecules
- $= 2.72 \pm 0.01 \text{ \AA}$
- compare Bergmann EXAFS = 2.71-2.73 Å

-O...H-O- Cooperativity

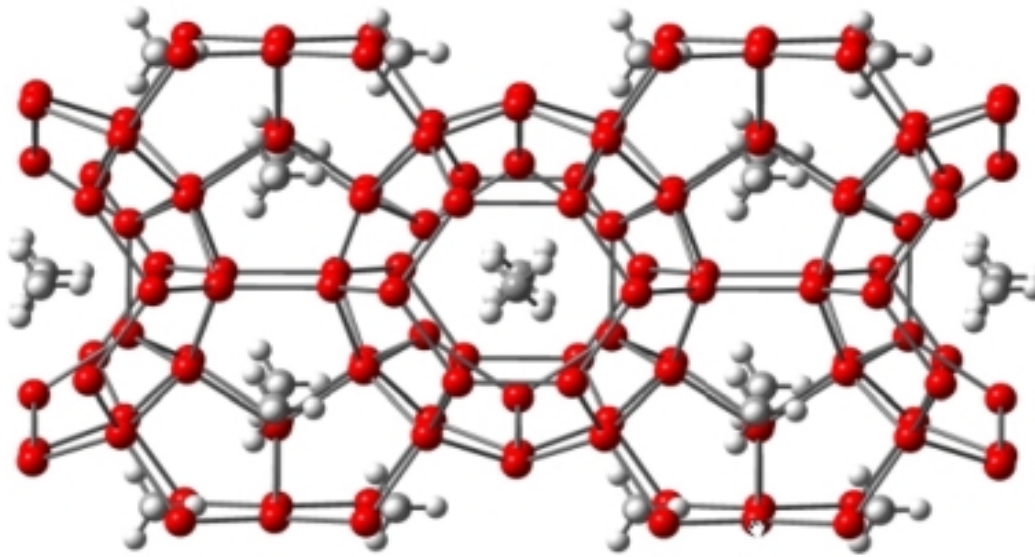
- vibrational relaxation 740 ± 25 femtoseconds;
- for resonant intermolecular energy transfer (RIET), interaction between H₂O molecules must be extremely strong;
- concentration dependence for rotational anisotropy decay shows that RIET occurs for the OH excitation:
- for dipole-dipole Förster-type interaction, rate of energy transfer, $k = T_1^{-1} * [r_0/r]^6$, where T_1 is the lifetime of the excited state and r_0 the Förster radius;
- experimental $T_1 = 4.0 \pm 0.4$ ps; $r_0 = 2.10 \pm 0.05$ Å comparable to O...O in liquid water implying that RIET will be very fast;
- also higher orders and anharmonic coupling;
- Woutersen, S.; Bakker, H.J.; (1999) *Nature* 402, 507

Ice Polymorphs

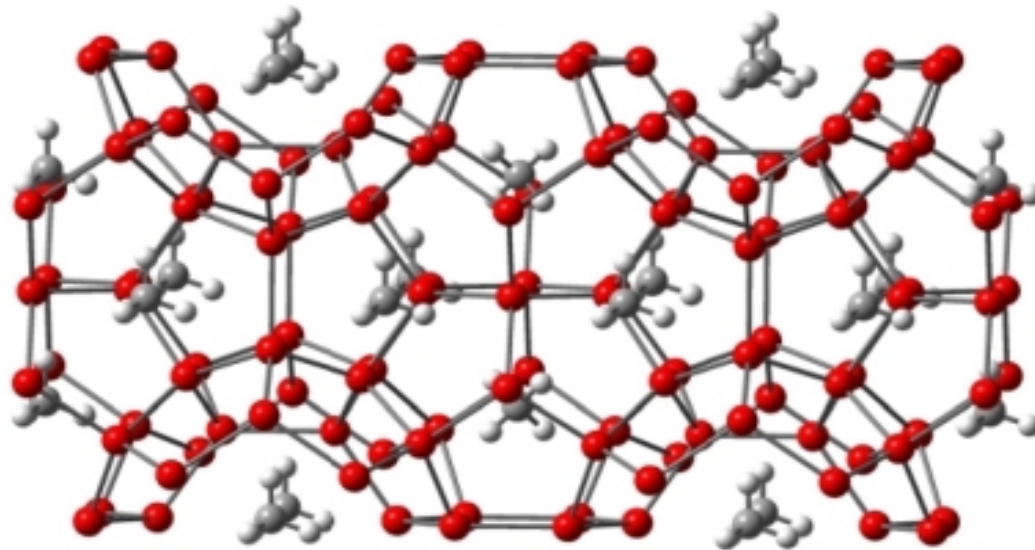


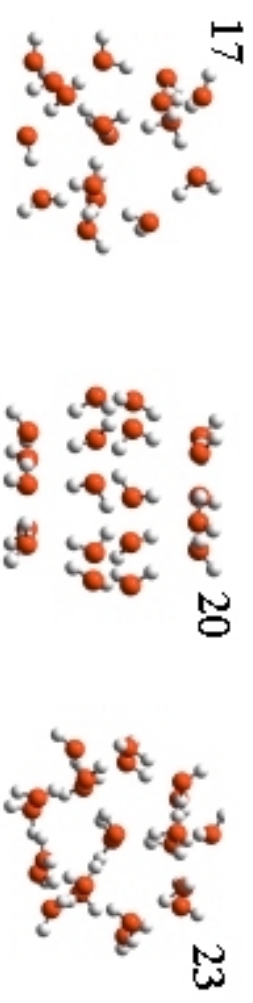
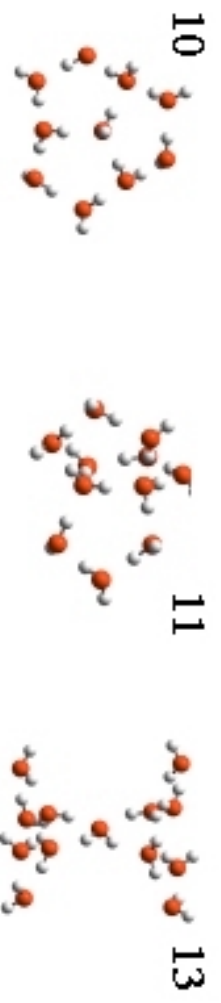
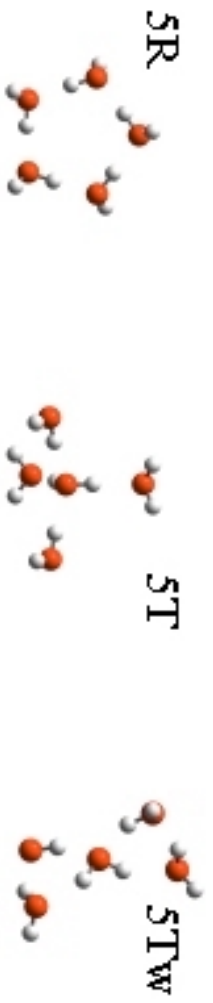
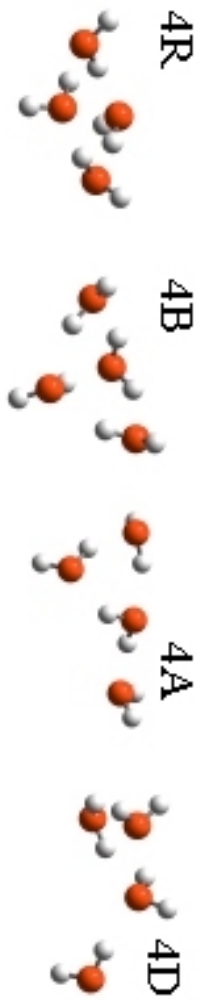
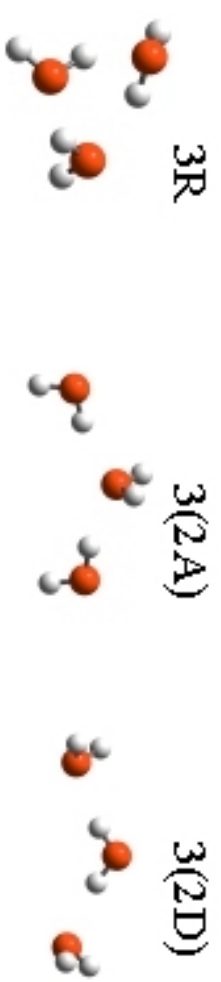
sI Clathrates (5^{12} and $5^{12}6^2$ cages)

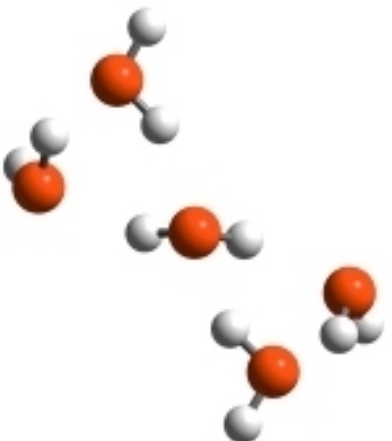
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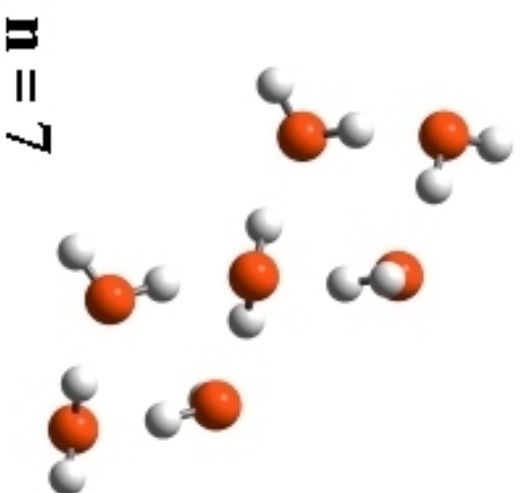
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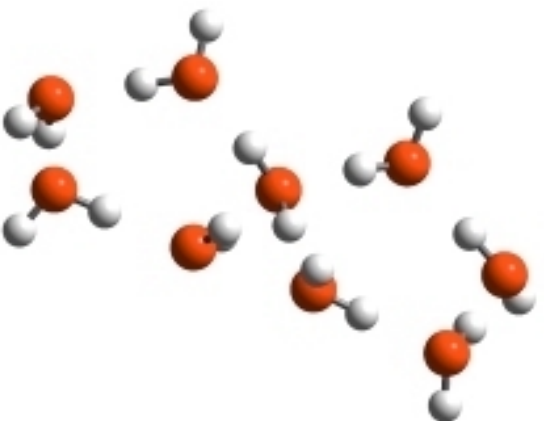




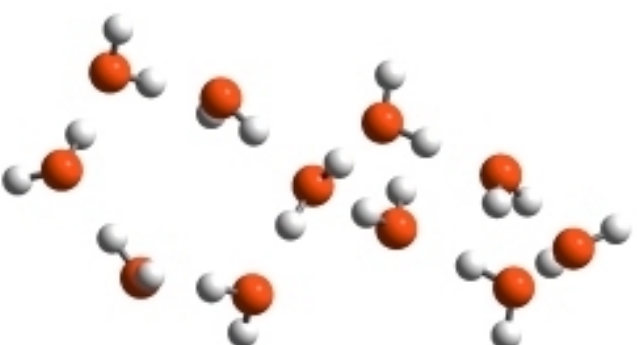
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n = 7



n = 9

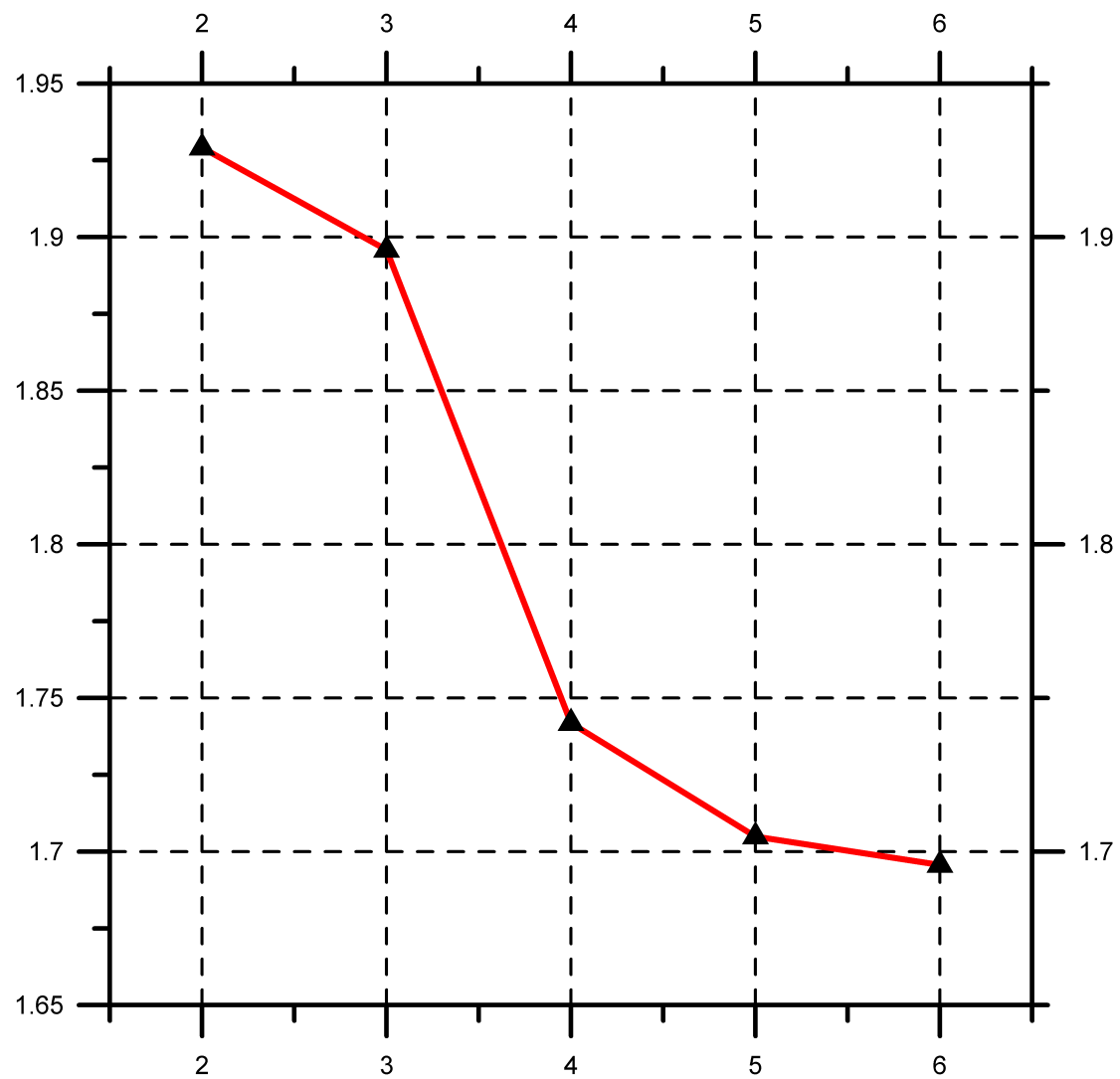


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Cooperativity in Rings

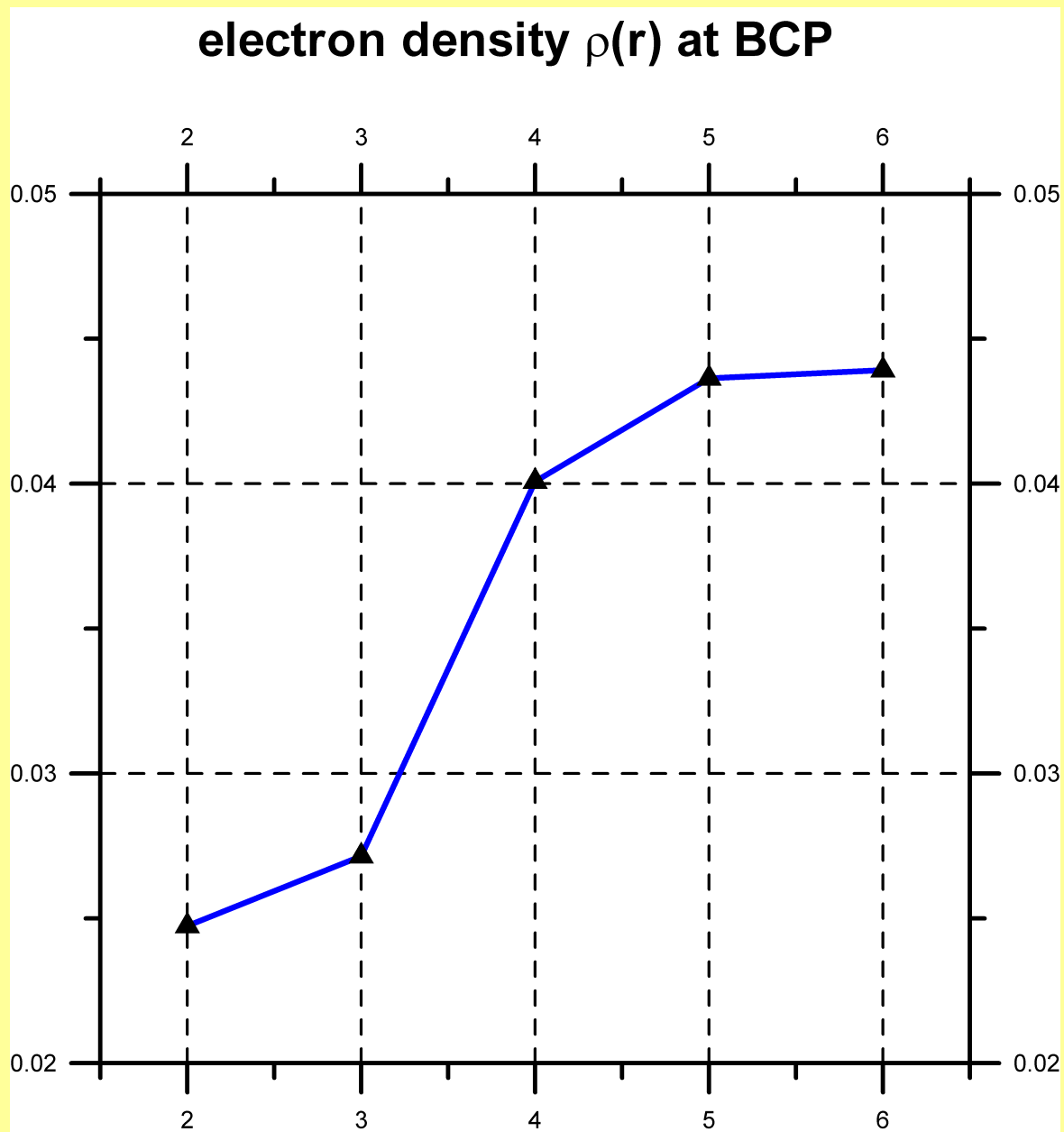
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OA...HD distance in Å



2-coordinated rings

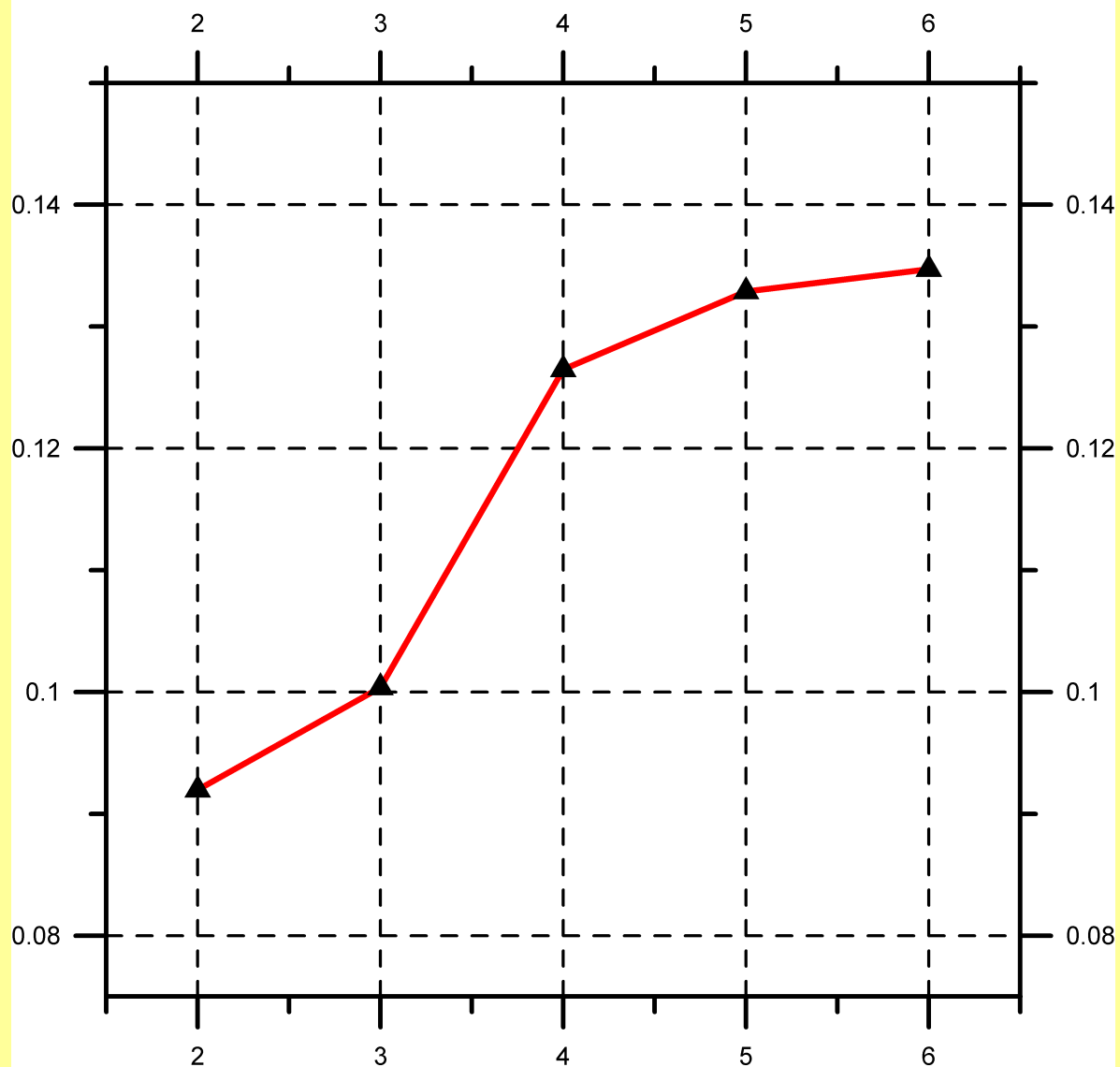
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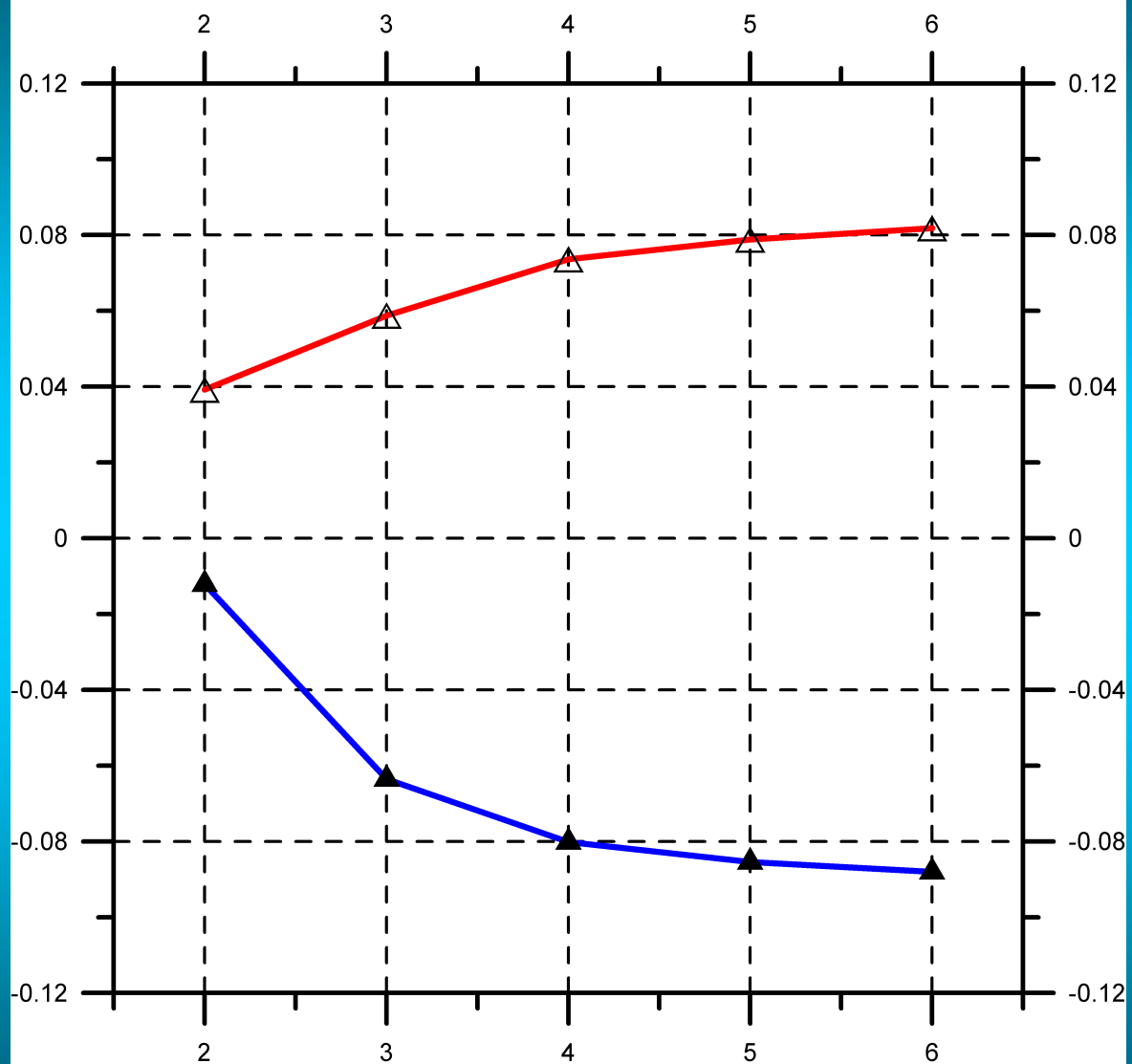
Laplacian of $\rho(r)$ at BCP



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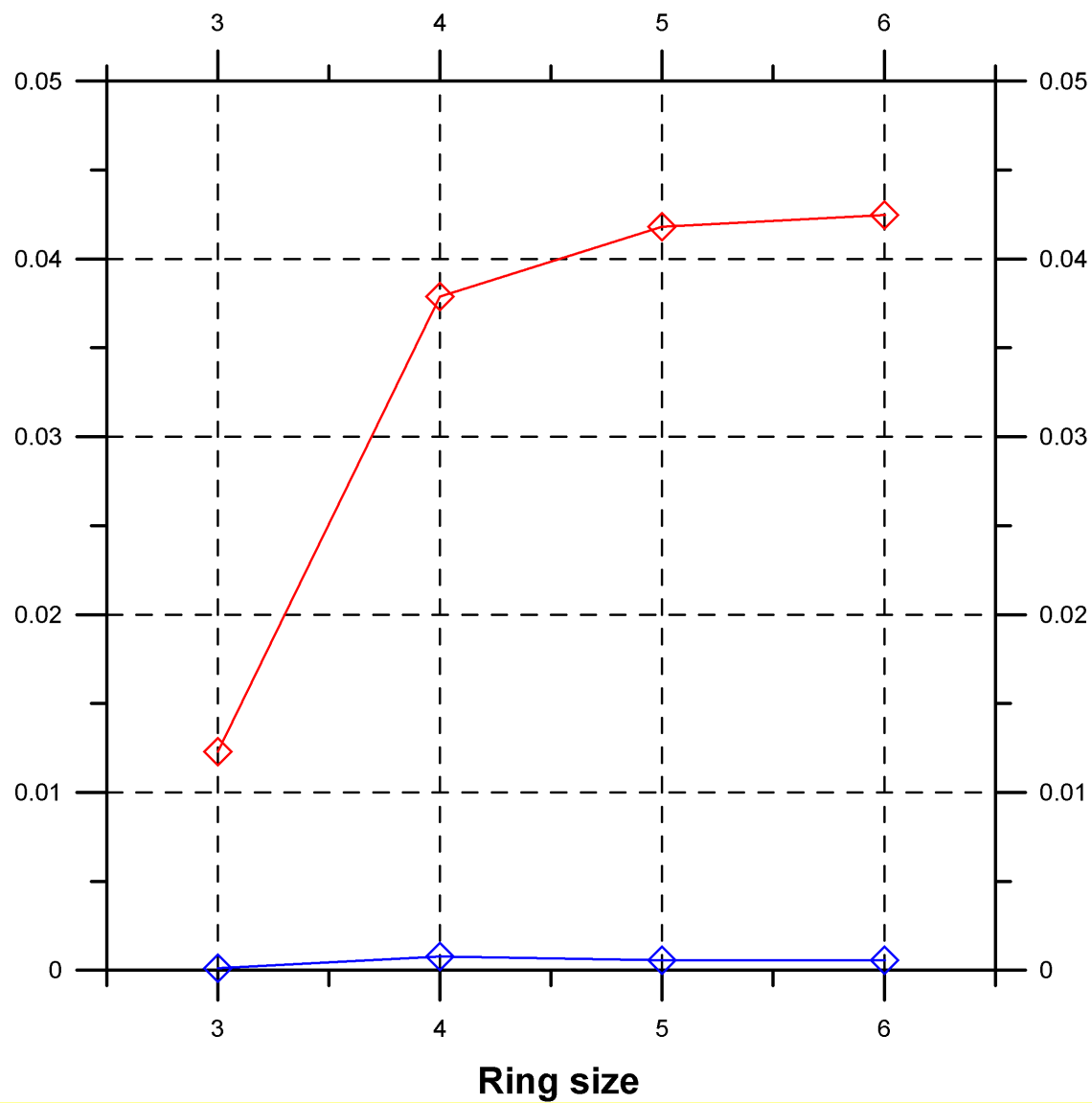
Charge Transfer: red = 'H'; blue = 'O'



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NBO Occupancies for σ^* O-HD (red) and σ^* OA-H (blue)



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^{17}O -NMR Chemical Shielding

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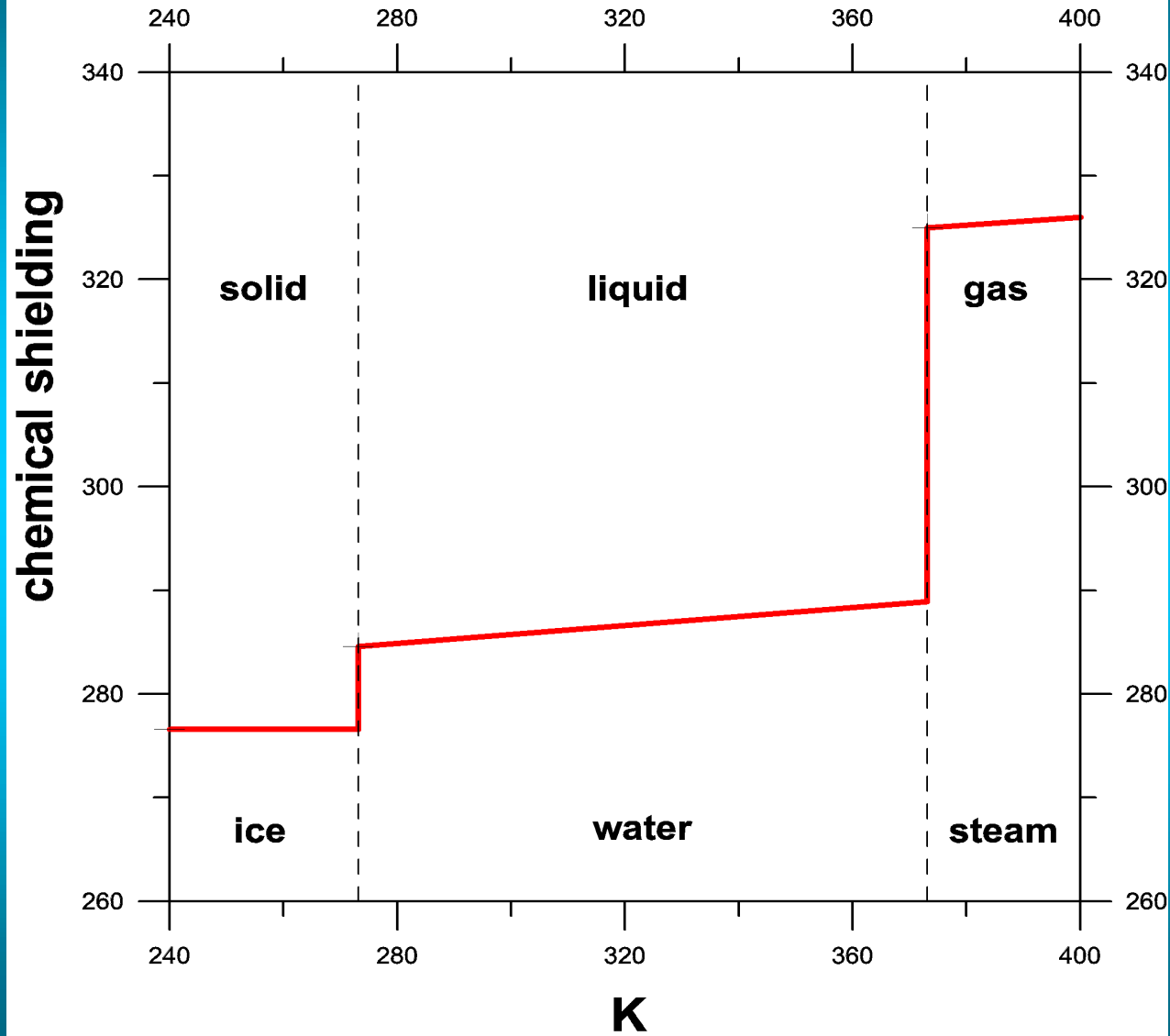
^{17}O Chemical Shift Tensor

Our value of 327.3 ± 0.2 ppm for ^{17}O in monomeric water in the gas-phase compares well with the values given by Vaara, Lounila, Ruud and Helgaker (1998) *Journal of Chemical Physics* 109(19), 8388-8397, namely:

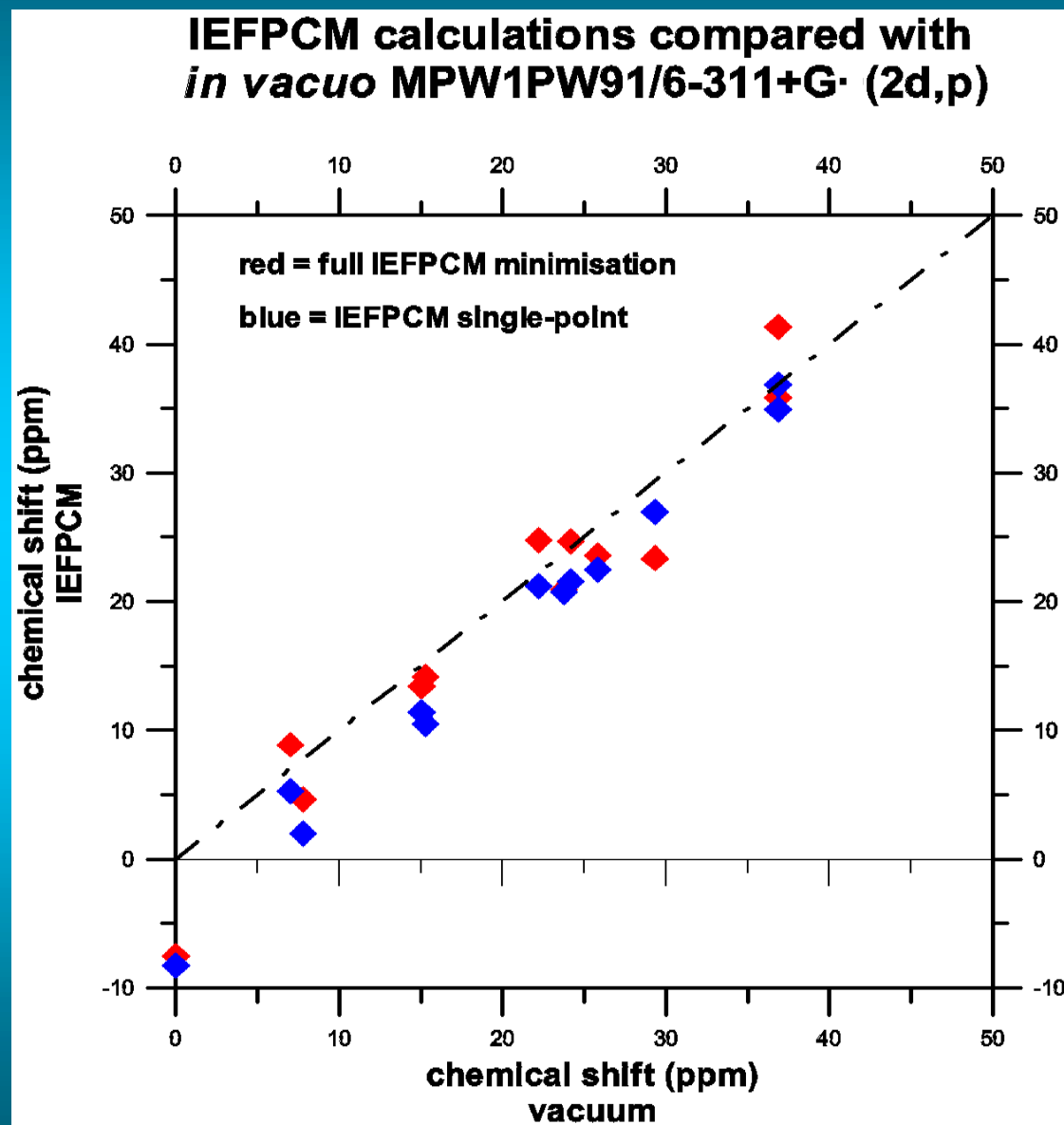
(i) asymptote without rovibrational correction = 327.7 ± 0.3 ppm

(ii) with rovibrational correction = 324.0 ± 1.5 ppm

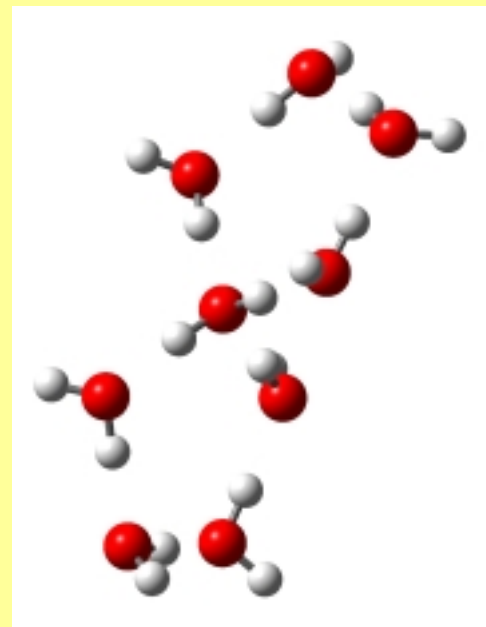
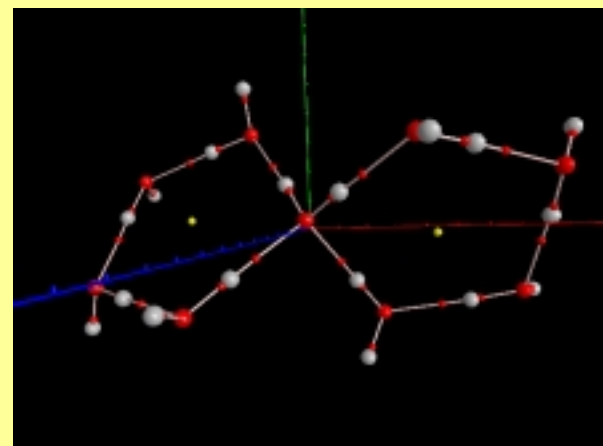
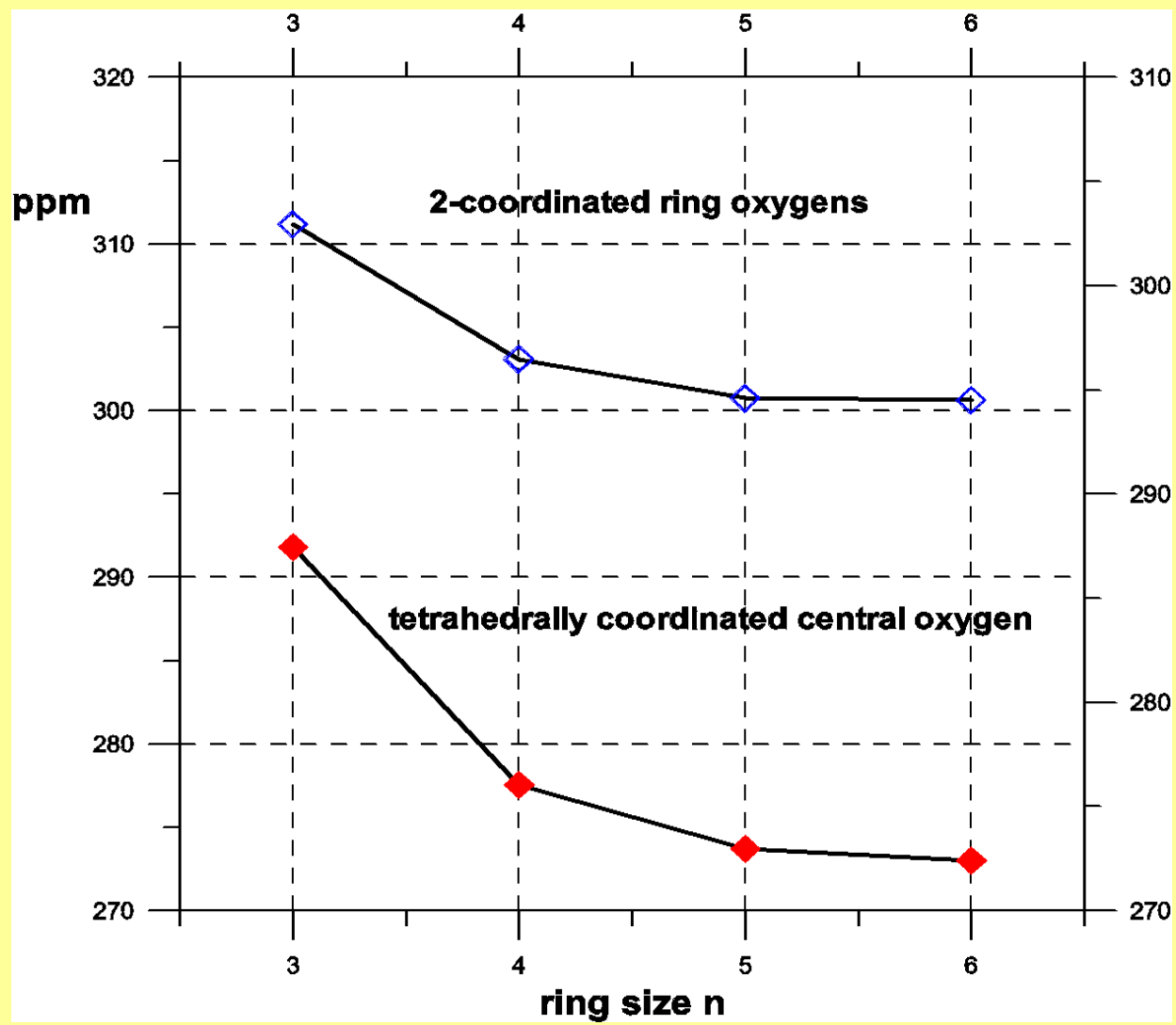
Phase Diagram for the Chemical Shielding of ^{17}O in Water



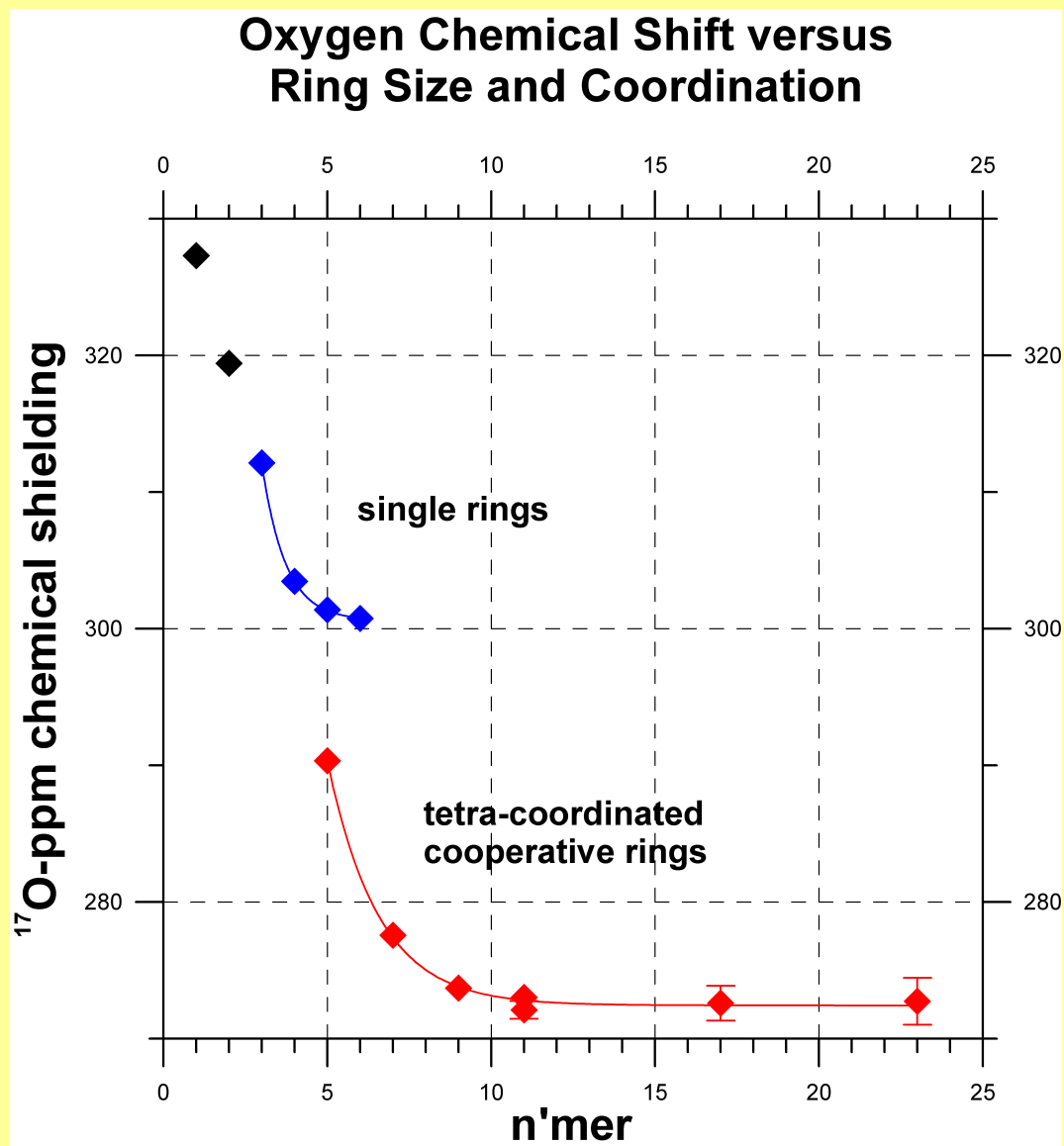
PCM 'solvation' fails!



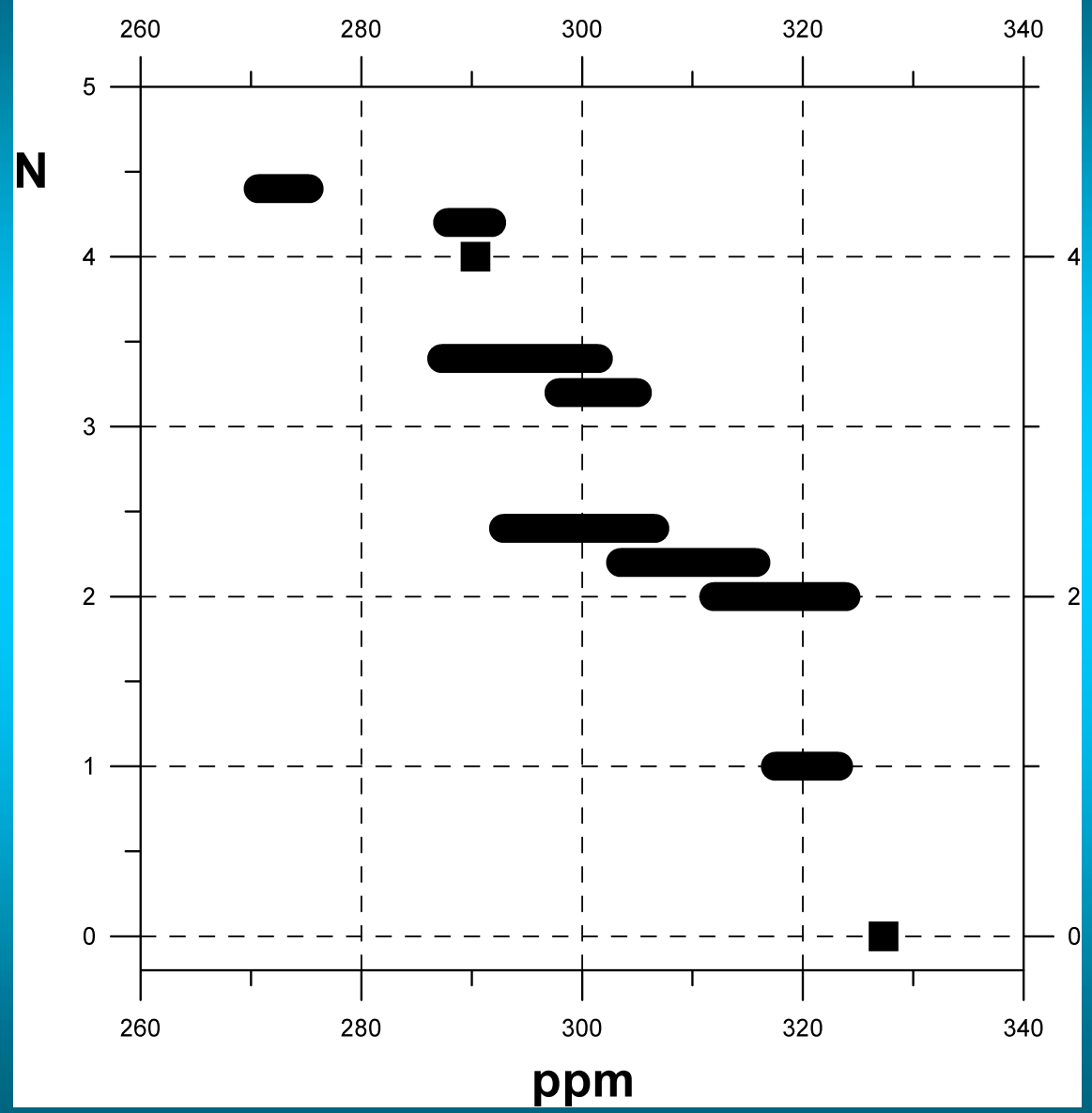
Fused 2-ring Systems ($[2n-1]$ mer)



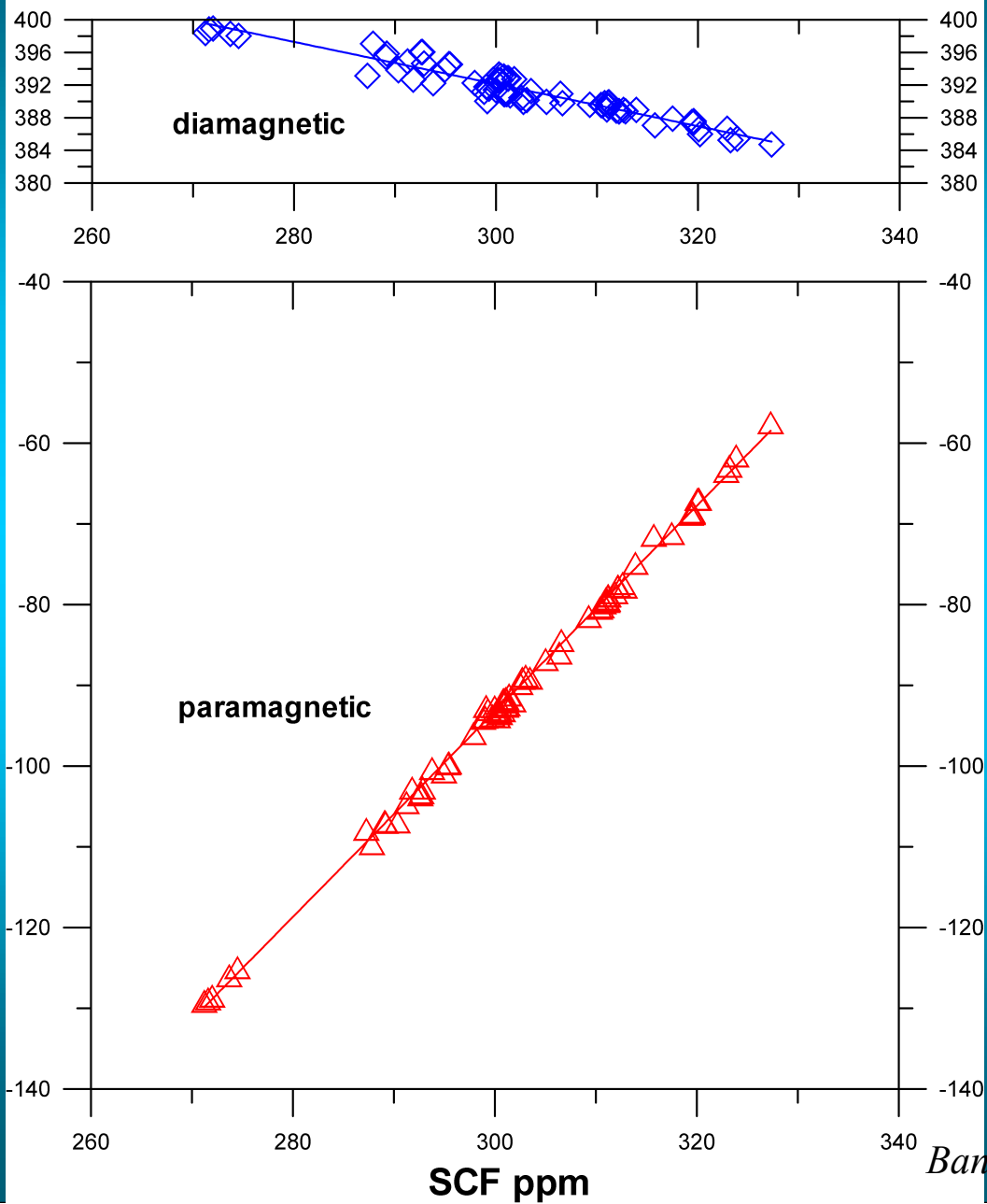
Cooperativity in rings



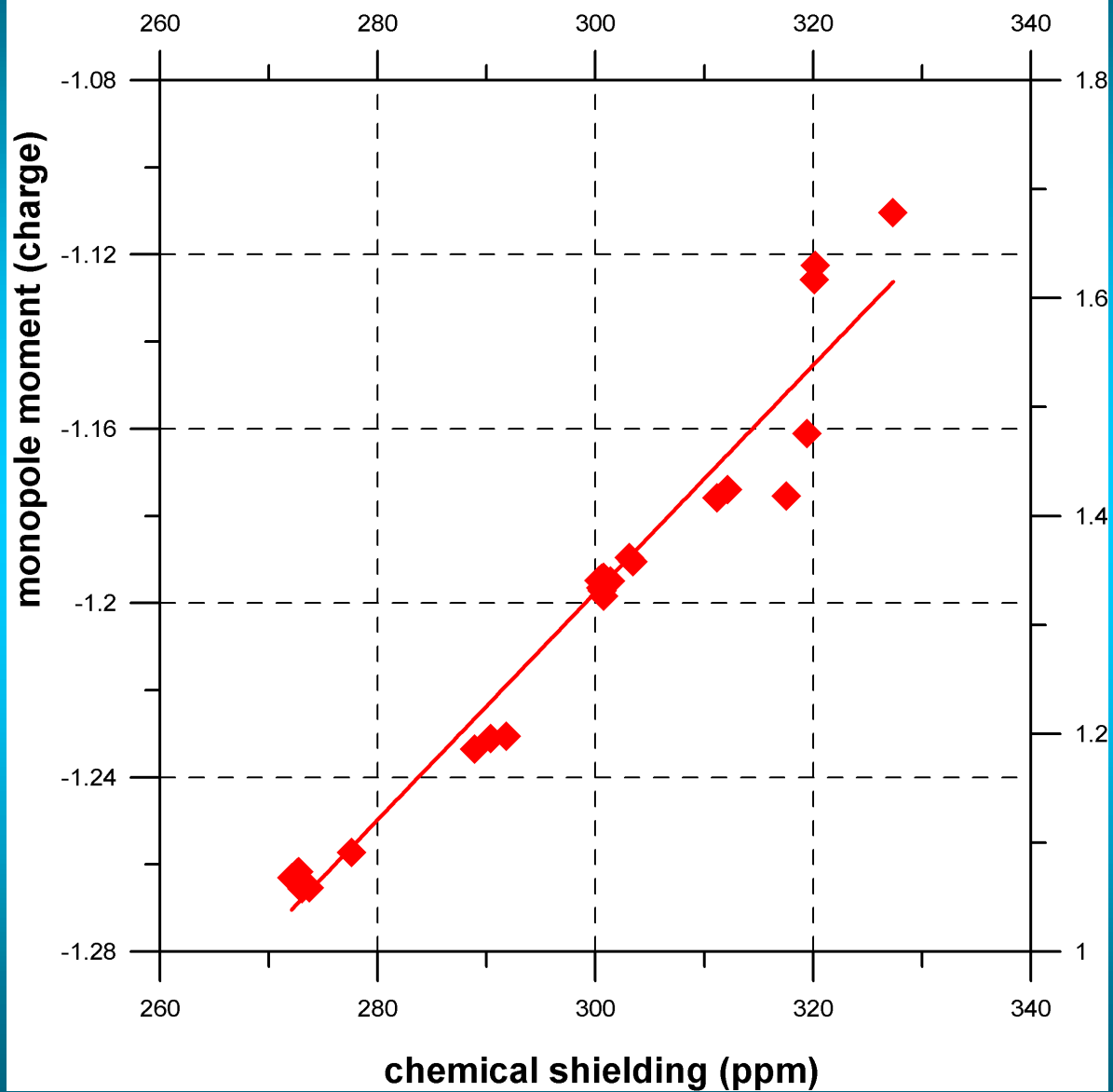
Isotropic chemical shielding tensor (ppm) versus coordination



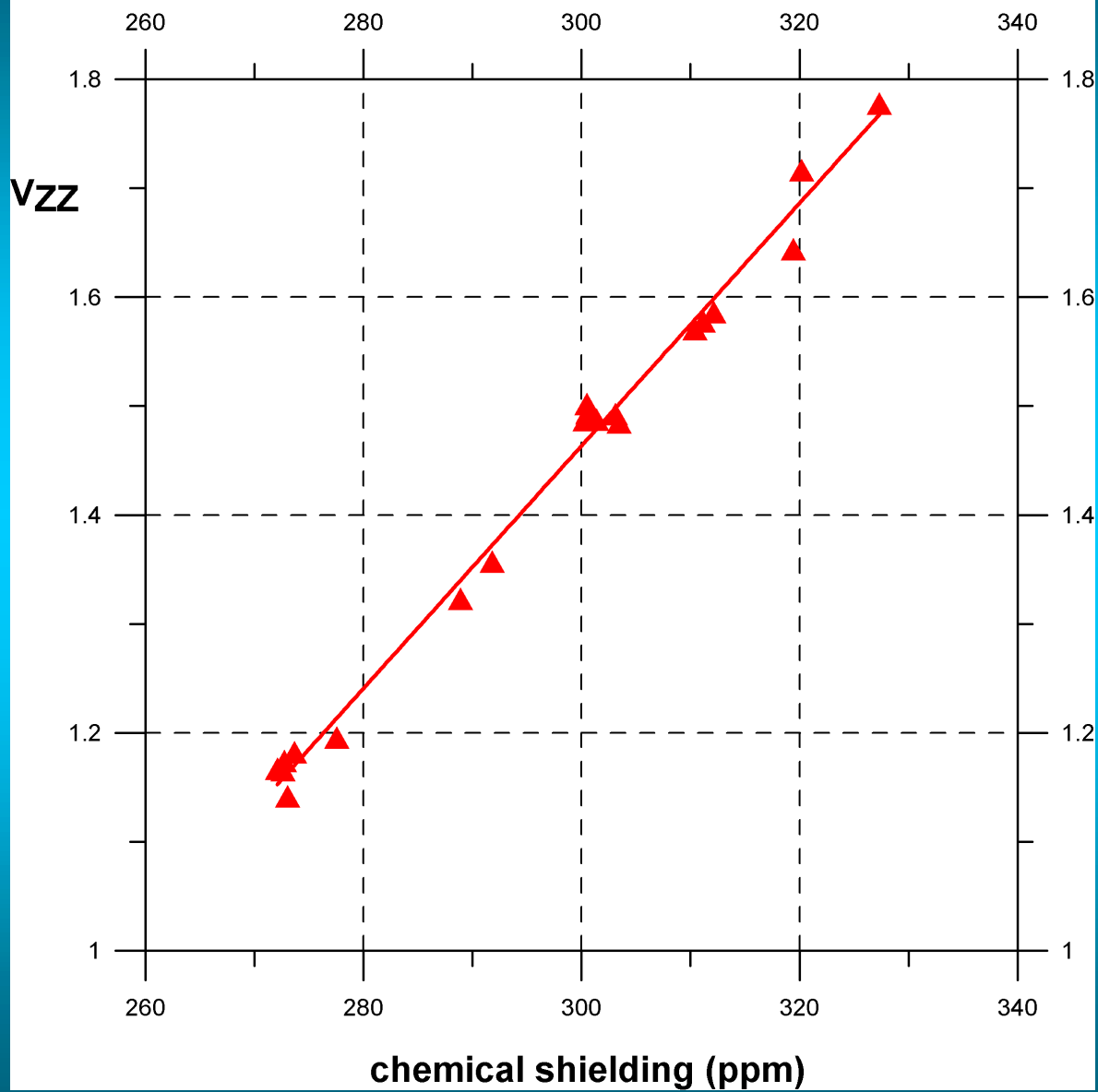
SCF ppm against NCSA paramagnetic/diamagnetic component (atomic origin)



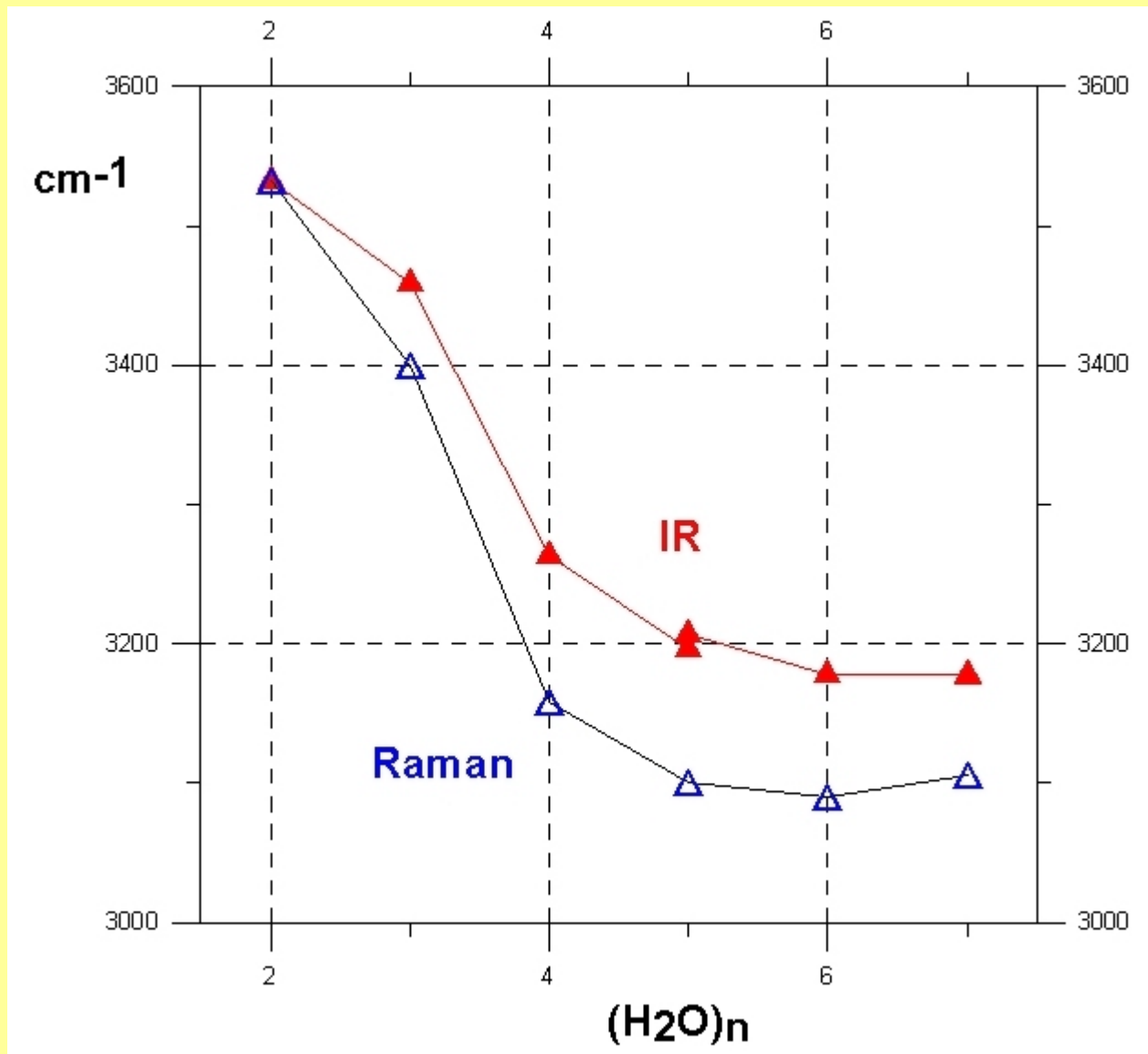
^{17}O Electrostatic Multipole Analysis



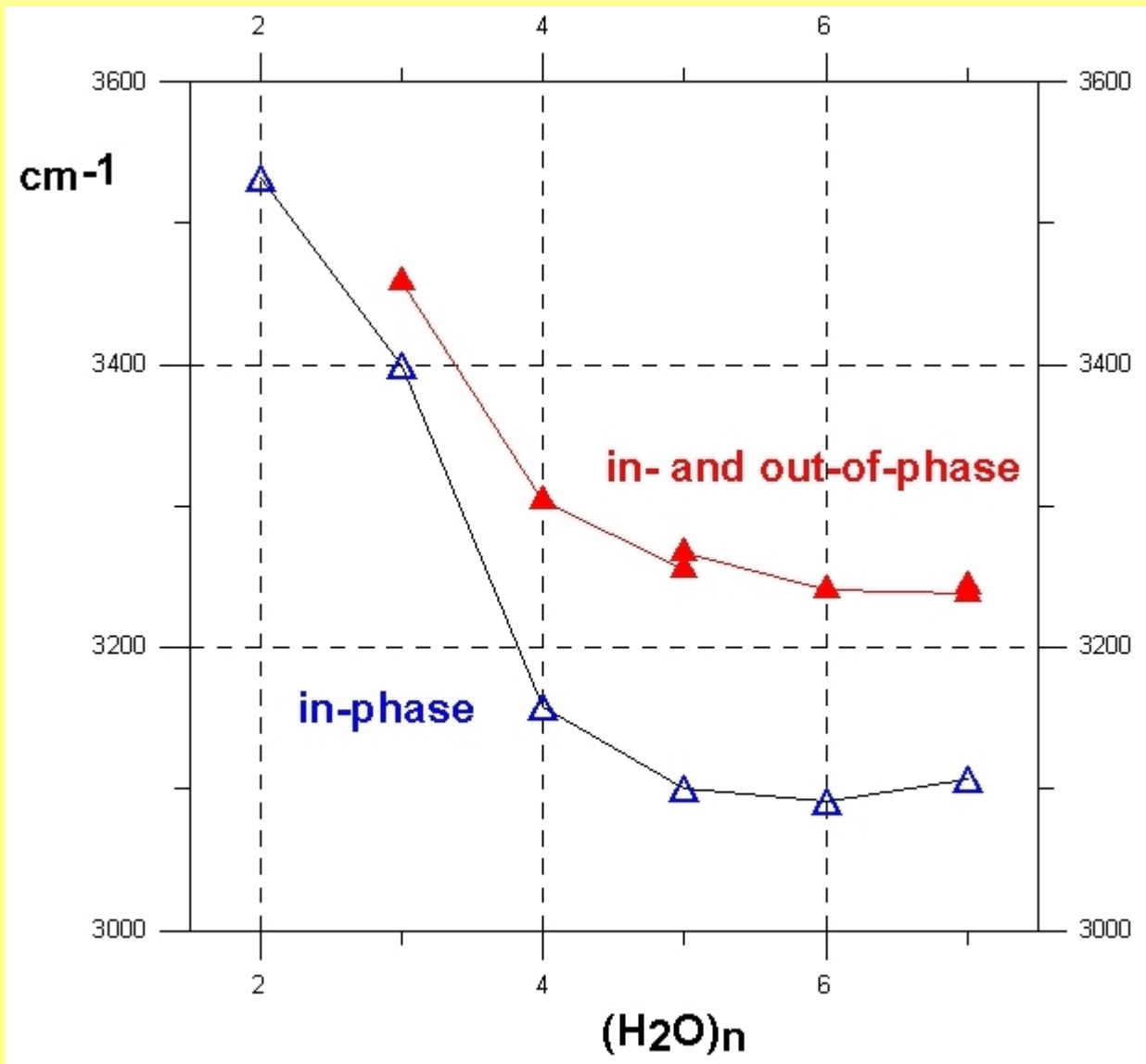
¹⁷O Electric Field Gradient (EFG)



Cooperativity in Ring Systems (II)

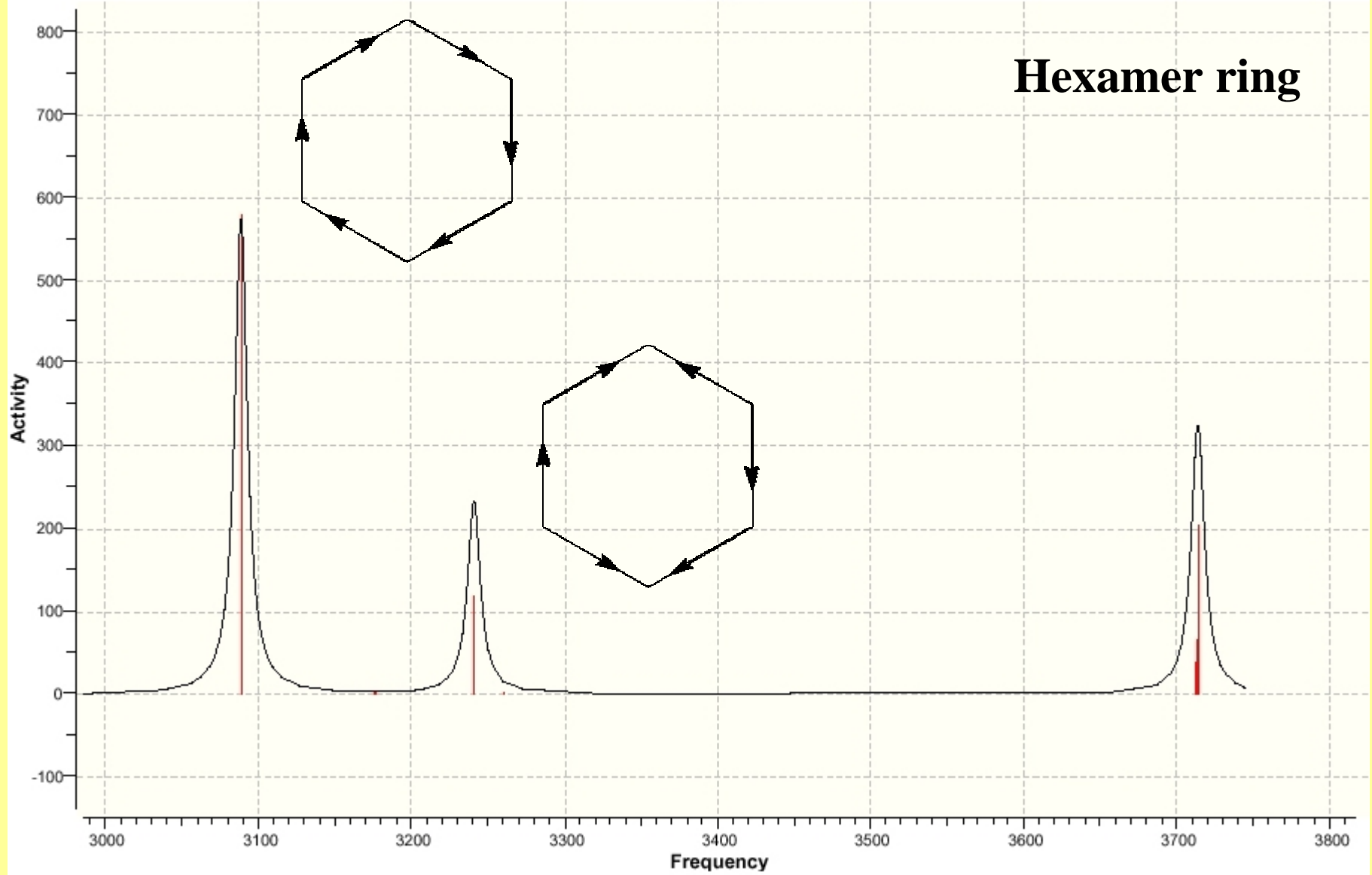


Raman in-phase / in- and out-of-phase



Raman Spectrum

Hexamer ring



What is a Hydrogen Bond?

IUPAC Task Group

“Categorizing Hydrogen Bonding and Other Molecular Interactions”

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- Core Group
 - Arunan (co-chair), Desiraju, Scheiner (co-chair), Klein, Sadlej
- Other members
 - Alkorta, Clary, Crabtree, Dannenberg , Hobza, Kjaergaard, Kleineremanns, Legon, Mennucci, Nesbitt

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“Categorizing Hydrogen Bonding and Other Molecular Interactions”

- Semantics?
- Philosophy?
- Metaphysics?

Addresses the general problem of what is meant by hydrogen bonding and cooperativity:

“... Like most chemical concepts, this term [hydrogen bonding] is more or less universally understood by the practitioners in the field but is not precisely defined

.... This topic is one for interesting debates at tea or coffee times in chemistry departments around the world but is not suitable for rigid formalisation...”

An Unknown Referee (2004)

IUPAC Gold Book Definition

The current International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) definition of a hydrogen bond is contained in the IUPAC *Compendium of Chemical Terminology*, popularly referred to as the 'Gold Book' in recognition of the initial efforts of the late Victor Gold. [1] The *Compendium* defines a hydrogen bond as

"...a form of association between an electronegative atom and a hydrogen atom attached to a second, relatively electronegative atom. It is best considered as an electrostatic interaction, heightened by the small size of hydrogen, which permits proximity of the interacting dipoles or charges. Both electronegative atoms are usually (but not necessarily) from the first row of the Periodic Table, i.e., N, O or F. Hydrogen bonds may be intermolecular or intramolecular. With a few exceptions, usually involving fluorine, the associated energies are less than 20-25 kJ mol⁻¹ (5-6 kcal mol⁻¹)."

What Constitutes Evidence for Hydrogen Bonding?

- Nuclear separation – what distance is appropriate? $VDW_{(donor)} + VDW_{(acceptor)}$?
- IR red-shifts – how reliable are small shifts ($\sim 50 \text{ cm}^{-1}$)?
- NMR downfield shifts – how large?
- Charge transfer – how much?
- Bond critical point (BCP) – theoretical and experimental electronic structural details

Conclusions

- Small IR red-shifts are not necessarily diagnostic of hydrogen bonding;
- Hyperconjugative effects can lead to significant IR red-shifts of the order of $\sim 50\text{-}100\text{ cm}^{-1}$;
- IR red-shift and antibonding orbital occupancies are closely correlated;
- Levels of theory used must be “adequate”

Characterising a Hydrogen Bond (I)

- an interaction between a H-atom and an electron-rich atom or region;
- range of energies large: $\text{CH}_4 \dots \text{O}$ to $[\text{F} \dots \text{H} \dots \text{F}]^-$
- geometric criteria must be specific for the given $\text{X-H}_D \dots \text{Y}_A$ system = modified atomic radii;
- a (3,-1) bond critical point (BCP);
- $n_0 \Rightarrow \sigma^*$ hyperconjugation
 - $> kT$ or $3/2kT$ (~ 1 kcal/mole) interaction energy
 - > 0.01 - 0.015 antibonding orbital occupancy;
- atomic properties of the H_D -atom
 - atomic volume; dipole polarisation; monopole moment;

Characterising a Hydrogen Bond (II)

- Spectroscopic shifts
 - IR red-shifts – hyperconjugative effects and antibonding orbital occupancies
 - » competition between $n_o \Rightarrow \sigma^*$ and $\sigma \Rightarrow \sigma^*$
 - » difficult with certainty $< \sim 100 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
 - NMR downfield shifts – stereochemical effects
 - » $> 1 \text{ ppm}$ for ^1H , at least an order of magnitude greater for ^{13}C and ^{17}O
- Energies
 - calculated and experimental
- etc

and when attractive
hyperconjugative effects exceed
the Pauli exchange (steric)
repulsion

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Klein-Weinhold Definition

Hydrogen bond: *An attractive $B\cdots H-A$ interaction (partial $B\cdots H$ “bond”) between an electron-rich Lewis base B , often lone pair-bearing, and a hydridic Lewis acid $H-A$, often involving electronegative A , that reflects partial sharing of the proton between A and B species. The H-bond may be quantified through a characteristic array of correlated structural, spectroscopic, and reactivity features: unusually short $B\cdots H$ distance and near-linear $B\cdots H-A$ geometry, pronounced shifts in IR and NMR frequencies and lineshapes, altered proton exchange reactivity, and so forth. In theoretical terms, it is best considered as a type of $B-H^+\cdots A^-$ resonance stabilisation, quantified by associated theoretical descriptors such as b_{BH} bond order, strength of $n_B-\sigma^*_{AH}$ charge delocalisation, existence of a topological BCP(3,-1) bond critical point, and so forth. Hydrogen bonds may be intermolecular or intramolecular, involving ions and radicals as well as closed-shell neutral species, and their strengths vary widely over the range 5-200 kJ mol^{-1} (i.e., from a little above kT to typical dative coordination bond values).*