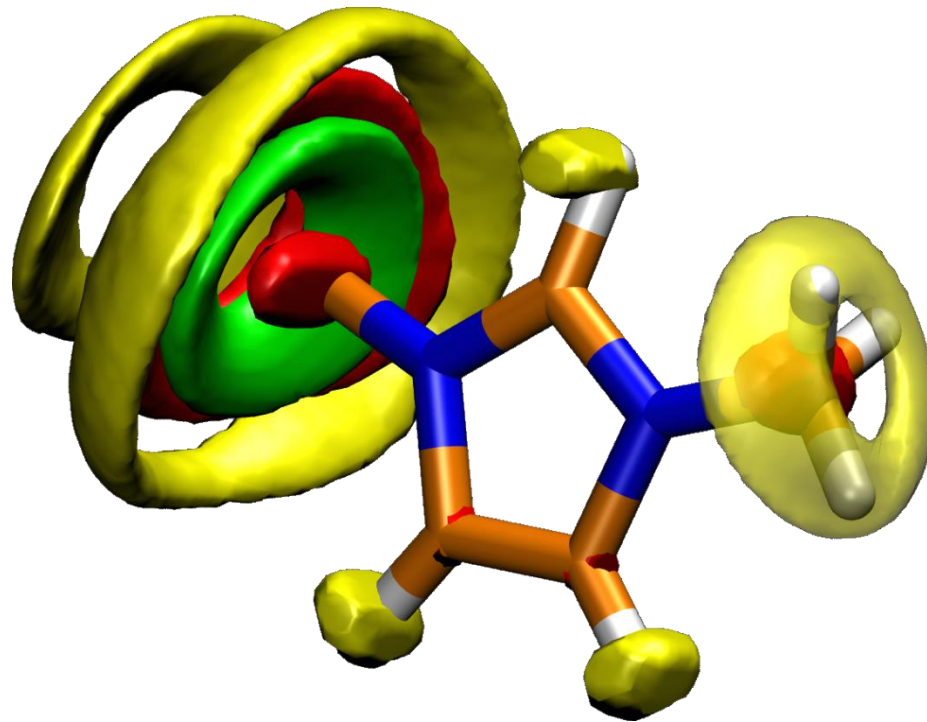


# TRAVIS

A free Analyzer and Visualizer  
for MC and MD Trajectories



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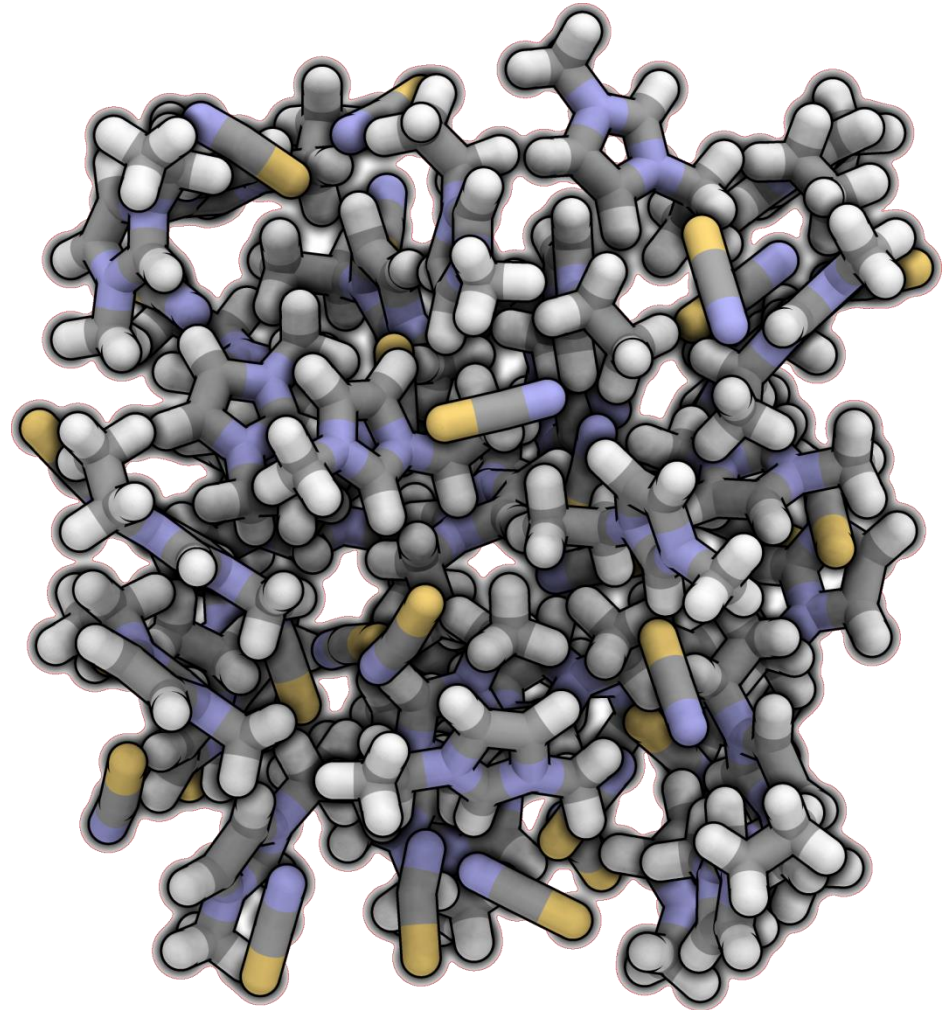
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- 2.) Some Exemplary Analyses
- 3.) Voronoi Charges

# Analyzing Trajectories

- Direct result of all MD/MC simulations is a trajectory
  - Contains positions and velocities of all atoms at each time
- is a path through  $6N$ -dimensional space

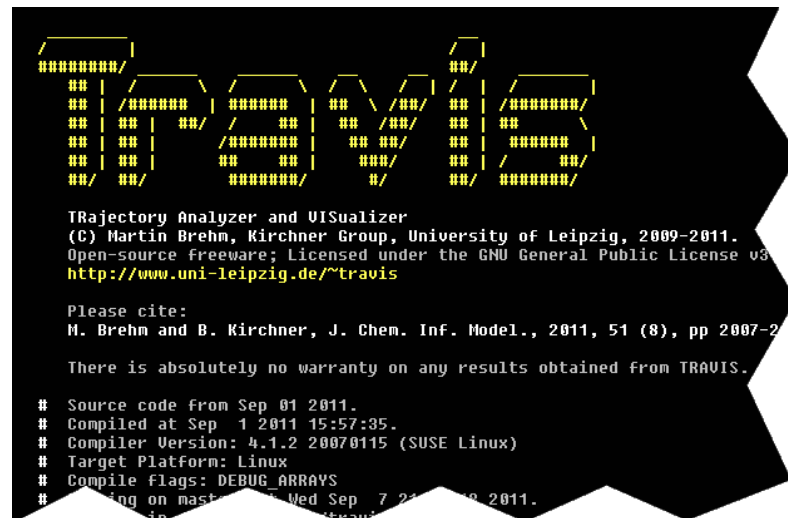
*„Nice to look at, but cannot be evaluated directly.“*



Mappings for the reduction of dimensionality are required.

# Introducing TRAVIS

- Program package  
for doing these analyses
- Open-source free software;  
licensed under GNU GPL 3
- $\approx$  290 000 lines of C++ code
- Platform independent (Windows / Linux / Mac)
- Published in 2011, cited more than 650 times since then:



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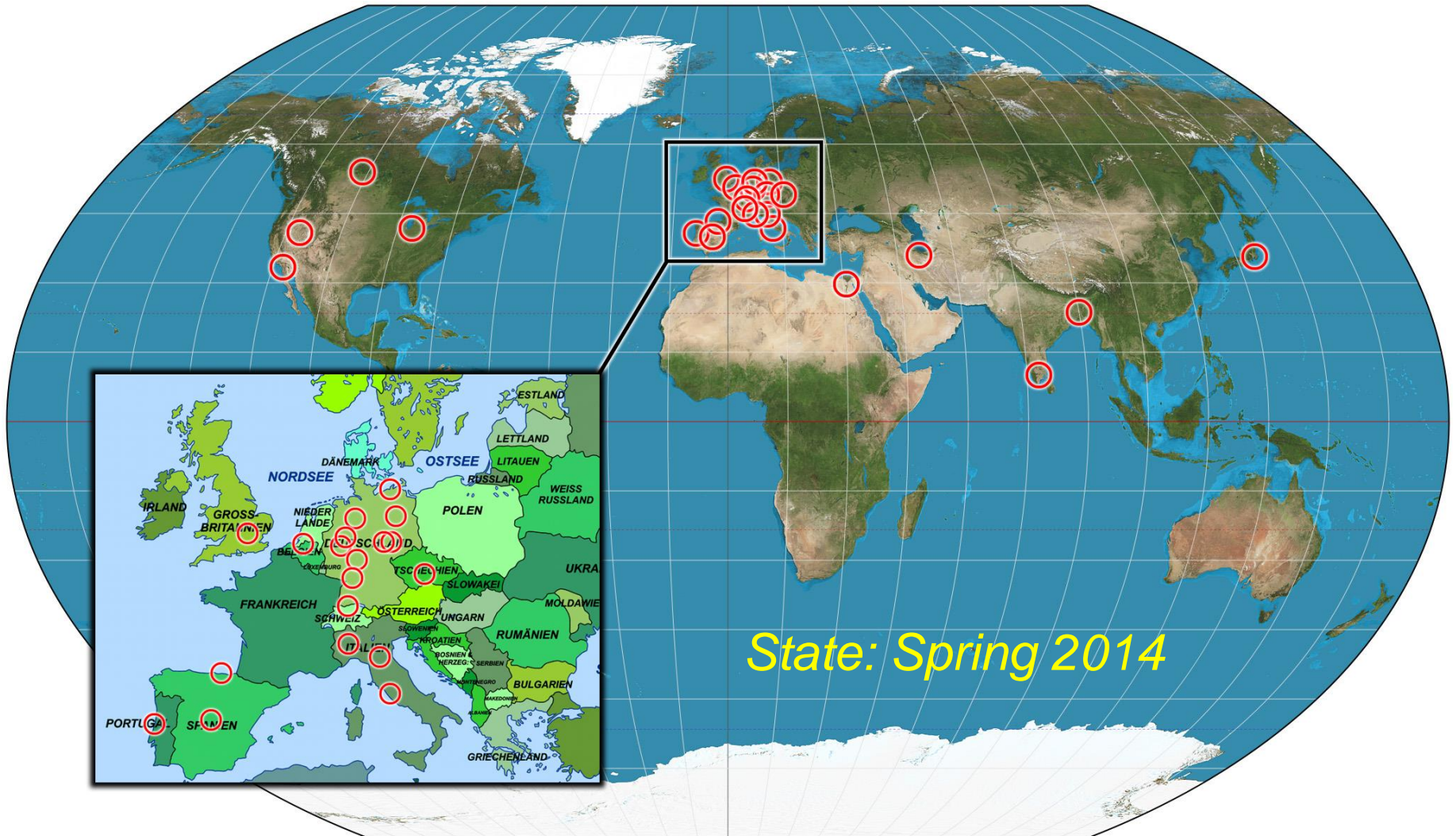
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# Introducing TRAVIS

## Several dozen working groups around the world use TRAVIS

*(I only know of the groups which had problems 😊 )*



# General Features

- Interactive text mode user interface (asks questions), but also scripting support
- Reads many popular trajectory file formats (xyz, pdb, mol2, AMBER, LAMMPS, DLPOLY)
- No limits on system size (works well with  $> 10^5$  atoms)
- Support for periodic boundaries and changing cell vector (*e.g.*, from NpT simulations)
- Automatic molecule recognition (recognizes also molecules that are broken by wrapping)
- Atom labels based on purely topological algorithm

# New Paper is out

In 2020, we published a new **open-access paper** on TRAVIS to show some of the newly added features:

M. Brehm, M. Thomas, S. Gehrke, B. Kirchner:

„TRAVIS – A Free Analyzer for Trajectories from Molecular Simulation“, *J. Chem. Phys.* **2020**, 152 (16), 164105.

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## TRAVIS—A free analyzer for trajectories from molecular simulation

J. Chem. Phys. **152**, 164105 (2020); <https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0005078>

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### SPECIAL TOPICS

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- Molecular dynamics
- Monte Carlo methods
- Molecular simulations
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### ABSTRACT

TRAVIS (“Trajectory Analyzer and Visualizer”) is a program package for post-processing and analyzing trajectories from molecular dynamics and Monte Carlo simulations, mostly focused on molecular condensed phase systems. It is an open source free software licensed under the GNU GPL, is platform independent, and does not require any external libraries. Nine years after the original publication of TRAVIS, we highlight some of the recent new functions and features in this article. At the same time, we shortly present some of the underlying algorithms in TRAVIS, which contribute to make trajectory analysis more

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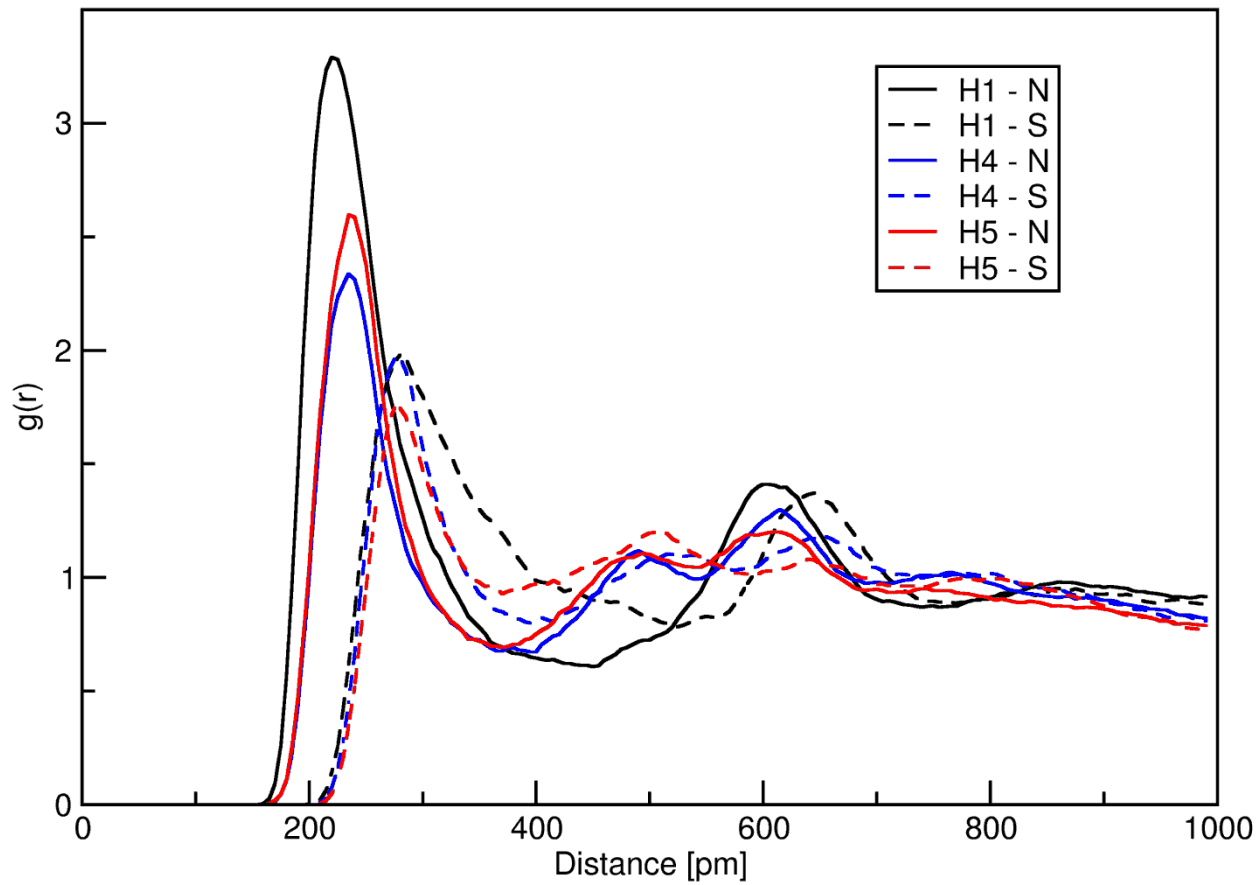
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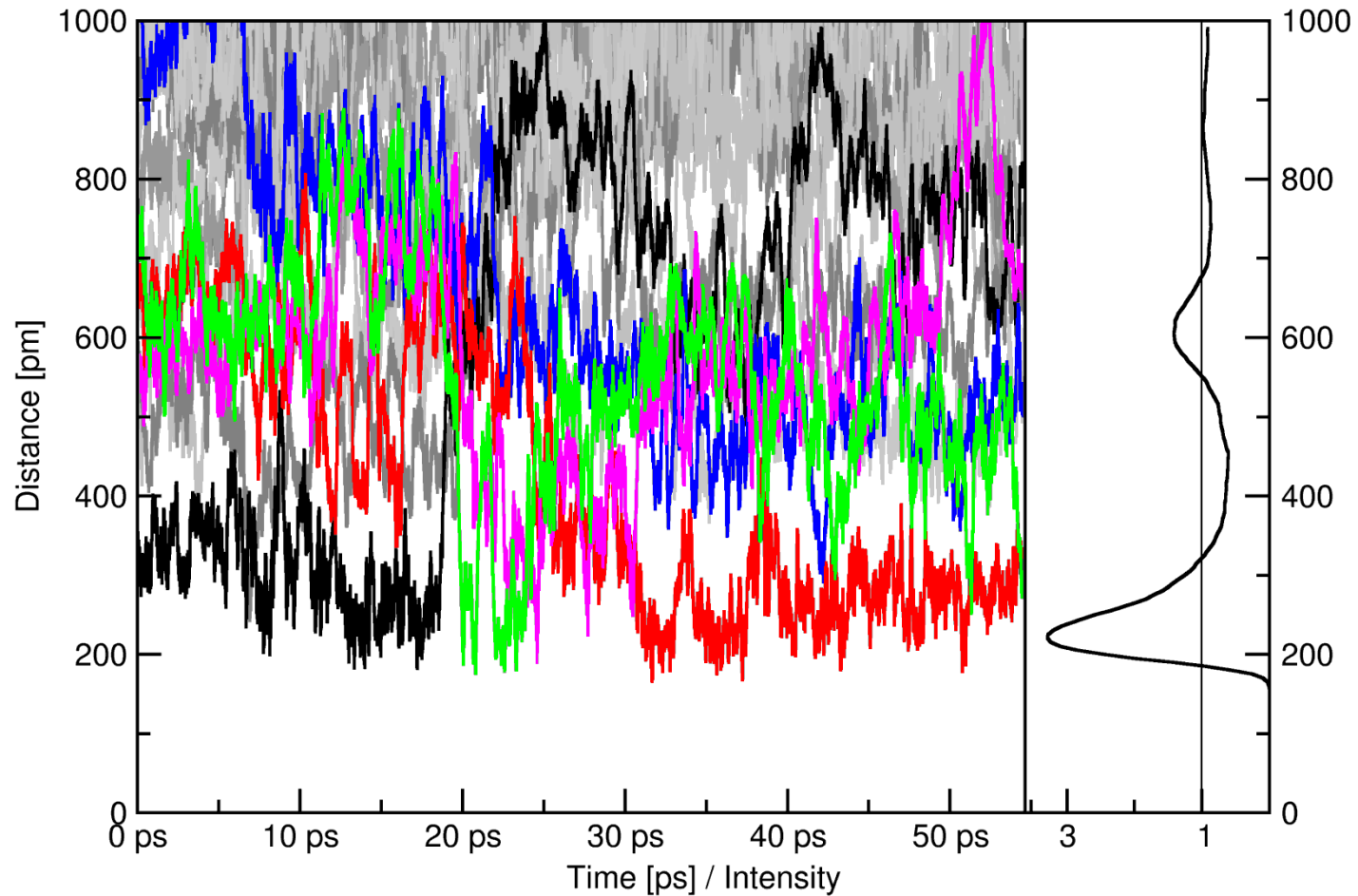
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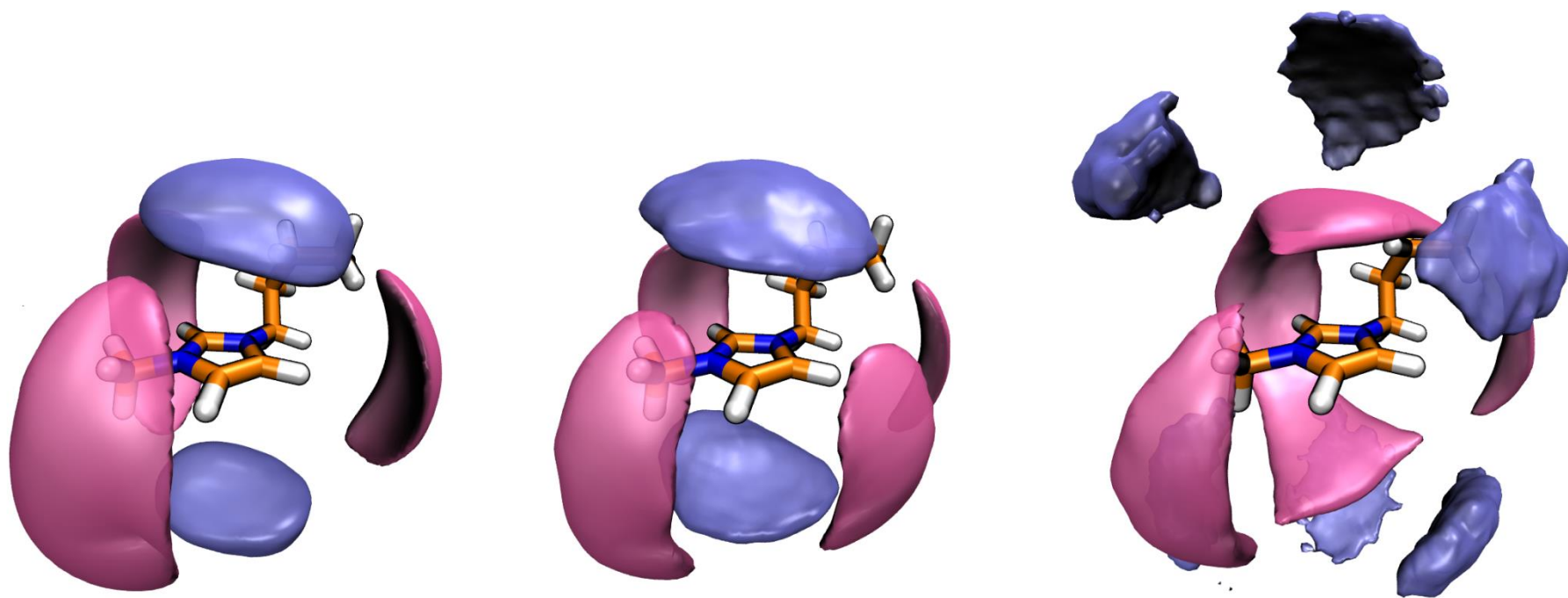


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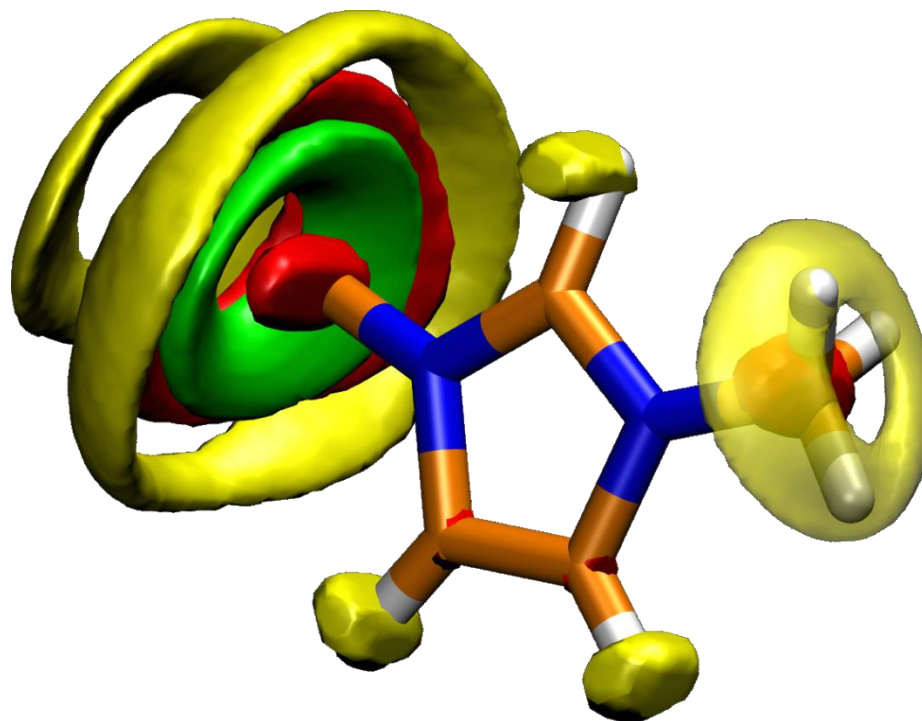
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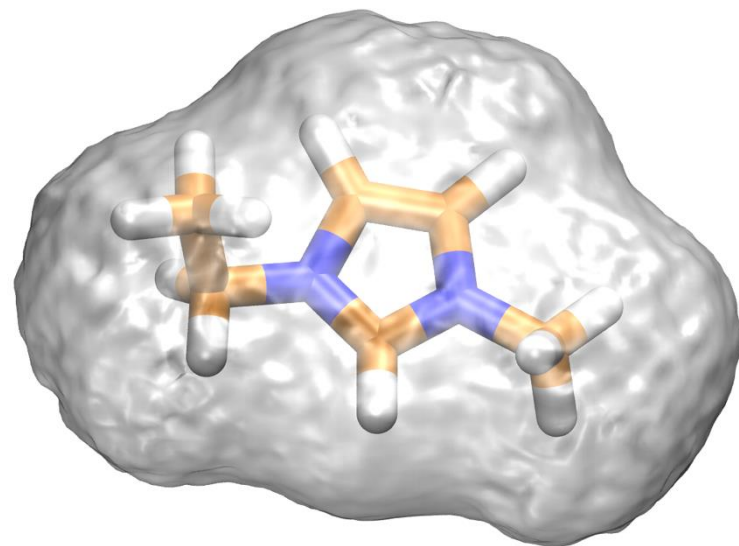
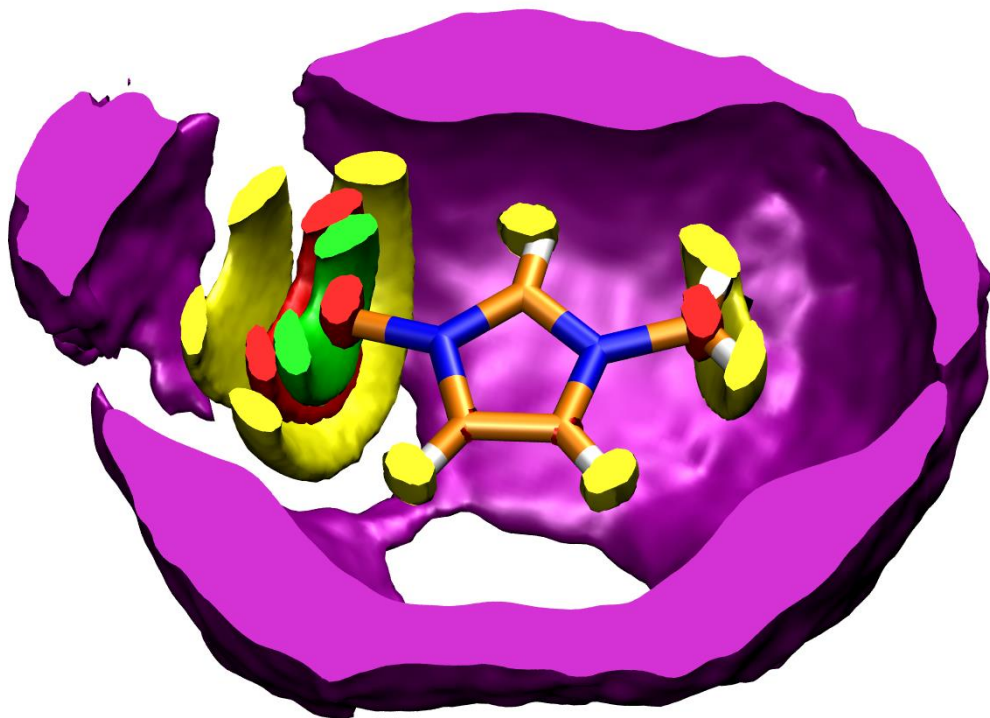
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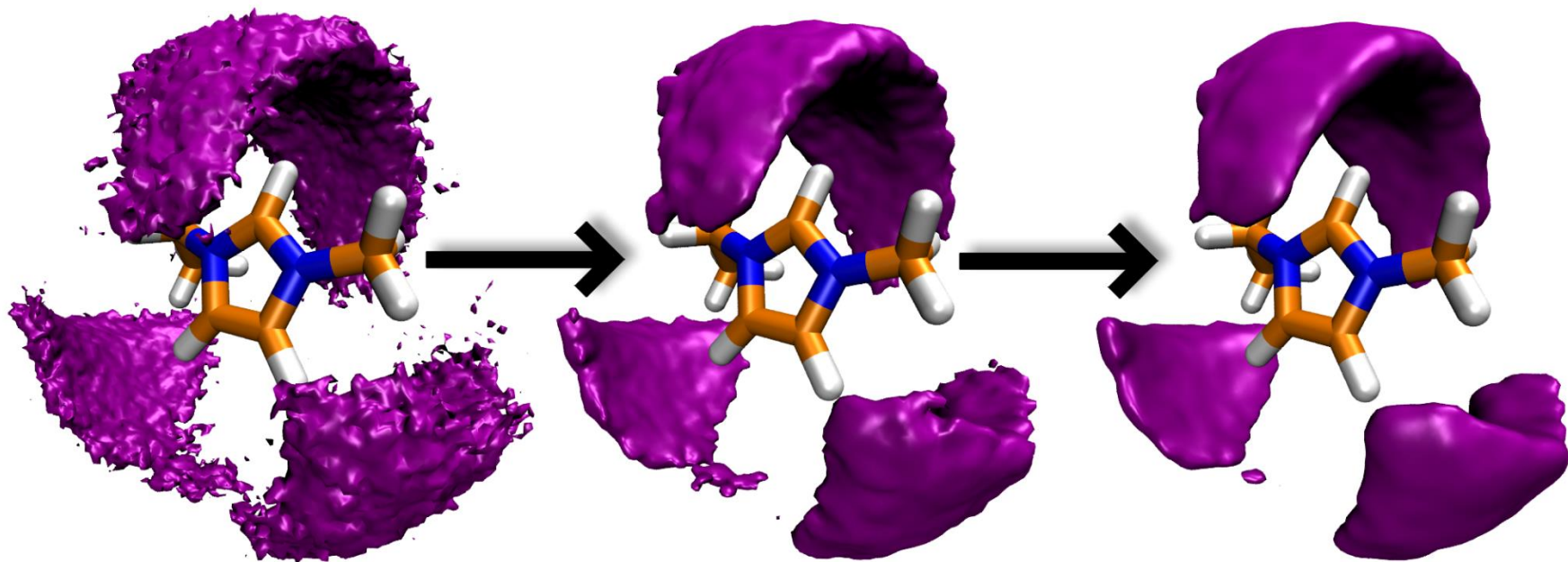
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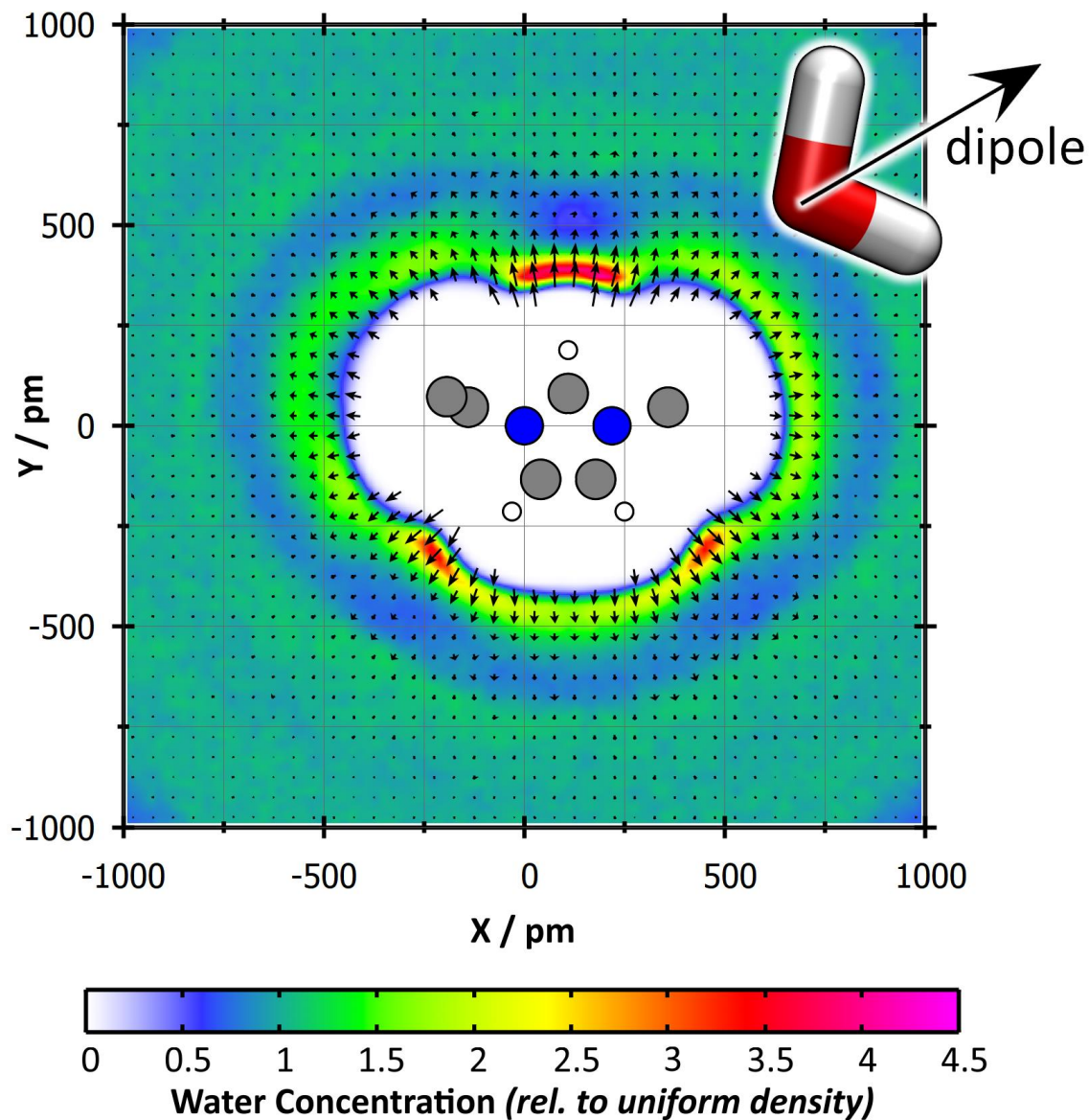
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Smoothing of Spatial Distribution Functions

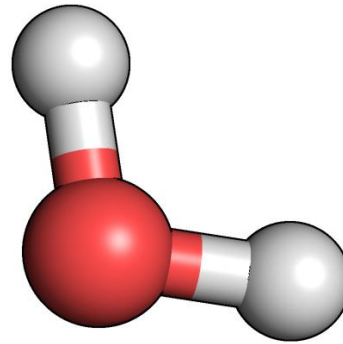
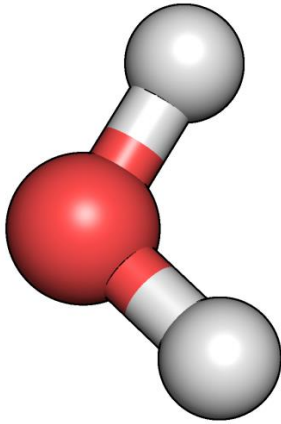


# Plane Projection Analysis



# Combined Distribution Functions

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- Consider these 2 water molecules

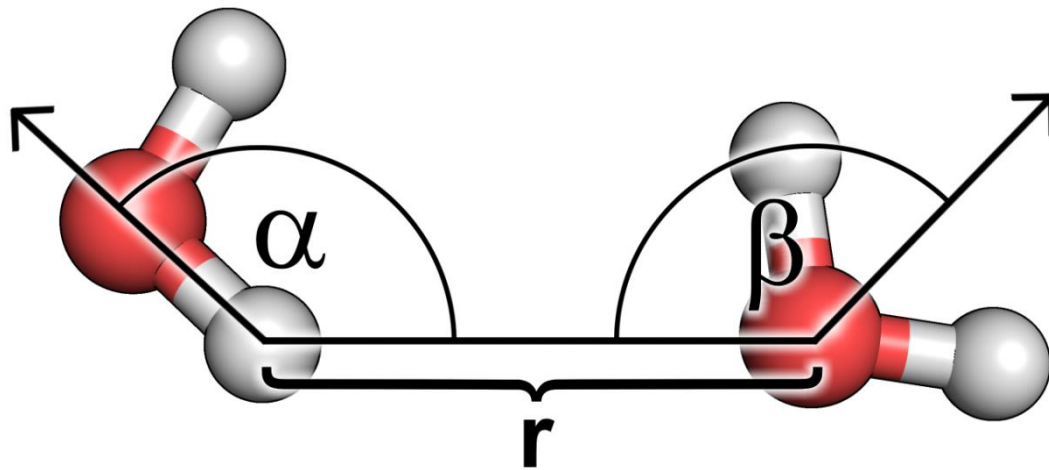


- Define a distance and two angles



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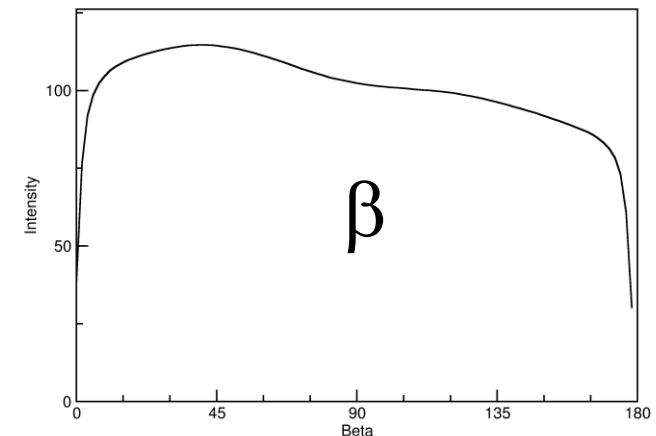
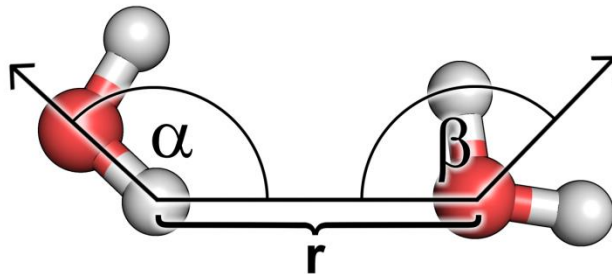
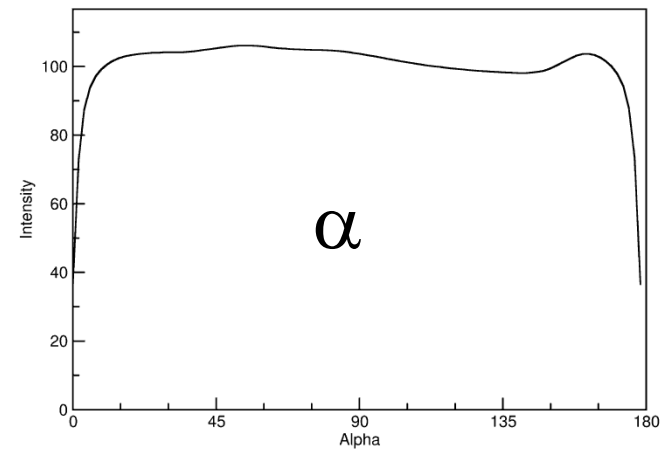
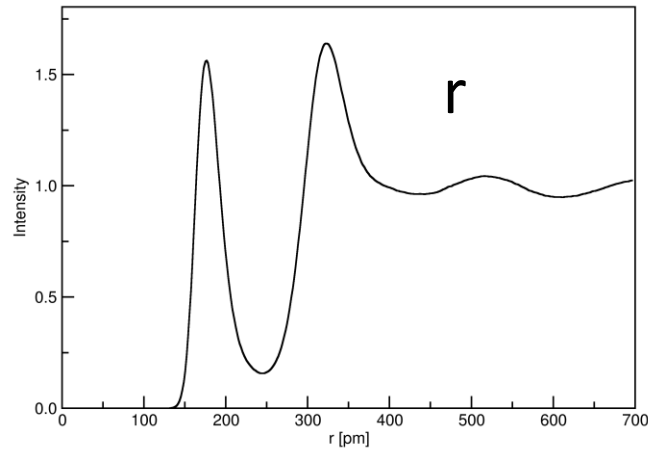
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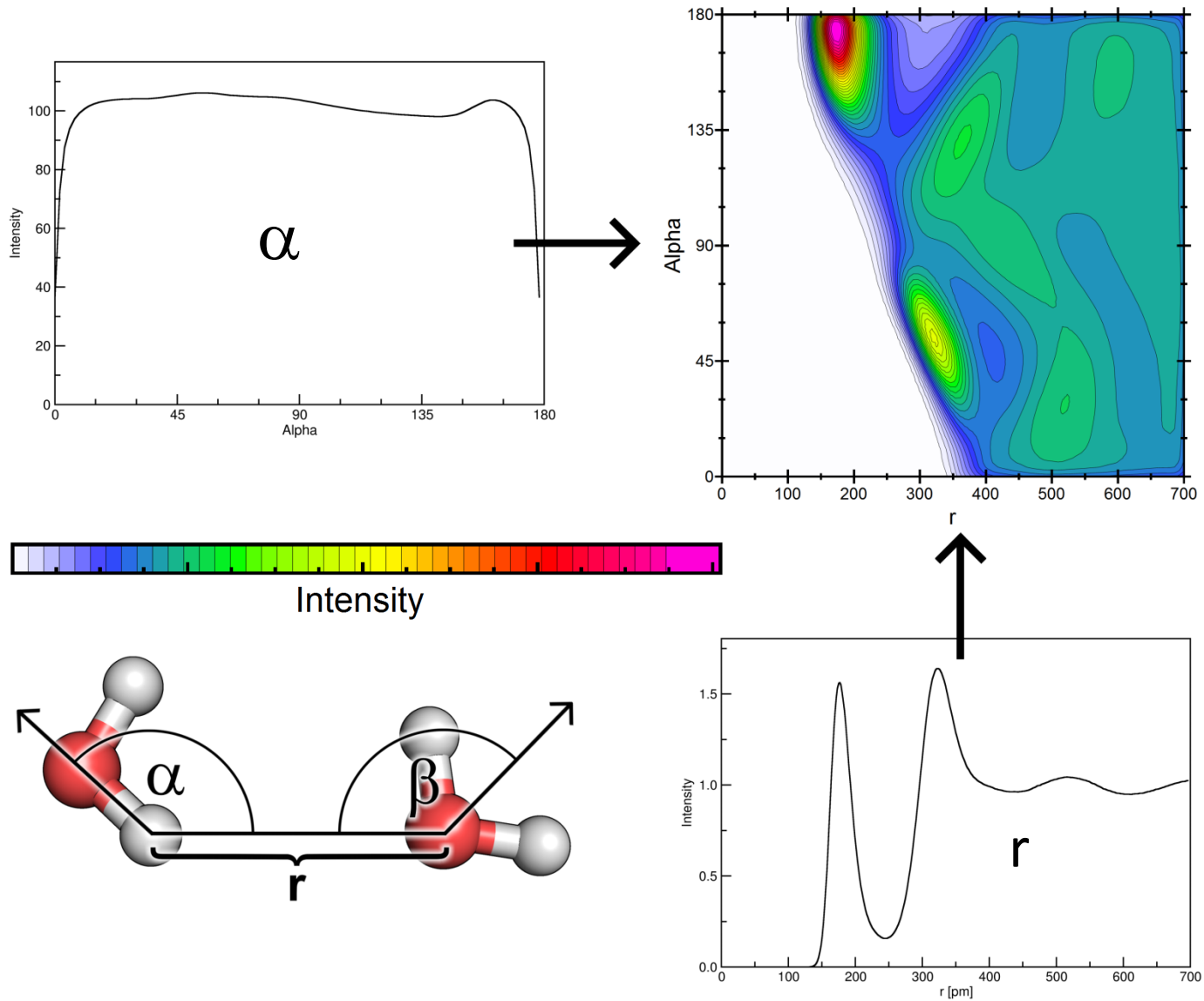
- Plot distribution functions for these 3 quantities



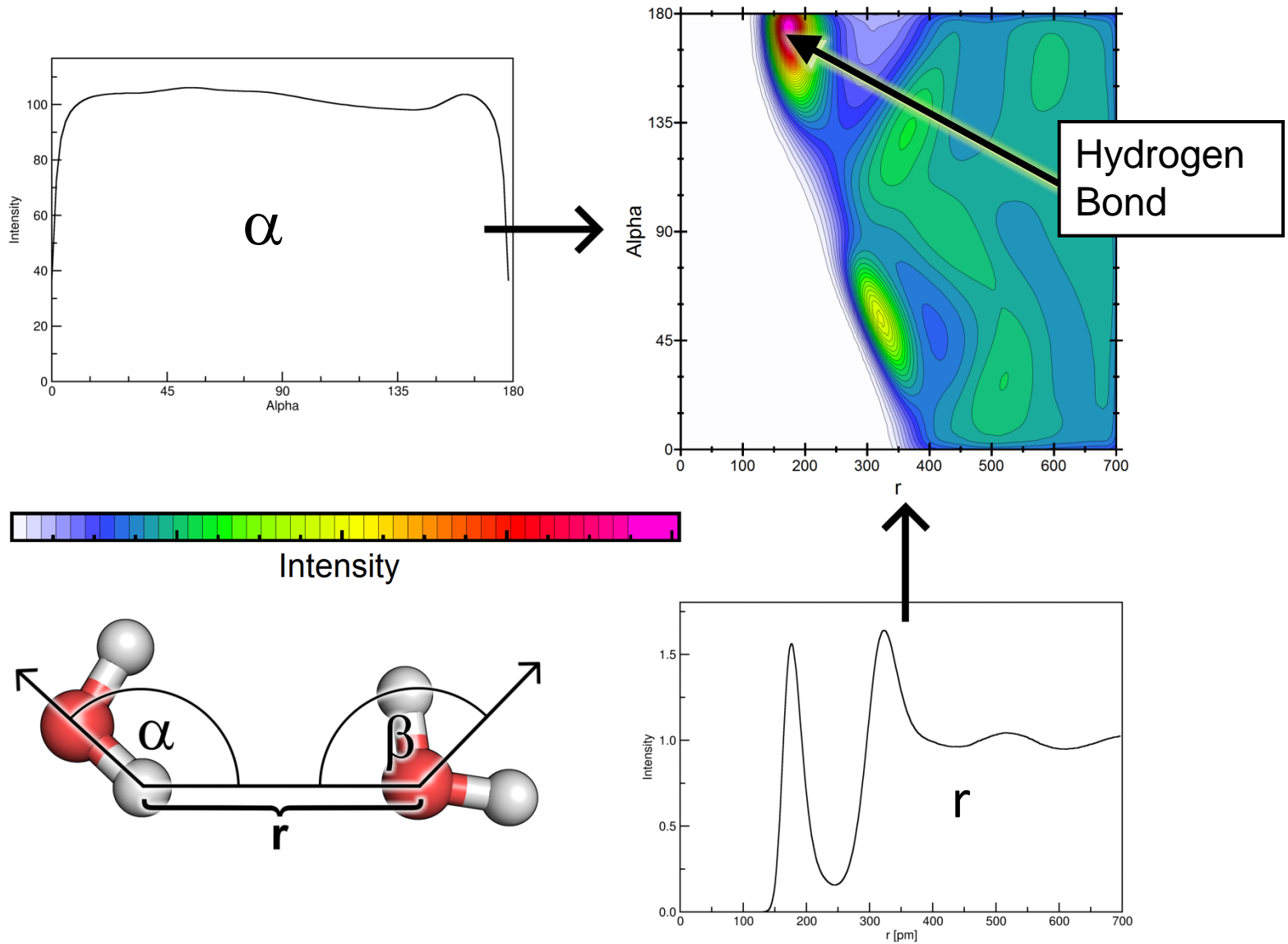
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- So far nothing new
- Dependence of these quantities on each other is left out (but very important)
- Idea: Combine certain scalar quantities to yield  
Combined Distribution Functions (CDFs)

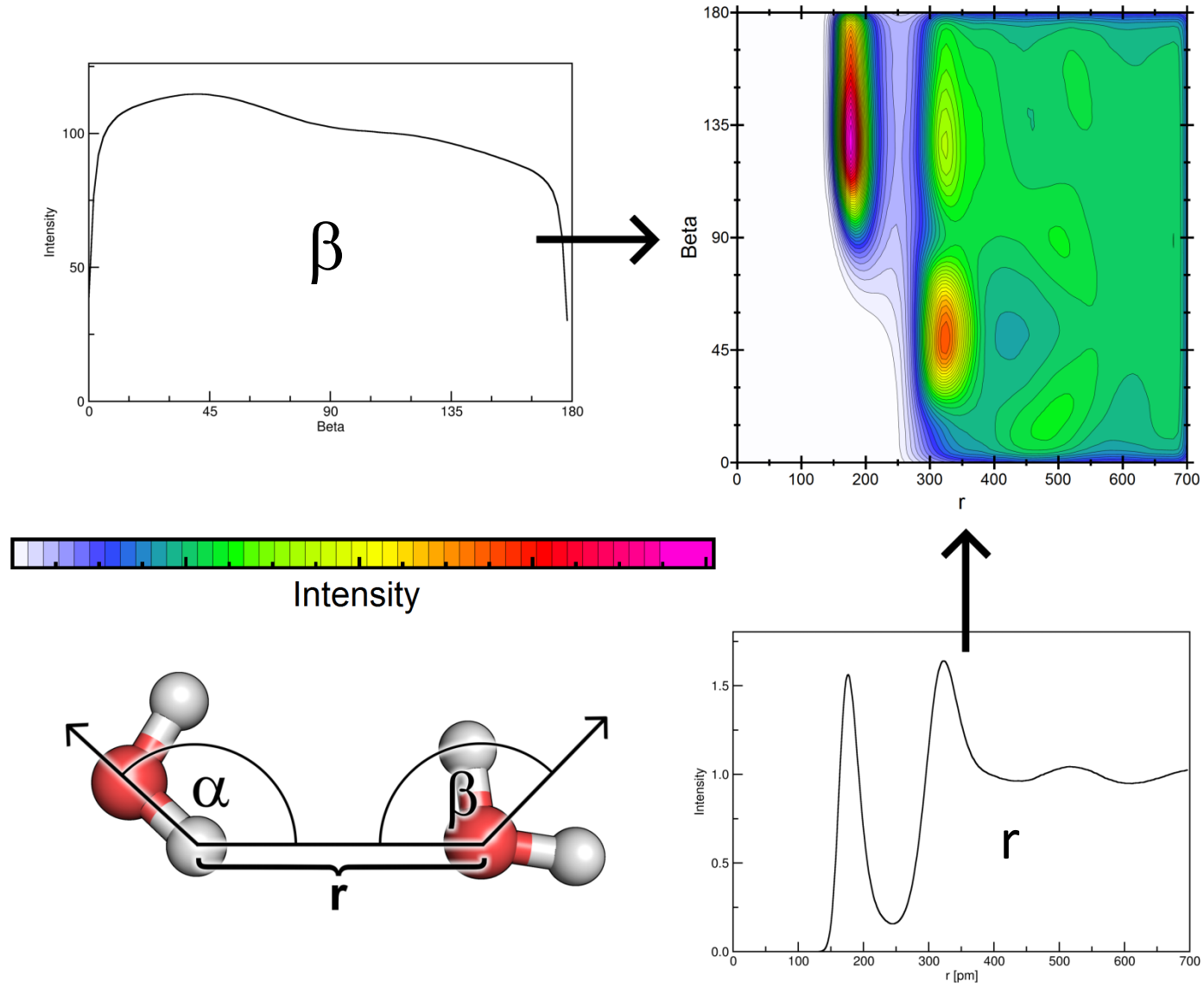
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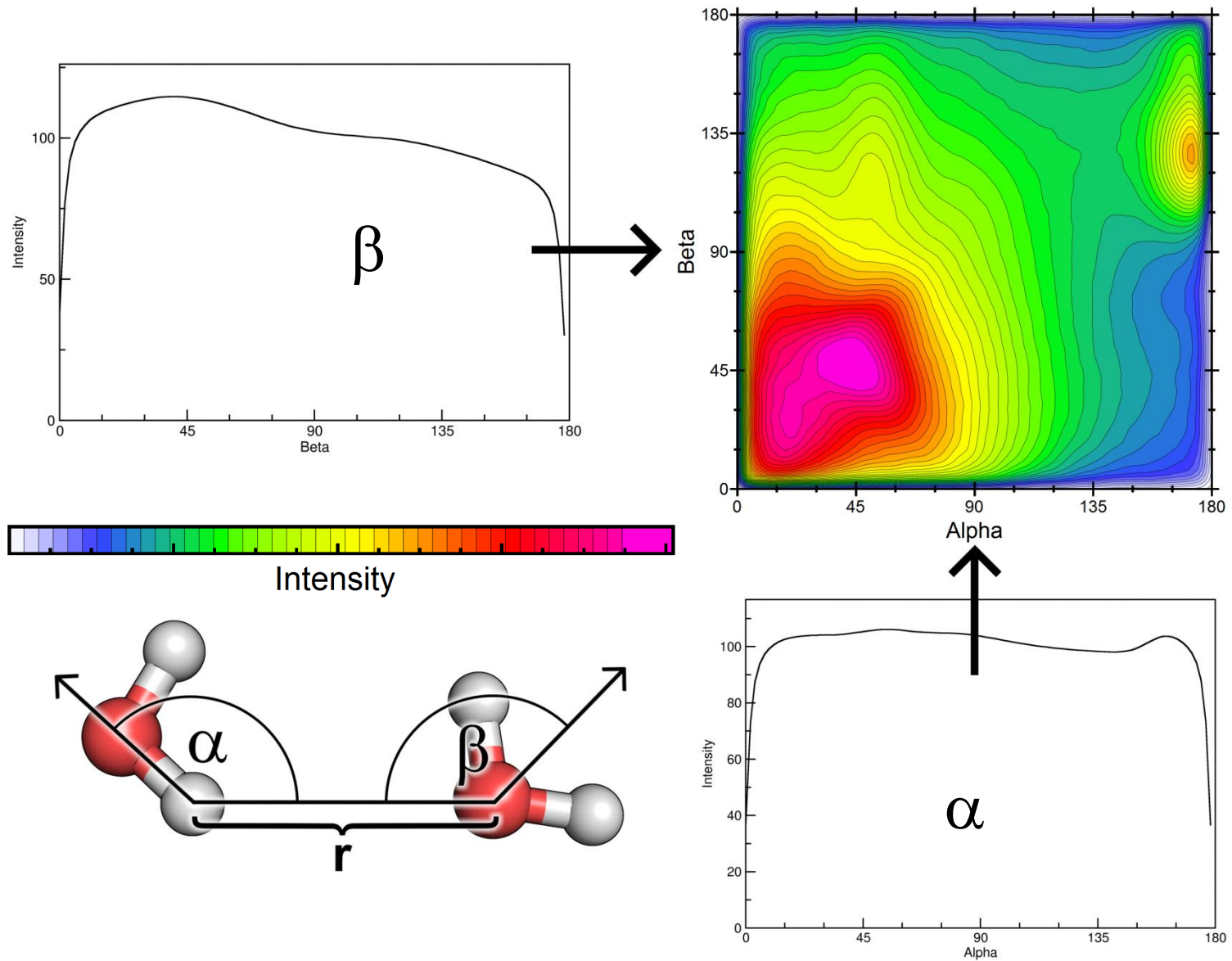
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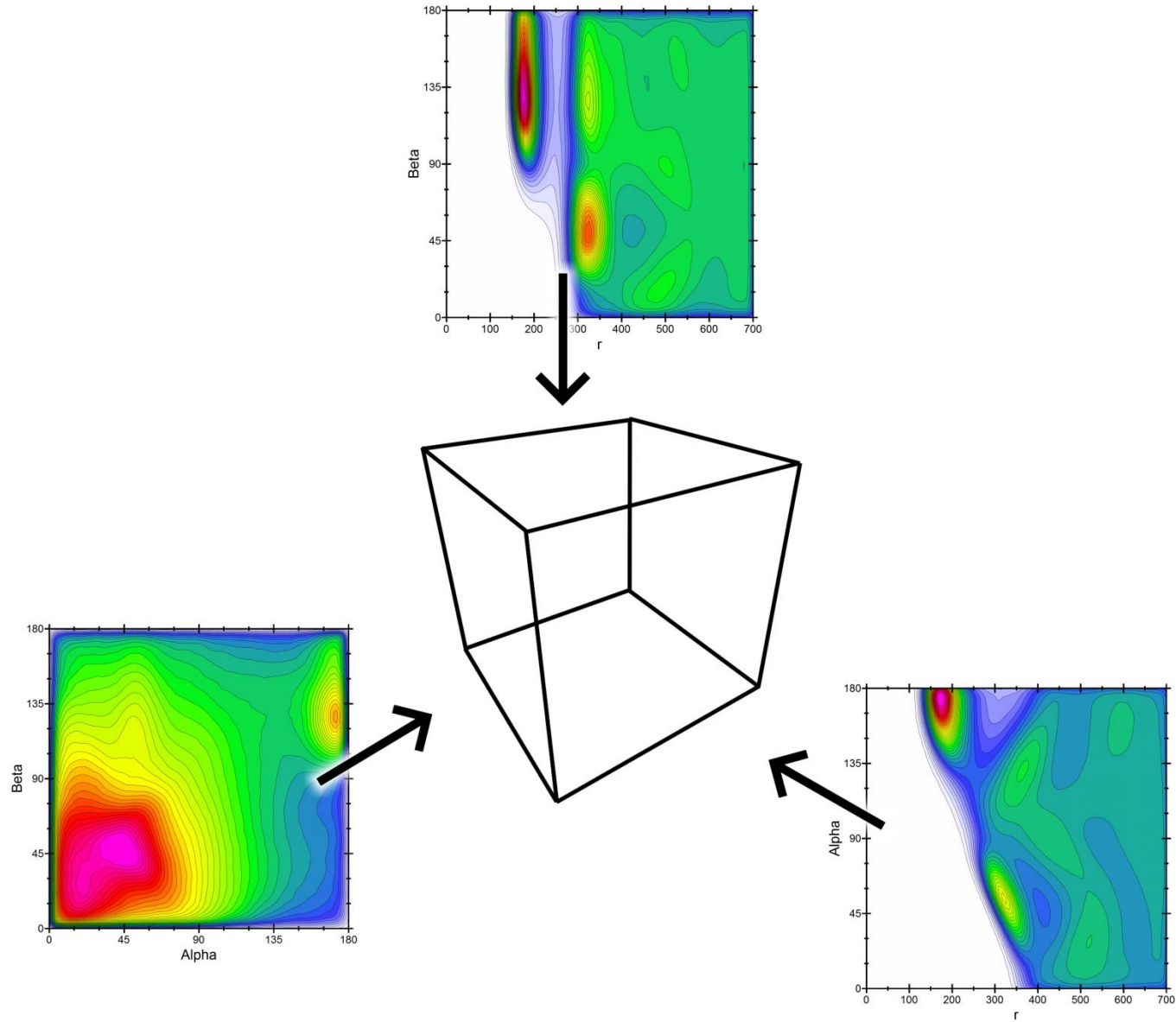




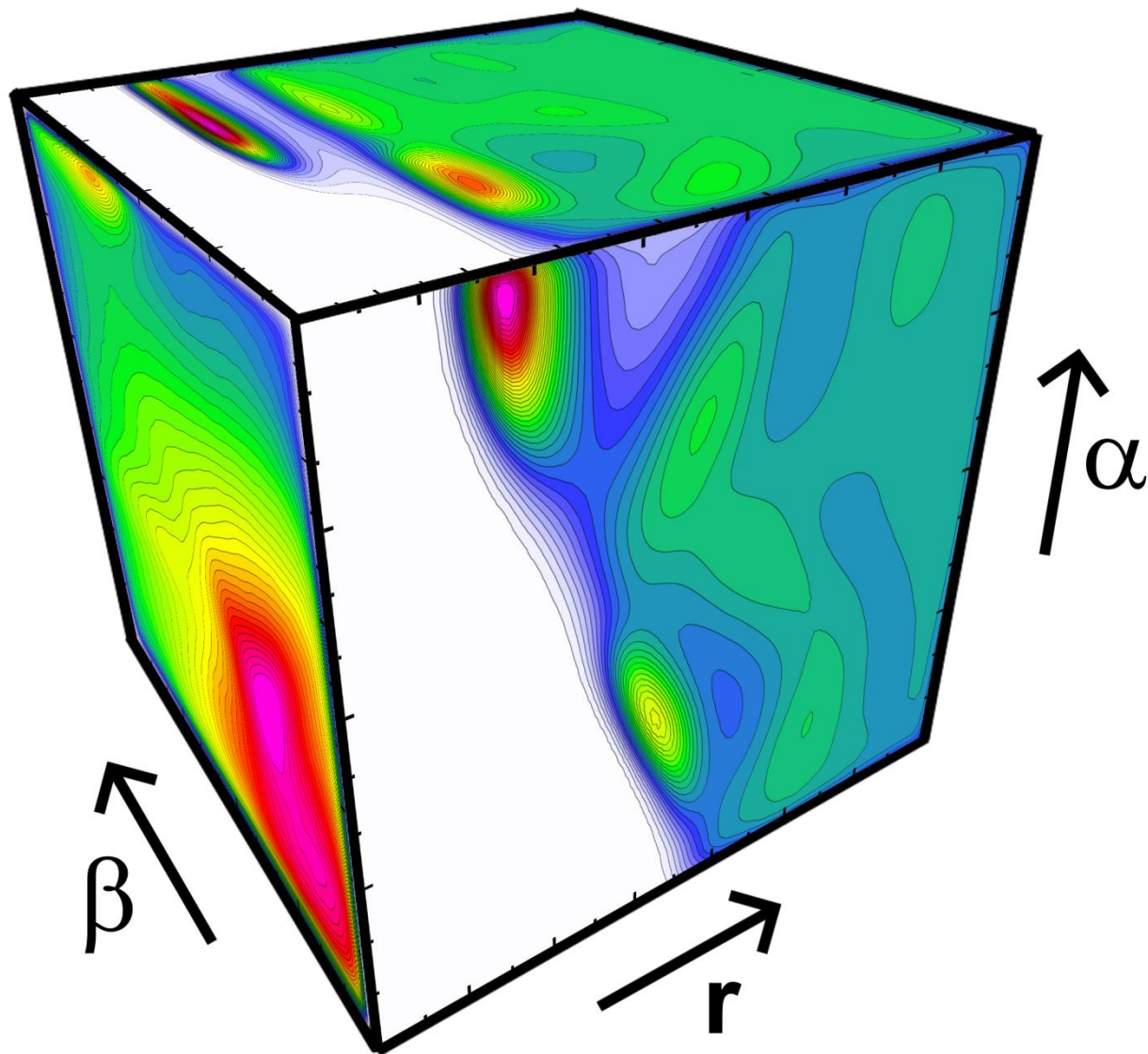
# Combined Distribution Functions

- Now we have a 2D distribution
- Much more information can be read out
- What about higher-dimensional histograms? 😊

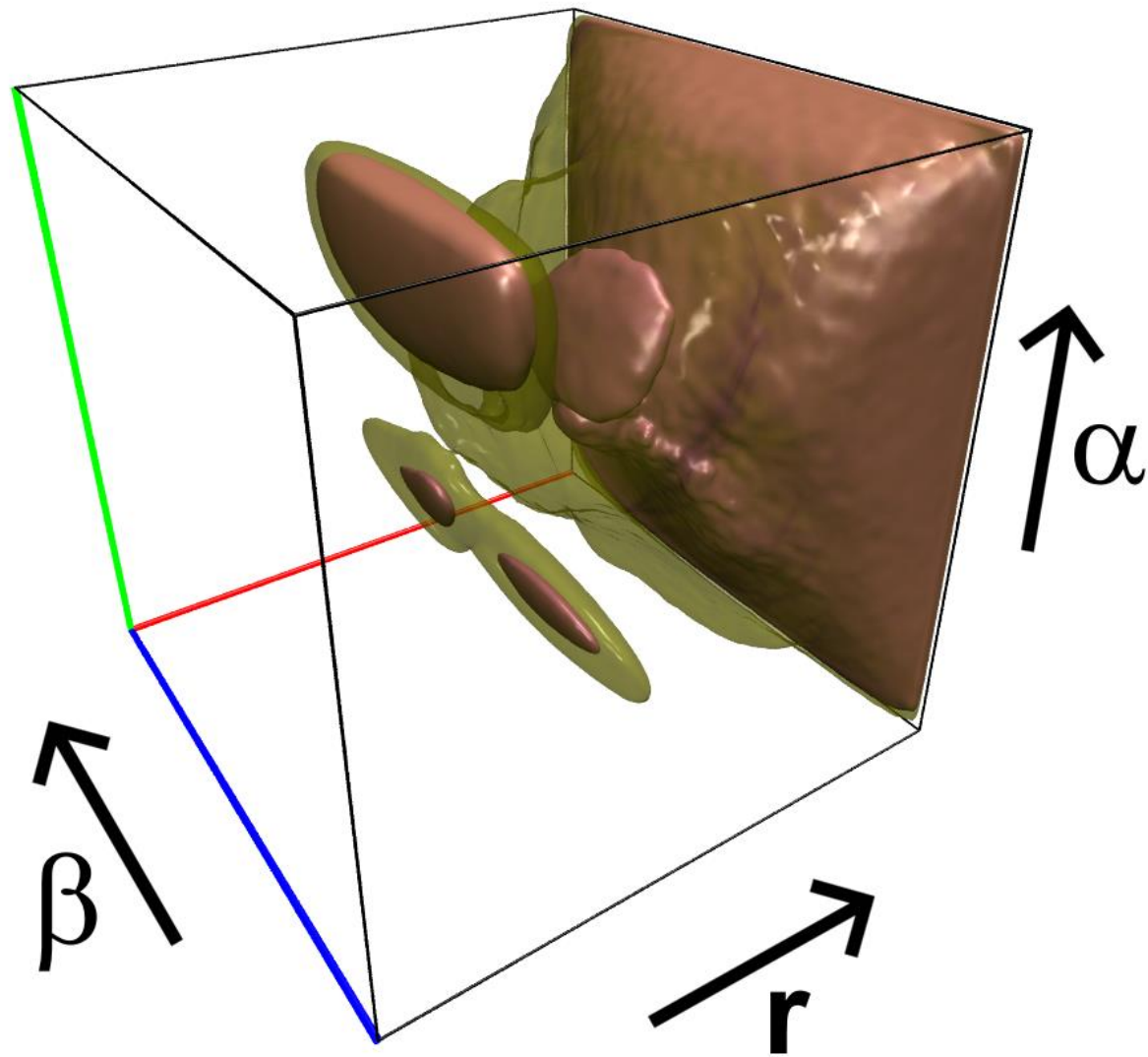
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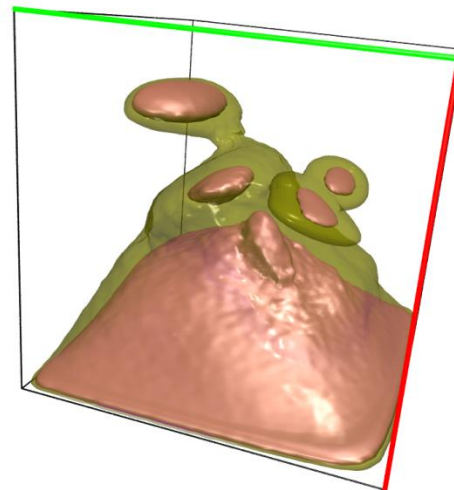
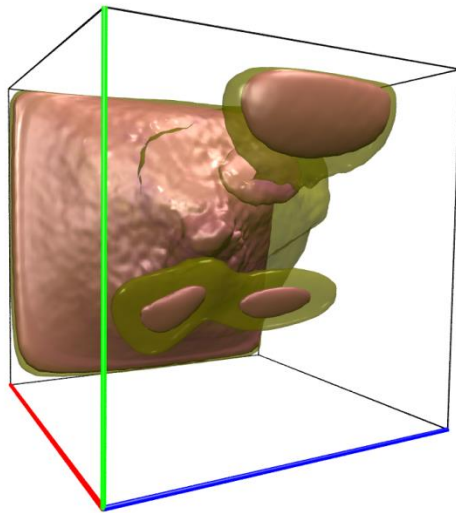
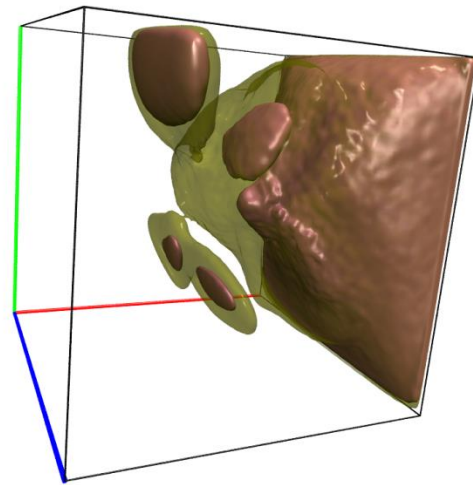
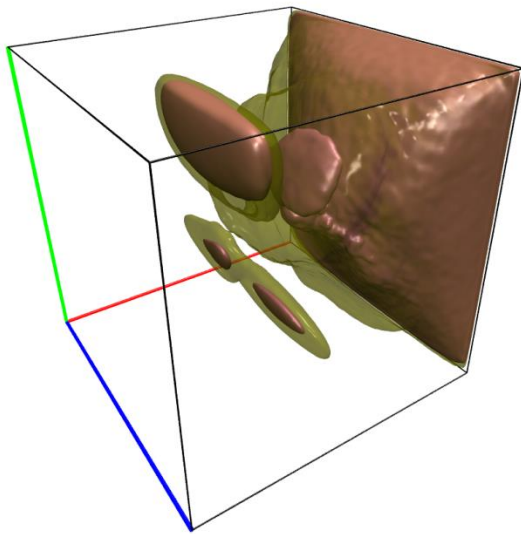
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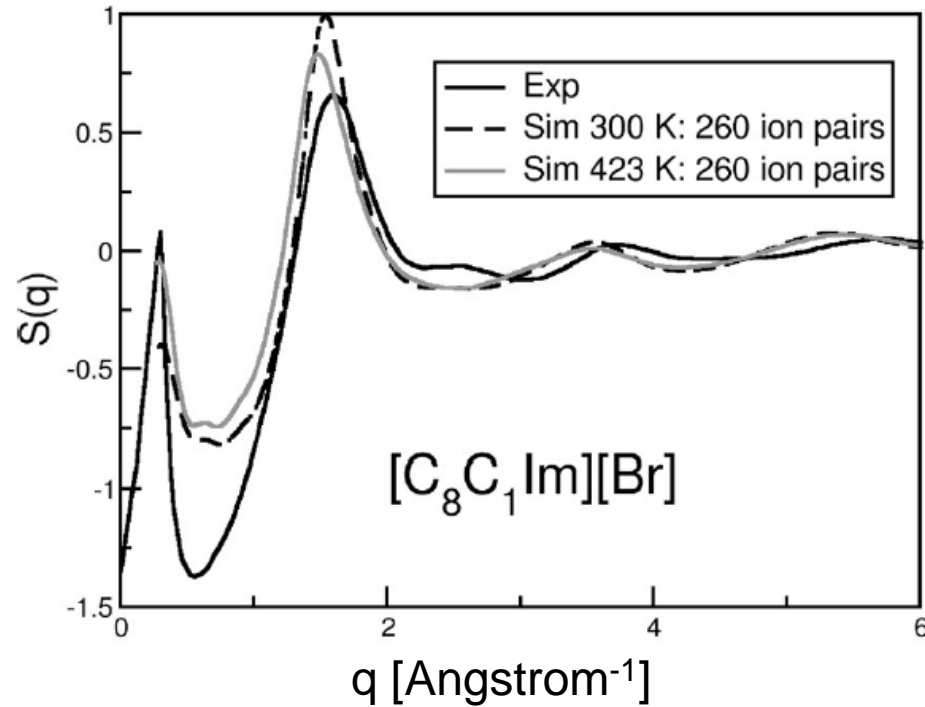


# Combined Distribution Functions

- What can be combined?
  - Any distance between two atoms in the system
  - Any angle between three atoms (or two vectors)
  - Any dihedral angle (between 4 atoms or 3 vectors)
  - Absolute velocity of atoms
  - Velocity / force vectors
  - Dipole moments / vectors of molecules
- Combinations can be of any dimensionality  
(shown here only 2D and 3D)

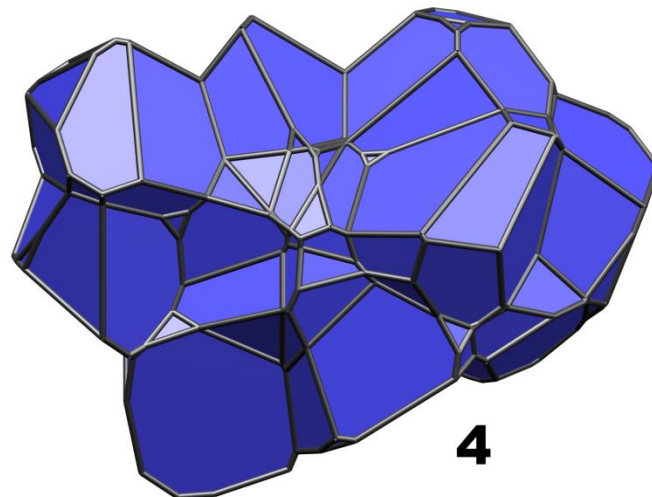
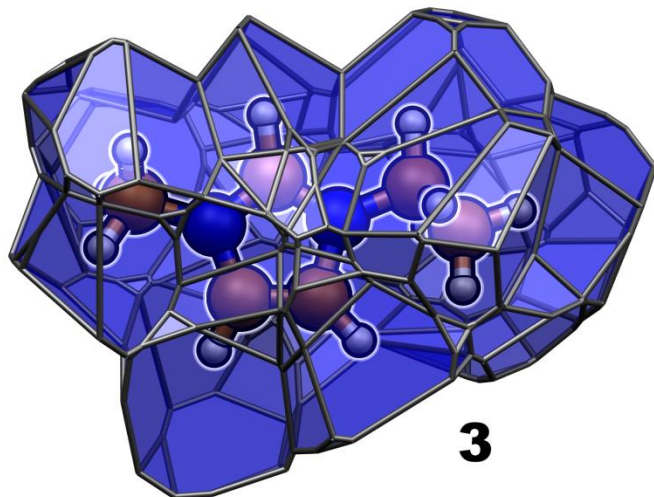
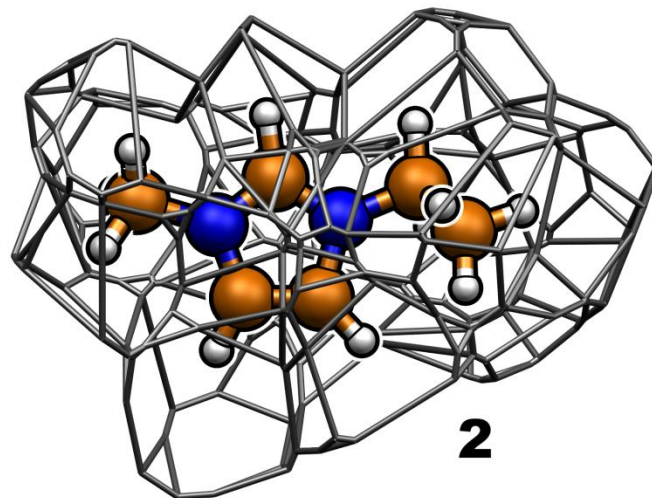
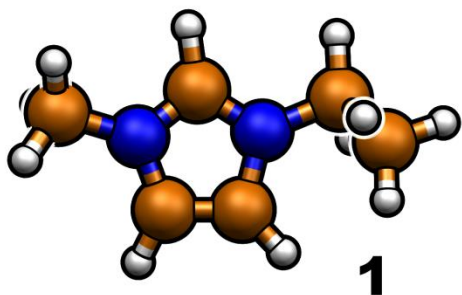
This gives trillions of different combinations!

# Structure Factors (Neutron / X ray)

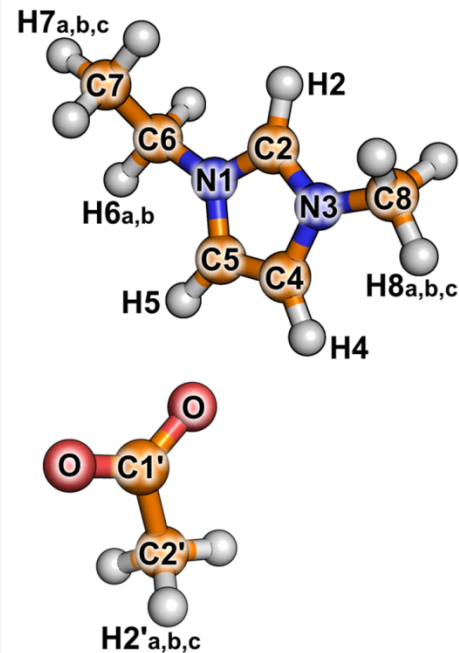
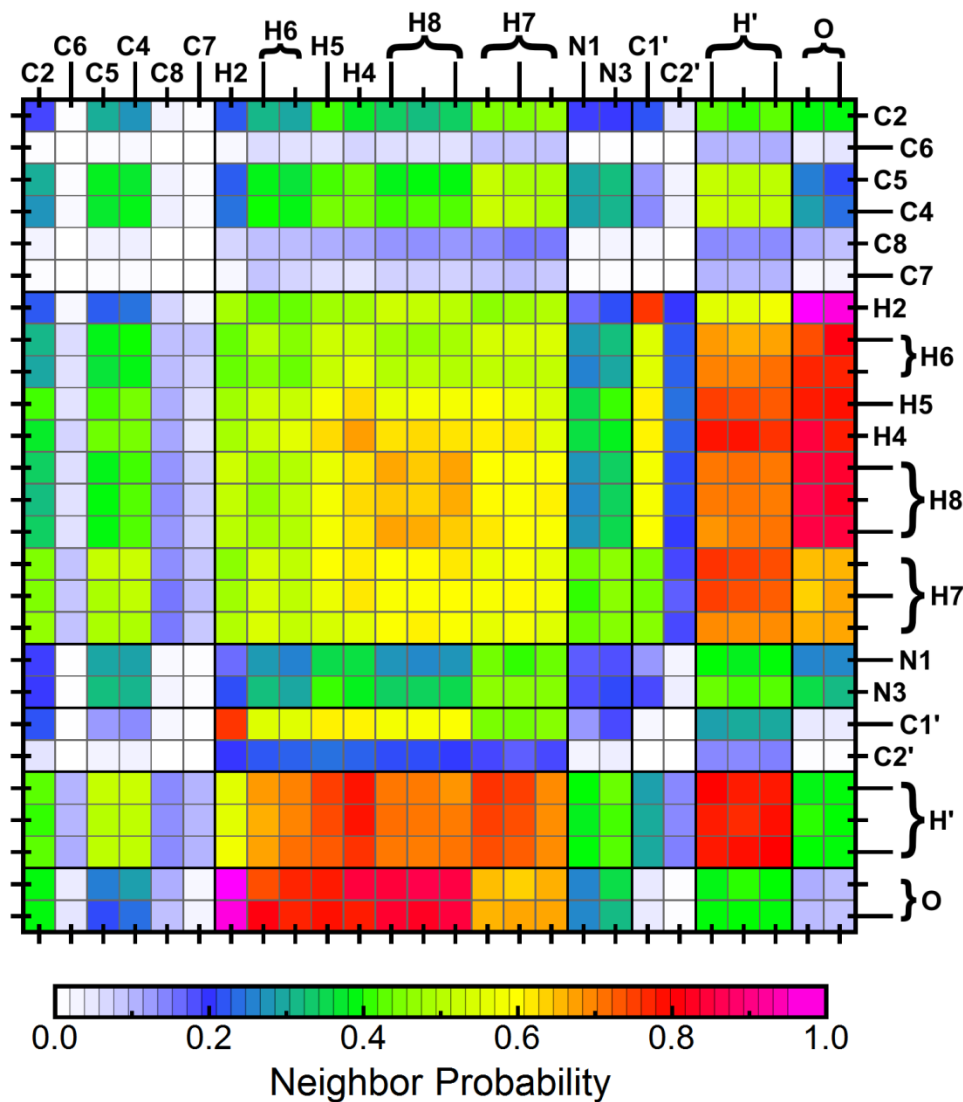




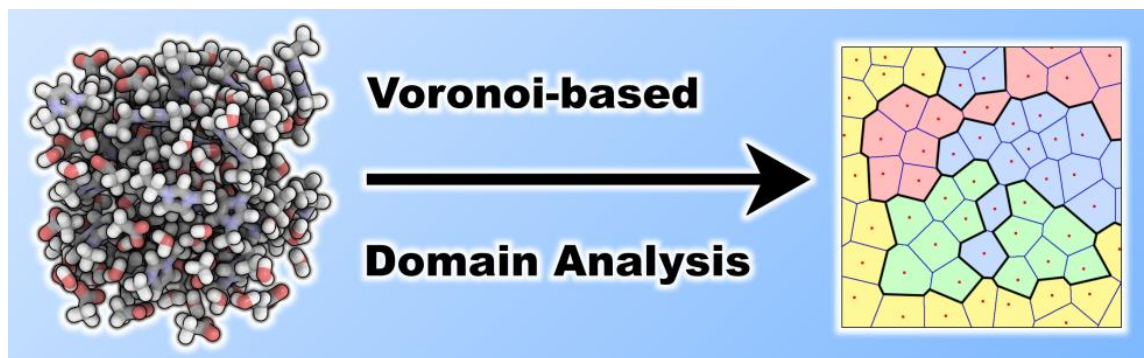
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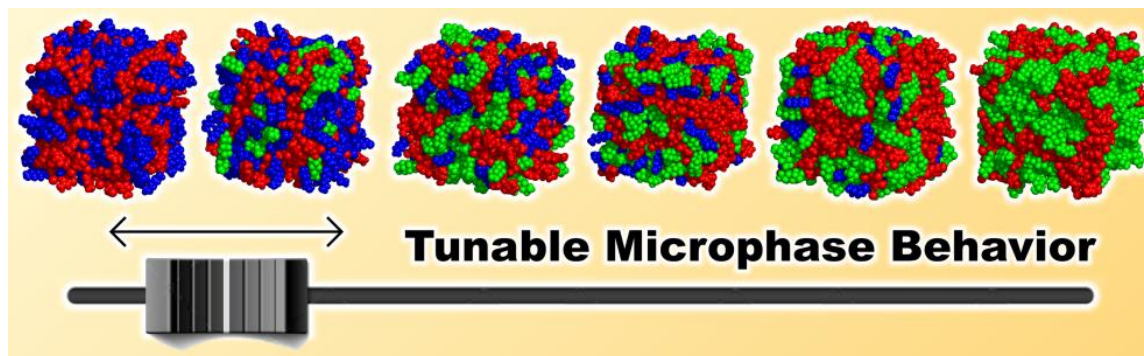
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# Voronoi-based Domain Analysis

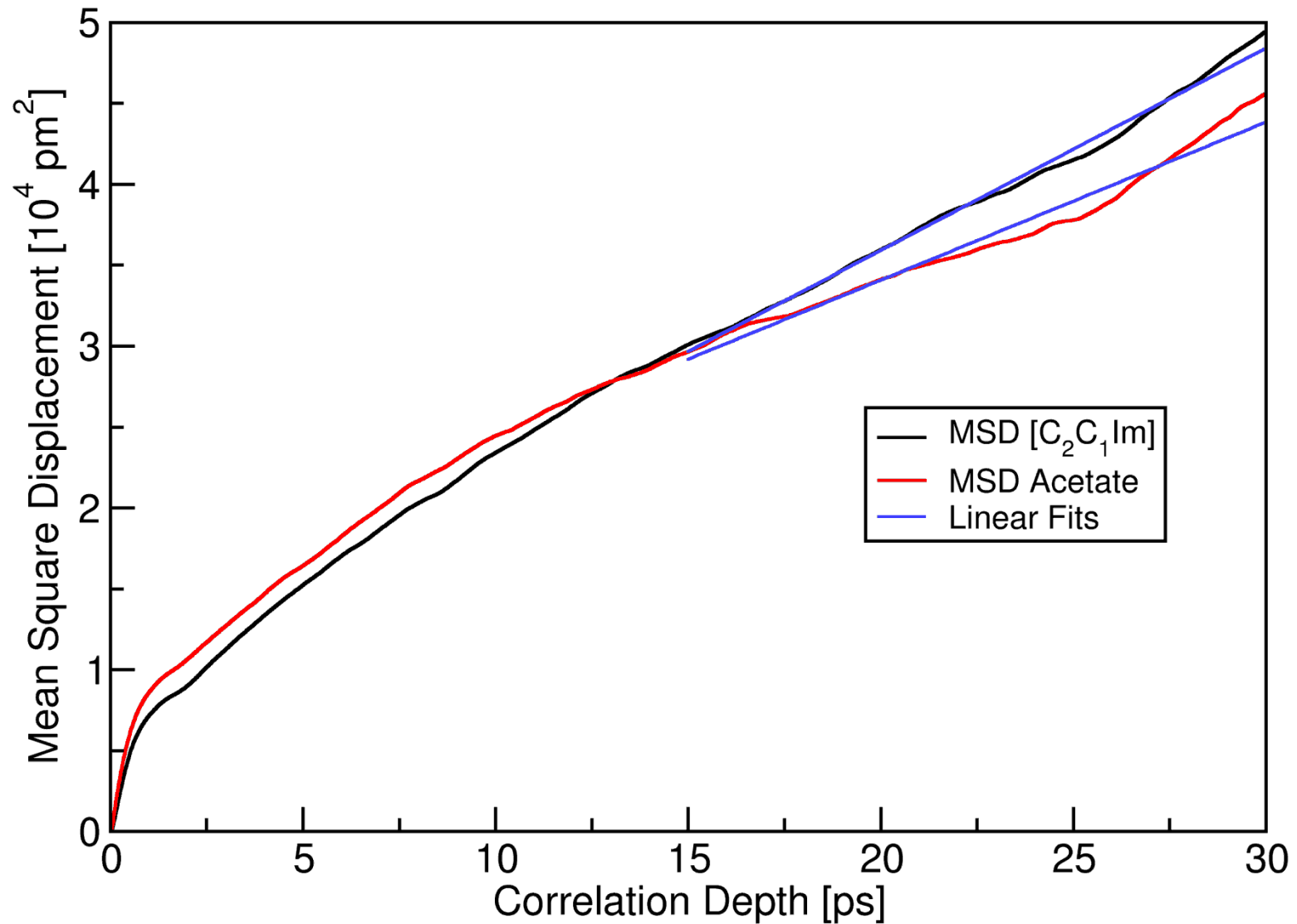


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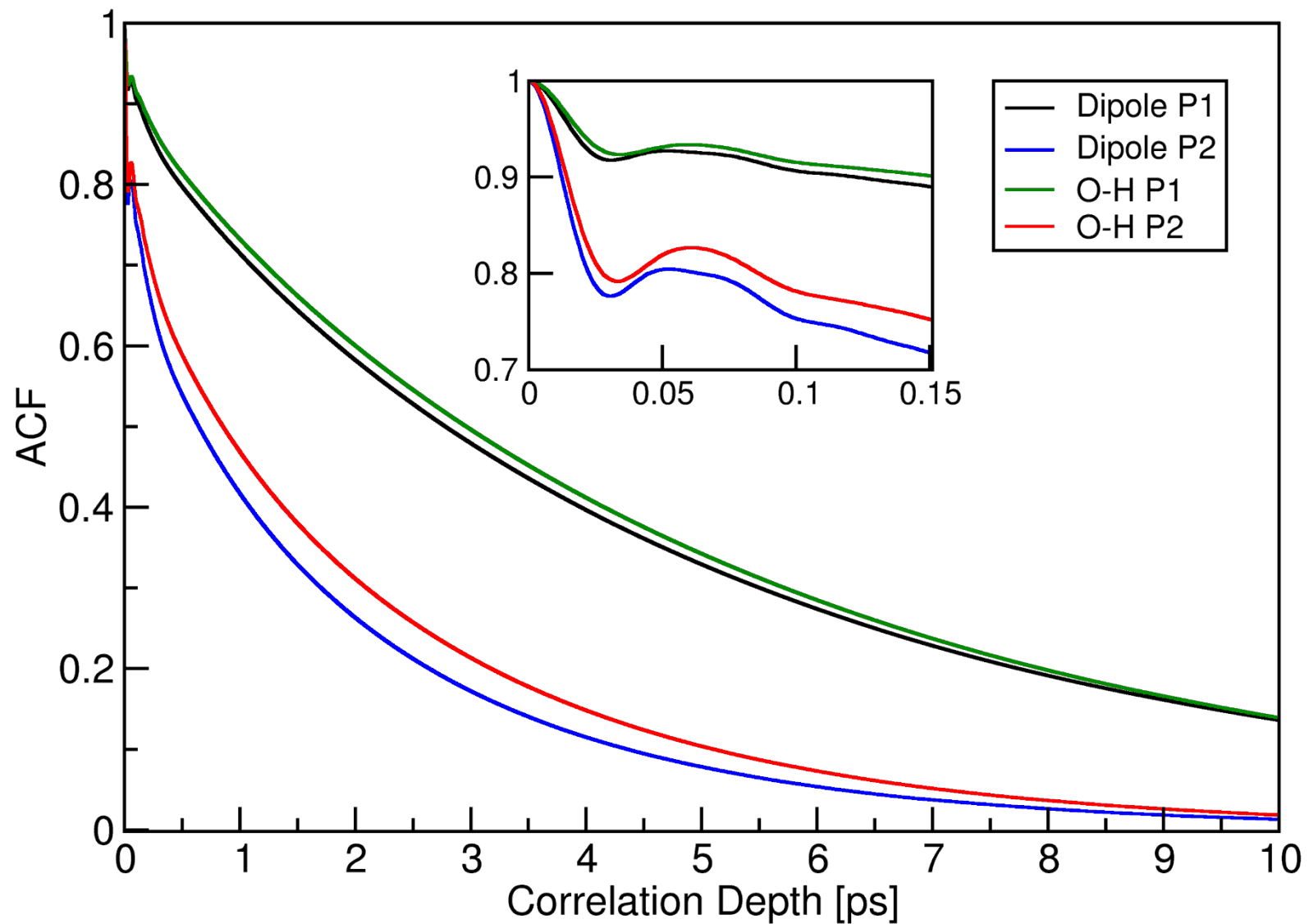
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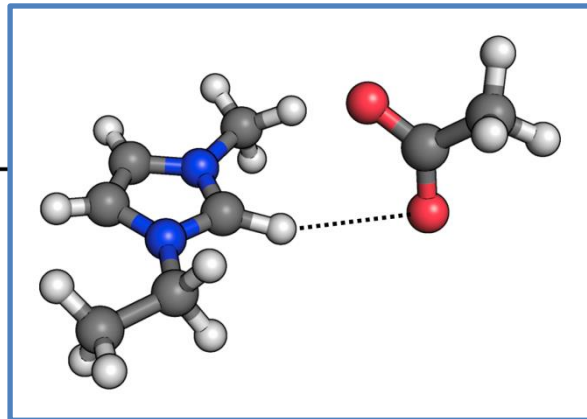
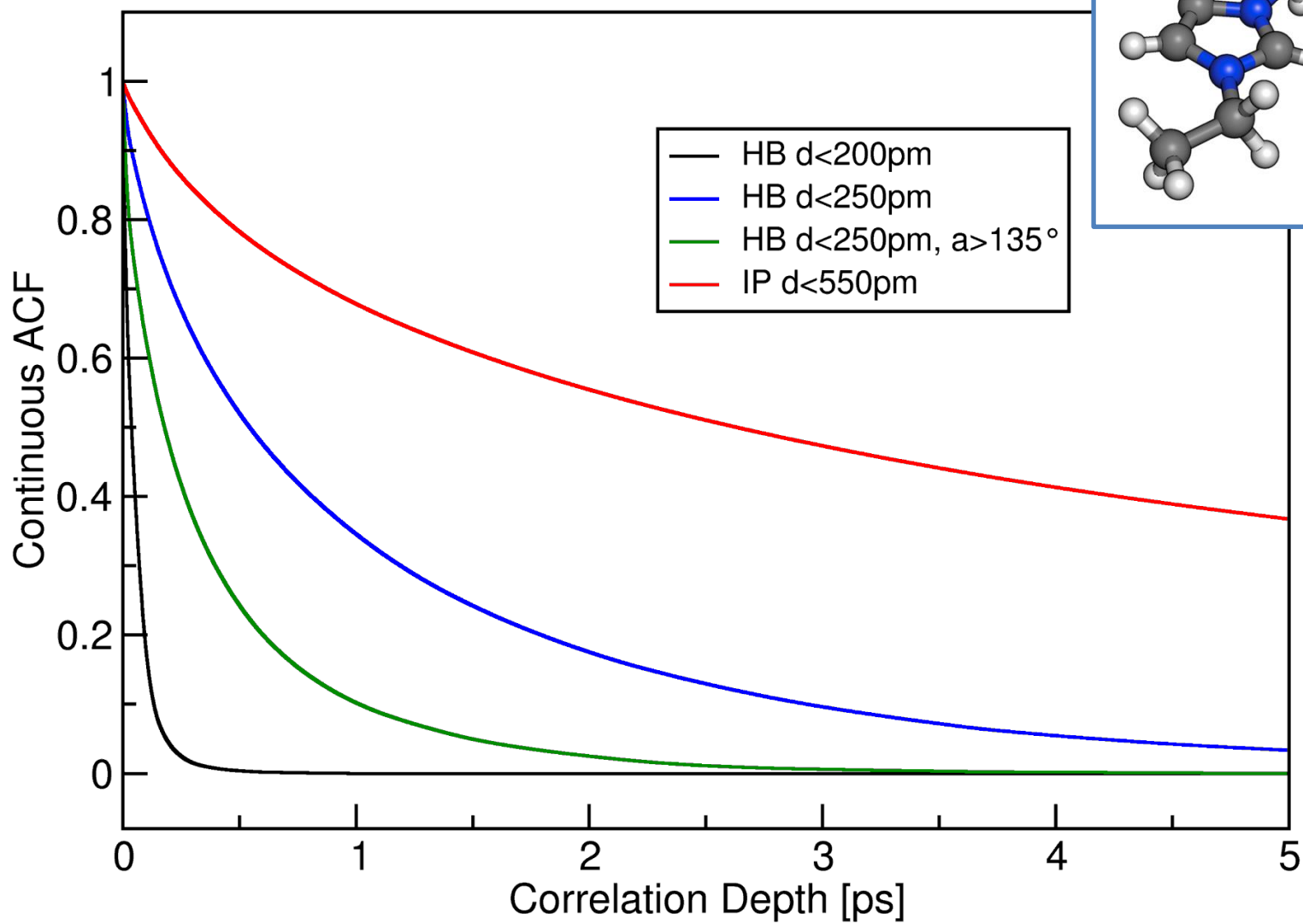
Mean Square Displacement & Diffusion Coefficients

# Dynamical Analyses



Vector Reorientation Dynamics

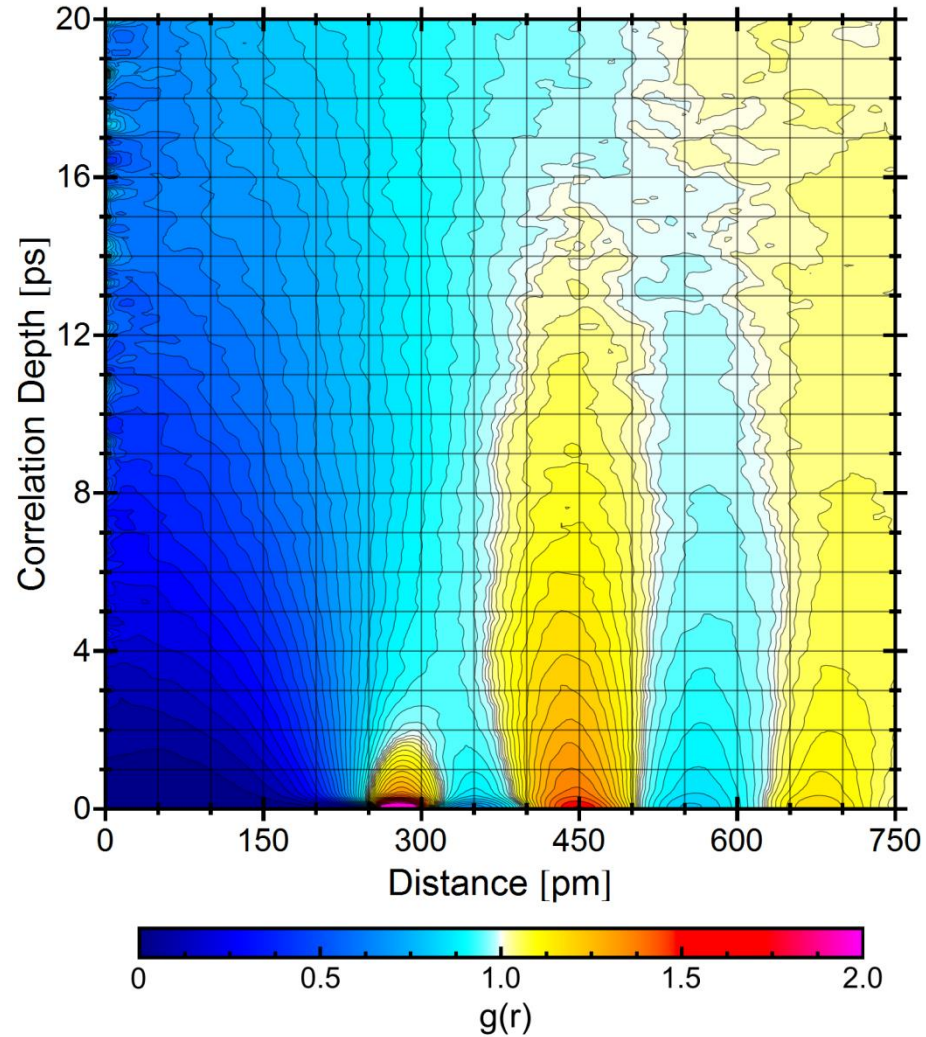
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Lifetime of Aggregates (e.g., hydrogen bonds)

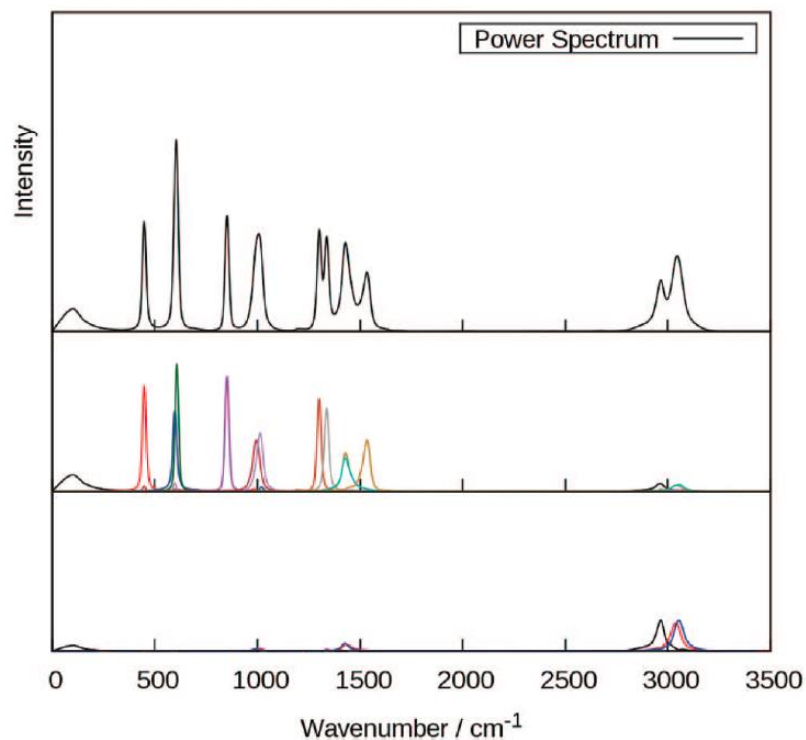


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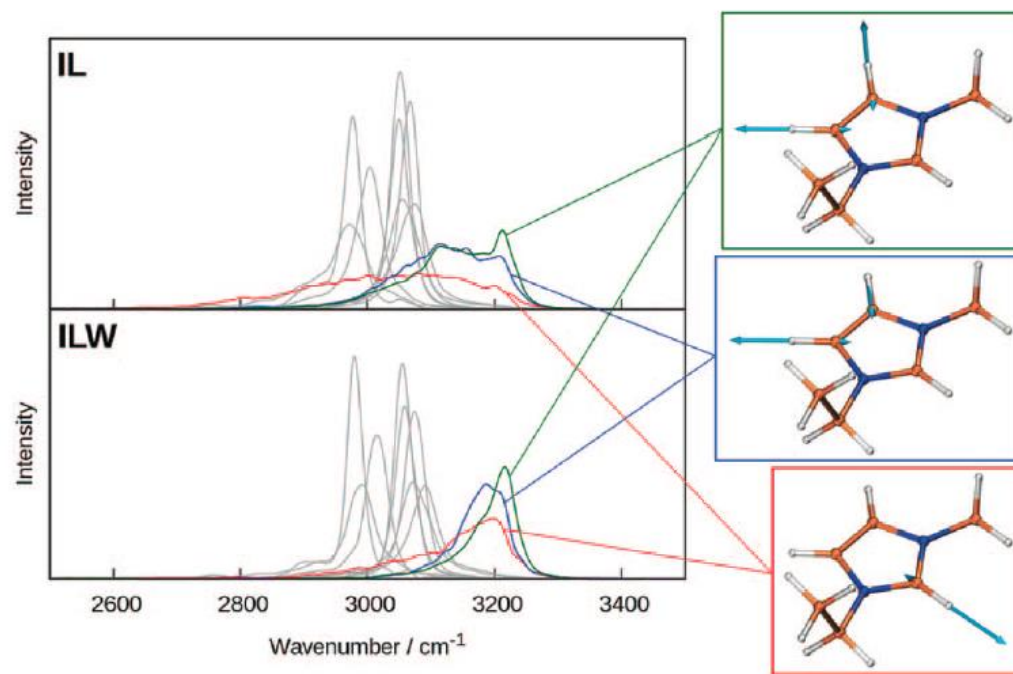


Van Hove Correlation Function & Dynamic Structure Factor

# Spectroscopic Analyses



## Normal Modes from bulk phase AIMD

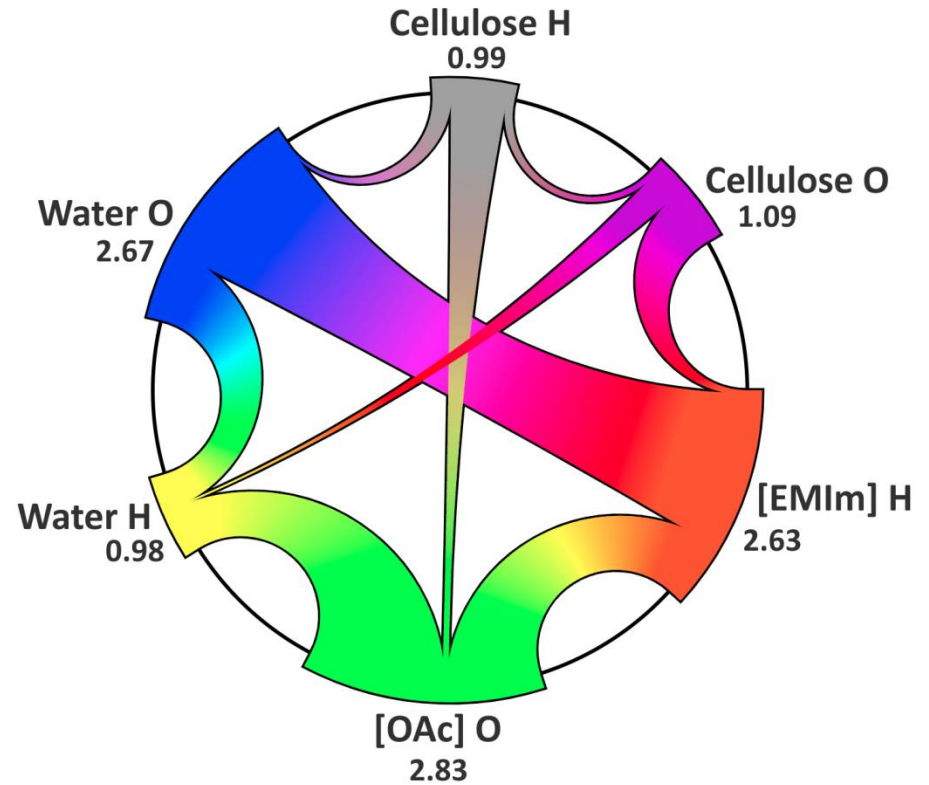
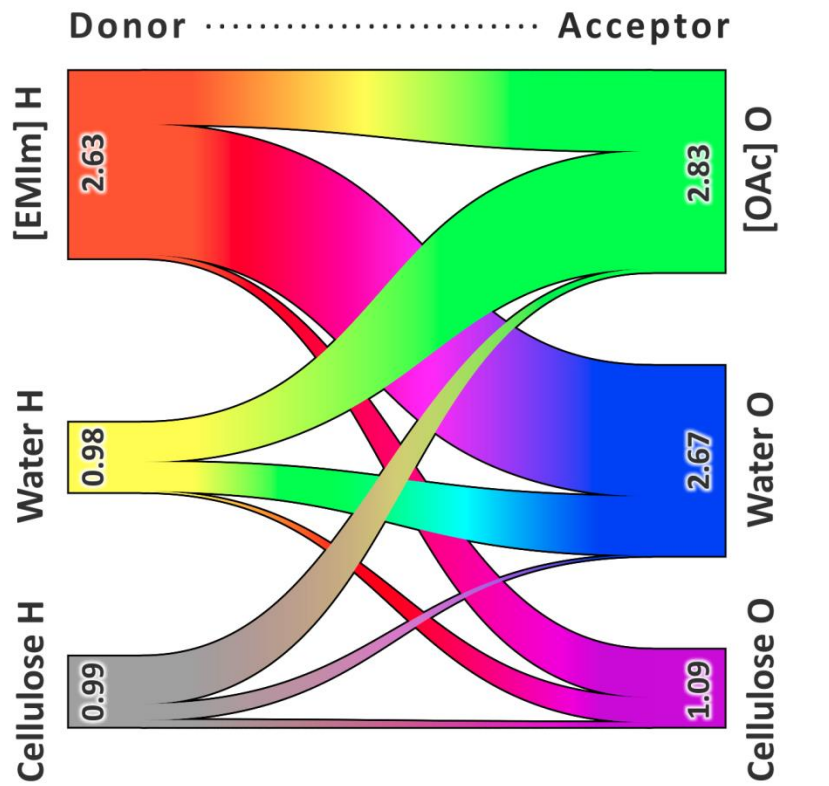


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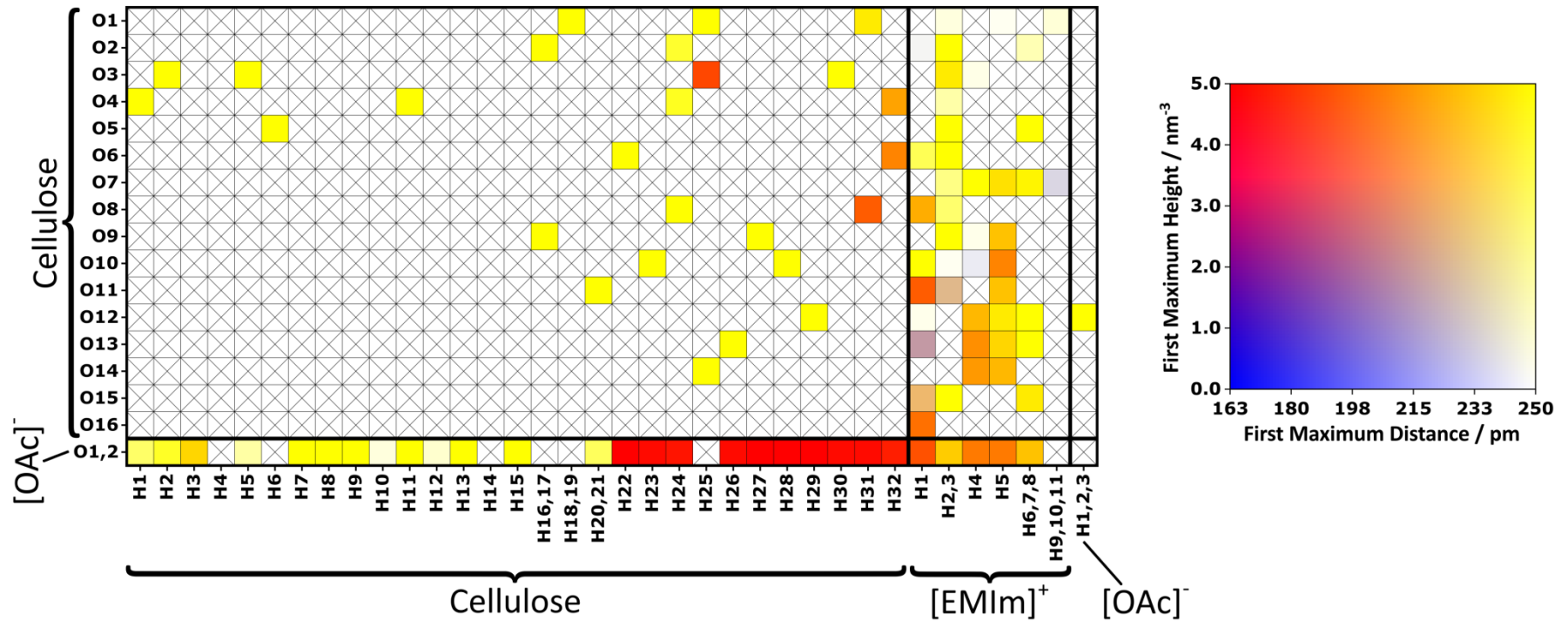
# Hydrogen Bond Topology

## Sankey Diagrams



# Hydrogen Bond Topology

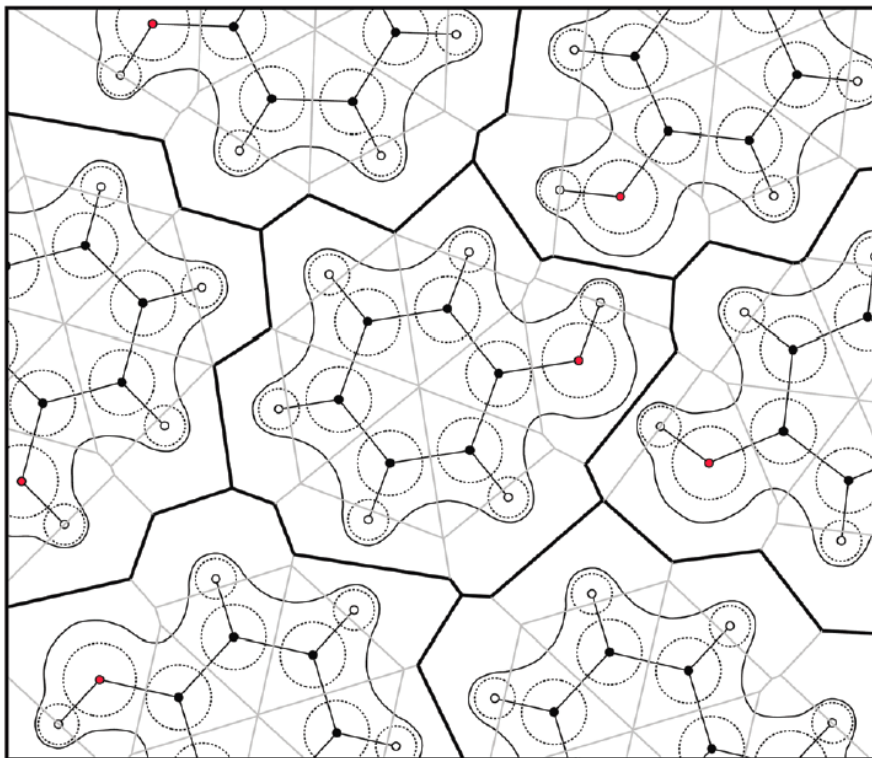
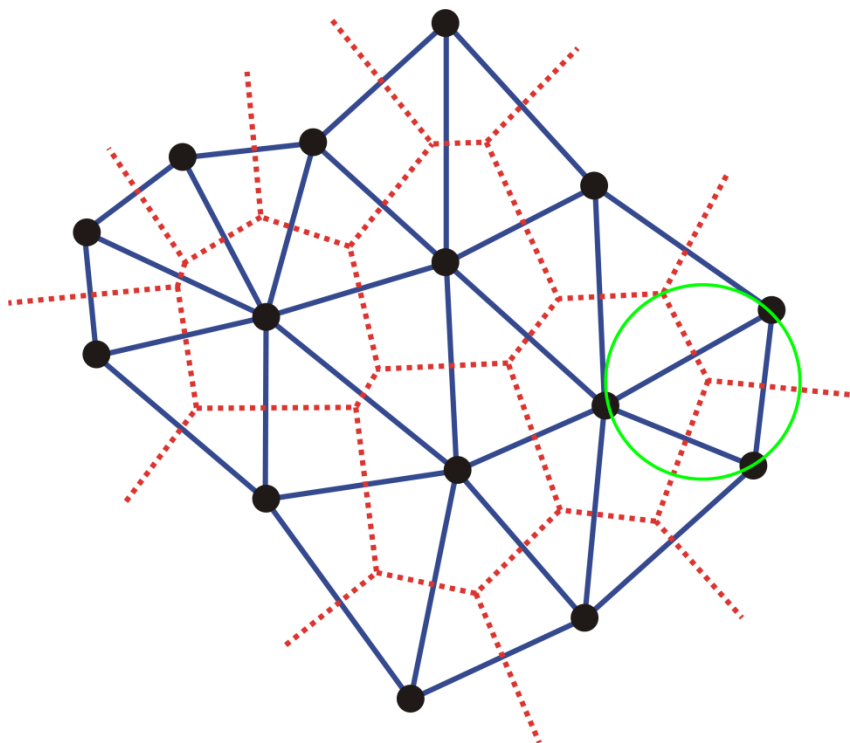
## Connection Matrix Analysis



### **3.) Voronoi Charges**

# Voronoi Charges

**Voronoi Tessellation (G. Voronoi, 1908):**



→ Can be used to compute atomic partial charges  
by simply integrating the total electron density in Voronoi cells

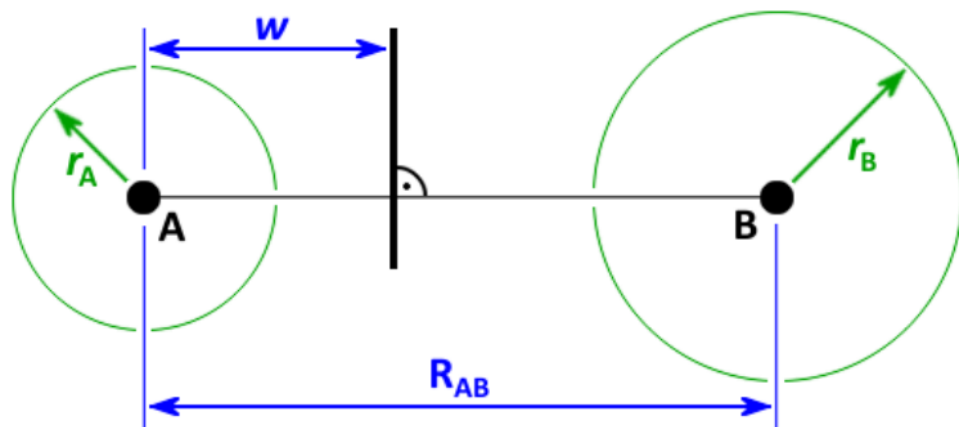
# Voronoi Charges

**Problem:** Atom radii not taken into account

→ Hydrogen atoms are assigned too much electron density

**Possible solution:** „Radical Voronoi tessellation“

Atoms now have radii which determine the size of their Voronoi cell



$$w := \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{r_A^2 - r_B^2}{2R_{AB}^2} \right) R_{AB}$$

# Voronoi Charges

**Subsequent Problem:** Empirical parameters → no longer unbiased

Which atom radii to use? Covalent? VdW?

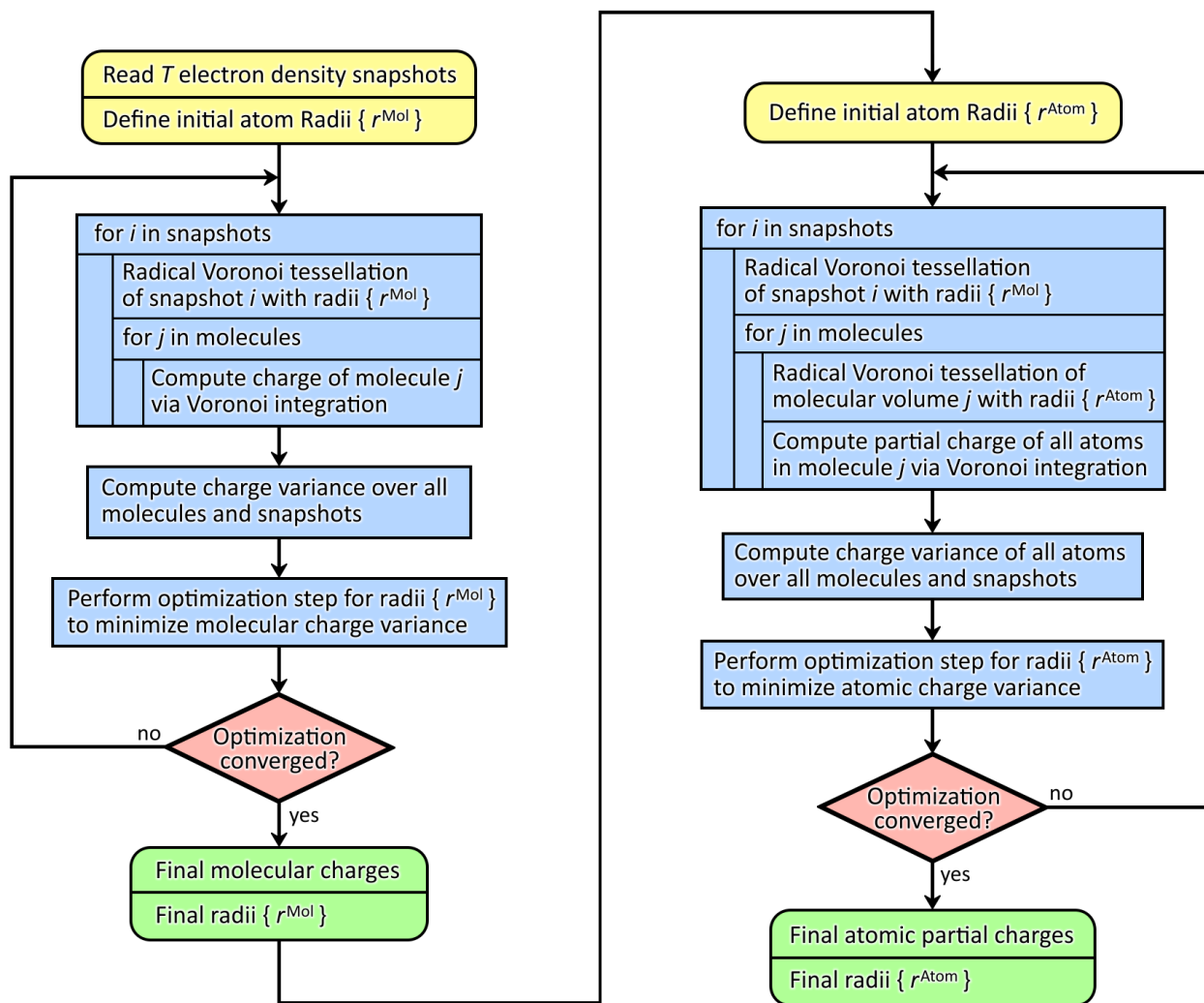
**Our idea:** In molecular liquids, charge transfer between molecules should not be significant...

→ Optimize the Voronoi radii so that the „fluctuation“ (variance) of the atomic charges becomes minimal!

Obtain a set of optimized atom radii and atom charges for a particular trajectory (*dependent on temperature, pressure, ...*)

Very well suitable for „dense“ bulk phase systems.

# Voronoi Charges

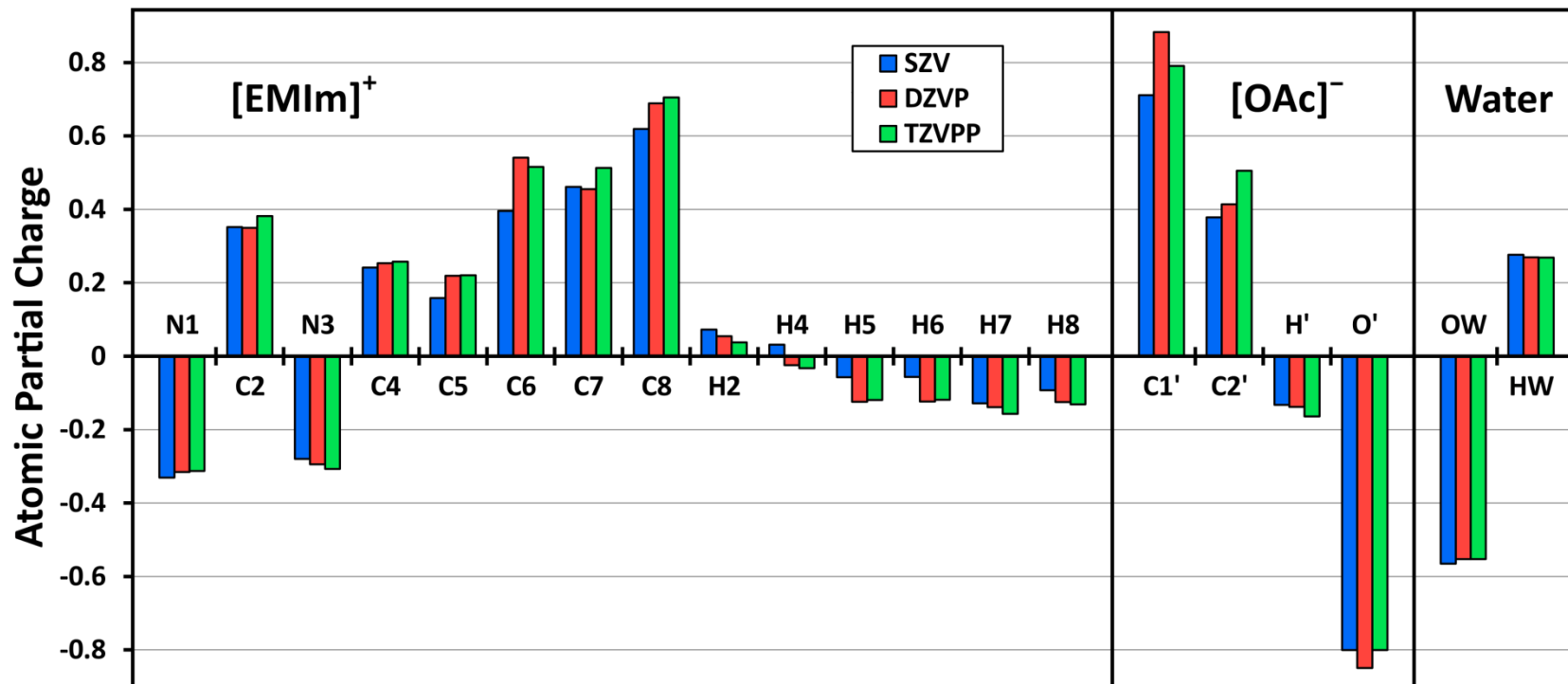


**(a) Molecular Optimization**

**(b) Atomic Optimization**

# Voronoi Charges

Very small basis set dependency:





# Voronoi Charges

Interesting effects are automatically captured:

- Ion charges smaller than unity (+/- 0.8) in ionic liquids (*often applied empirically before*)
- Polarization of the cation and depolarization of the anion in ionic liquids when water is added (*observed before*)

## Conclusions:

- New approach to obtain atomic point charges
- No empirical parameters; optimized radii come out as by-product
- Well suitable for periodic bulk phase systems
- Very small basis set dependence
- Requires only total electron density → works with many methods

# Voronoi Charges

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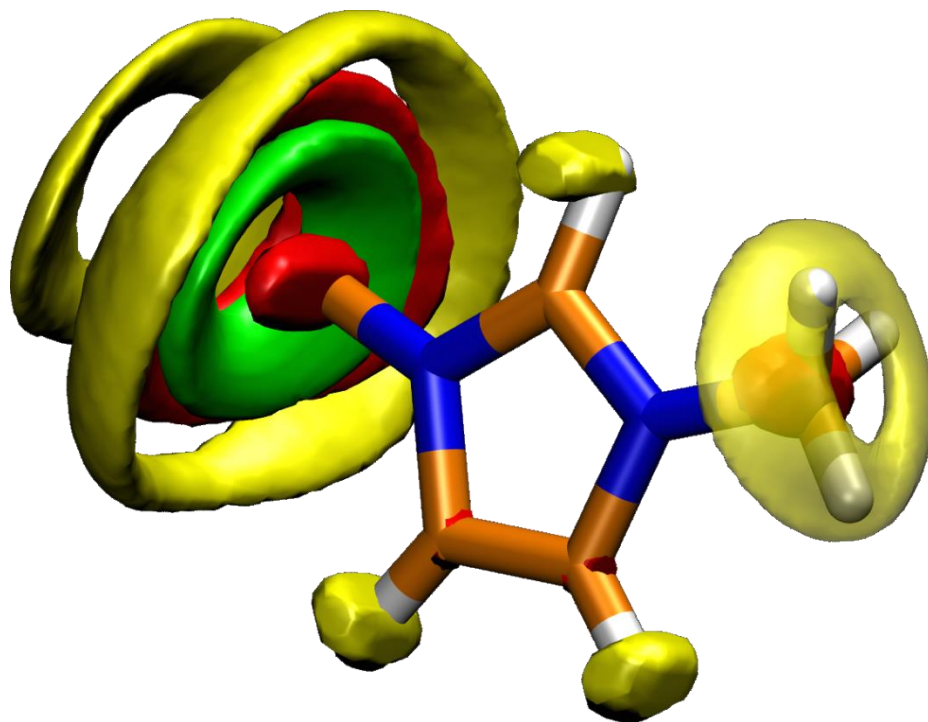
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## Abstract

We present a novel method for the computation of well-defined optimized atomic partial charges and radii from the total electron density. Our method is based on a two-step radical Voronoi tessellation of the (possibly periodic) system and subsequent integration of the total electron density within each Voronoi cell. First, the total electron density is partitioned into the contributions of each molecule, and subsequently the electron density within each molecule is assigned to the individual atoms using a second set of atomic radii for the radical Voronoi tessellation. The radii are optimized on-the-fly to minimize the



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