

From 3D coordinates to molecular surface





What we are still orphans:

- **Virtualize molecular topology (shape and volume);**
- Virtualize the generation of alternative conformers;
- Virtualize the evaluation of the stability of each conformer.



We are coordinates hunters!

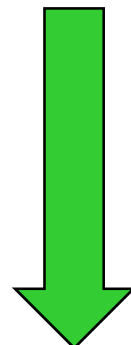




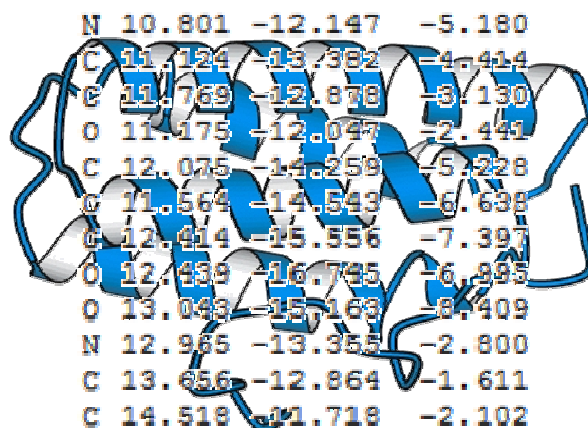
I would like to start from here!



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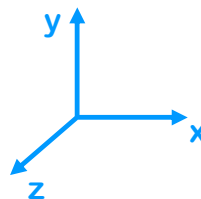
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Compu Methods



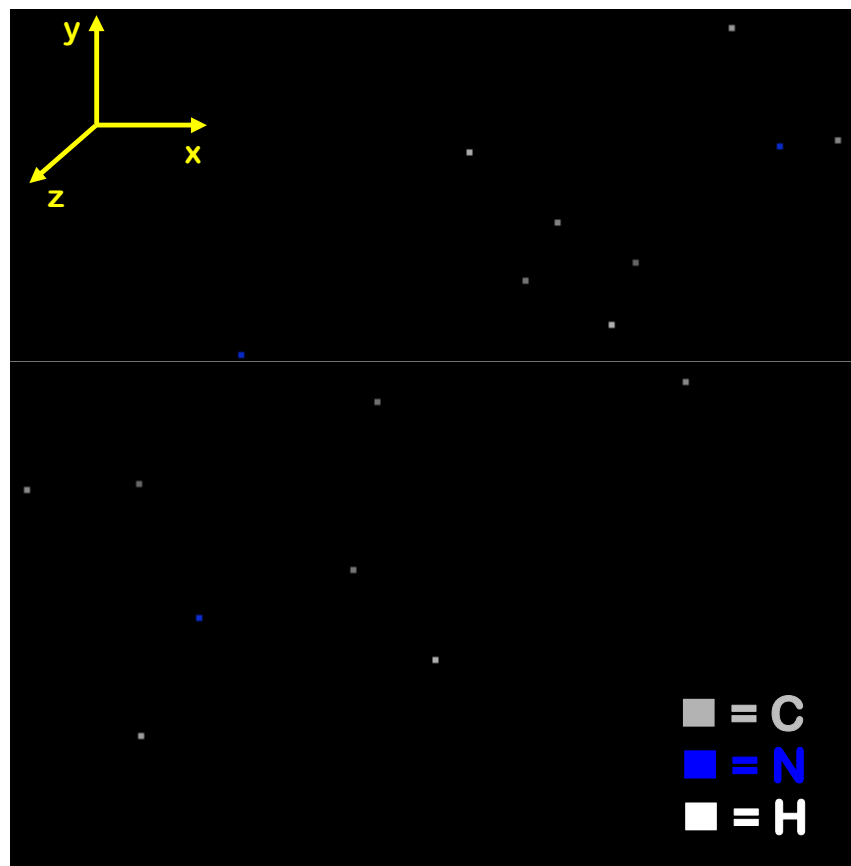
3D





Let's go back to our Cartesian coordinate ...

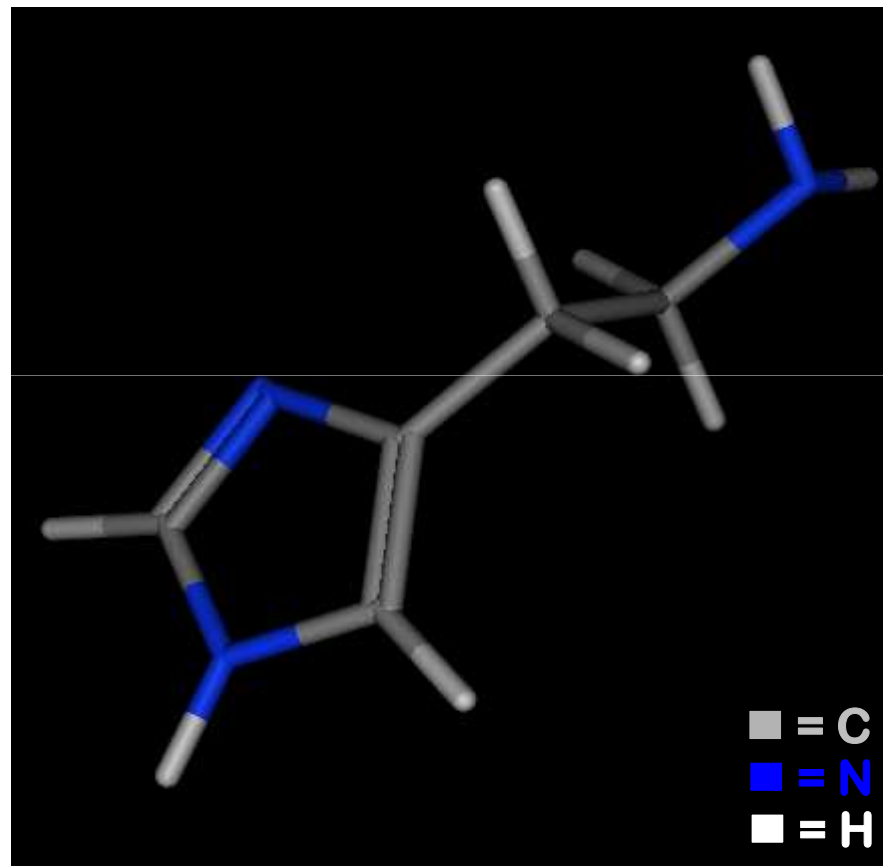
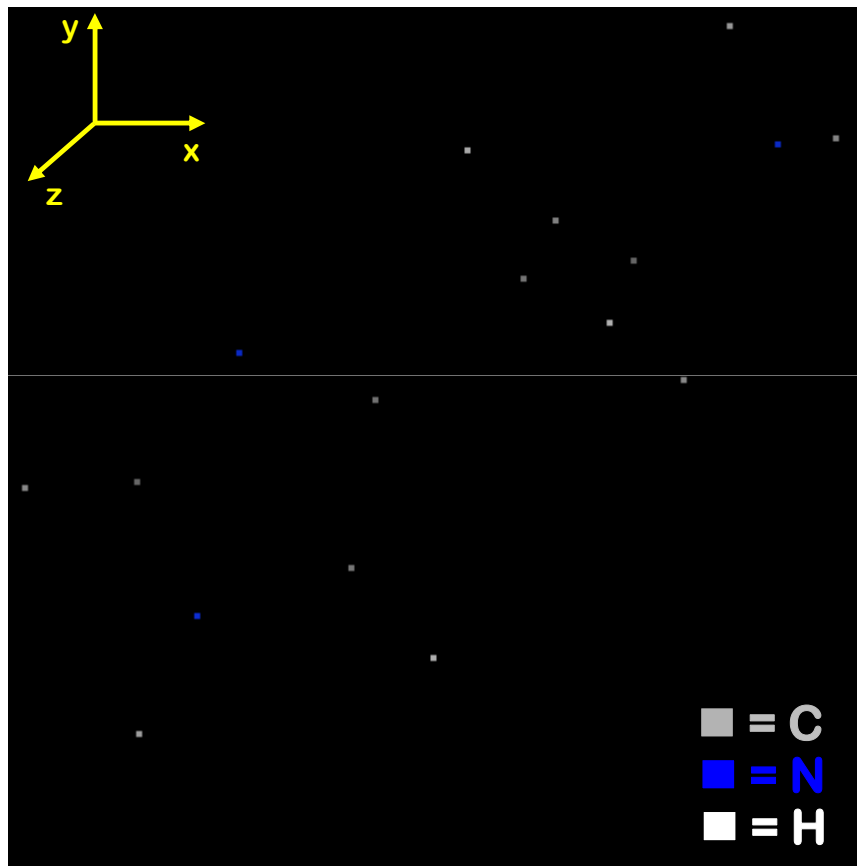
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1.8740	2.4560	0.3100	H
-0.1610	0.9170	-0.5670	N
-1.0220	-0.0510	-0.3510	C
-2.0310	-0.1010	-0.7380	H
-0.4920	-1.0270	0.4440	N
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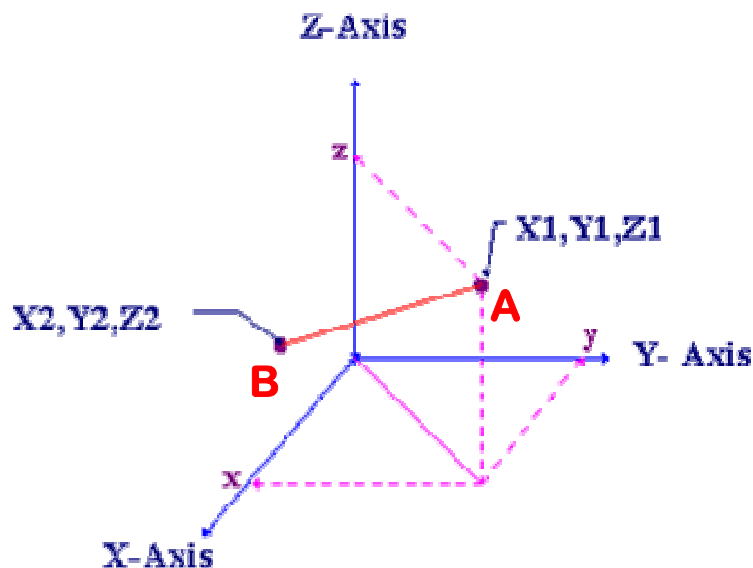
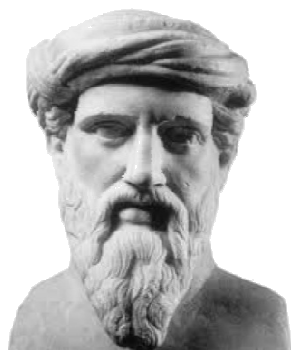
Rendering!

..or show me *privileged* distances!

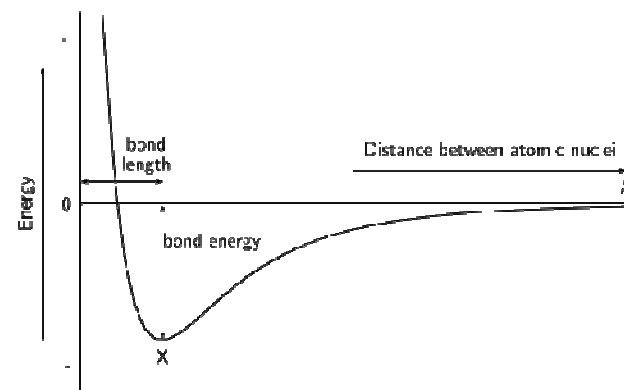




What can we easily measure in a 3D Cartesian space?



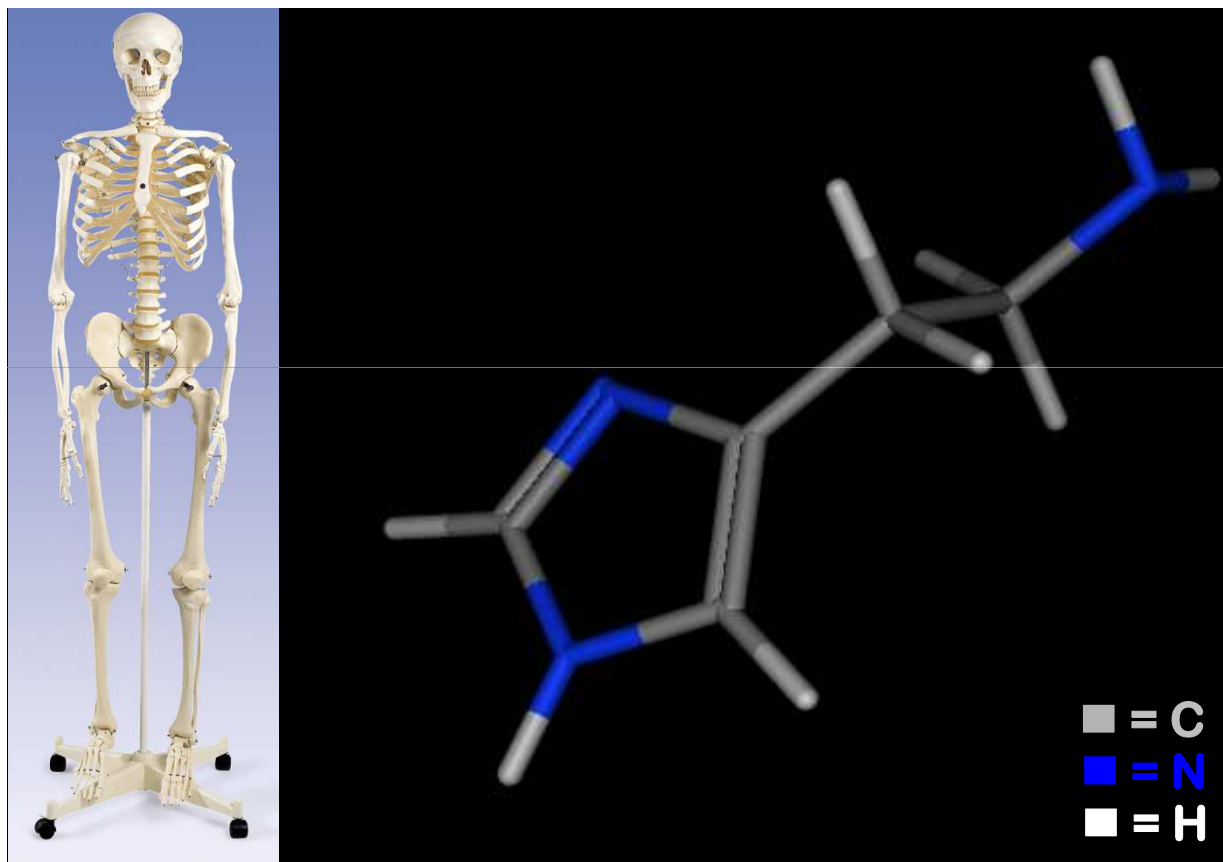
$$\overline{AB} = \sqrt{(X1 - X2)^2 + (Y1 - Y2)^2 + (Z1 - Z2)^2}$$



Bond	Bond Length (Å)	Bond	Bond Length (Å)
C—C	1.54	N—N	1.47
C=C	1.34	N=N	1.24
C≡C	1.20	N≡N	1.10
C—N	1.43	N—O	1.36
C=N	1.38	N=O	1.22
C≡N	1.16		
		O—O	1.48
C—O	1.43	O=O	1.21
C=O	1.23		
C≡O	1.13		



But how can we restore physicality to our molecular models?





Atomic radius... could be one?

The atomic radius of a chemical element is a measure of the size of its atoms, usually the mean or typical distance from the nucleus to the boundary of the surrounding cloud of electrons.



Since the boundary is not a well-defined physical entity, there are various non-equivalent definitions of atomic radius. Three widely used definitions of atomic radius are *van der Waals radius*, *ionic radius*, and *covalent radius*.





Johannes Diderik van der Waals (23 November 1837 – 8 March 1923) was a Dutch theoretical physicist and thermodynamicist famous for his work on an equation of state for gases and liquids.

His name is primarily associated with the van der Waals equation of state that describes the behavior of gases and their condensation to the liquid phase. His name is also associated with van der Waals forces (forces between stable molecules), with van der Waals molecules (small molecular clusters bound by van der Waals forces), and with van der Waals radii (sizes of molecules).

He became the first physics professor of the University of Amsterdam when it opened in 1877 and won the 1910 Nobel Prize in physics.

van der Waals radius: in principle, half the minimum distance between the nuclei of two atoms of the element that are not bound to the same molecule.





A quick refresh...

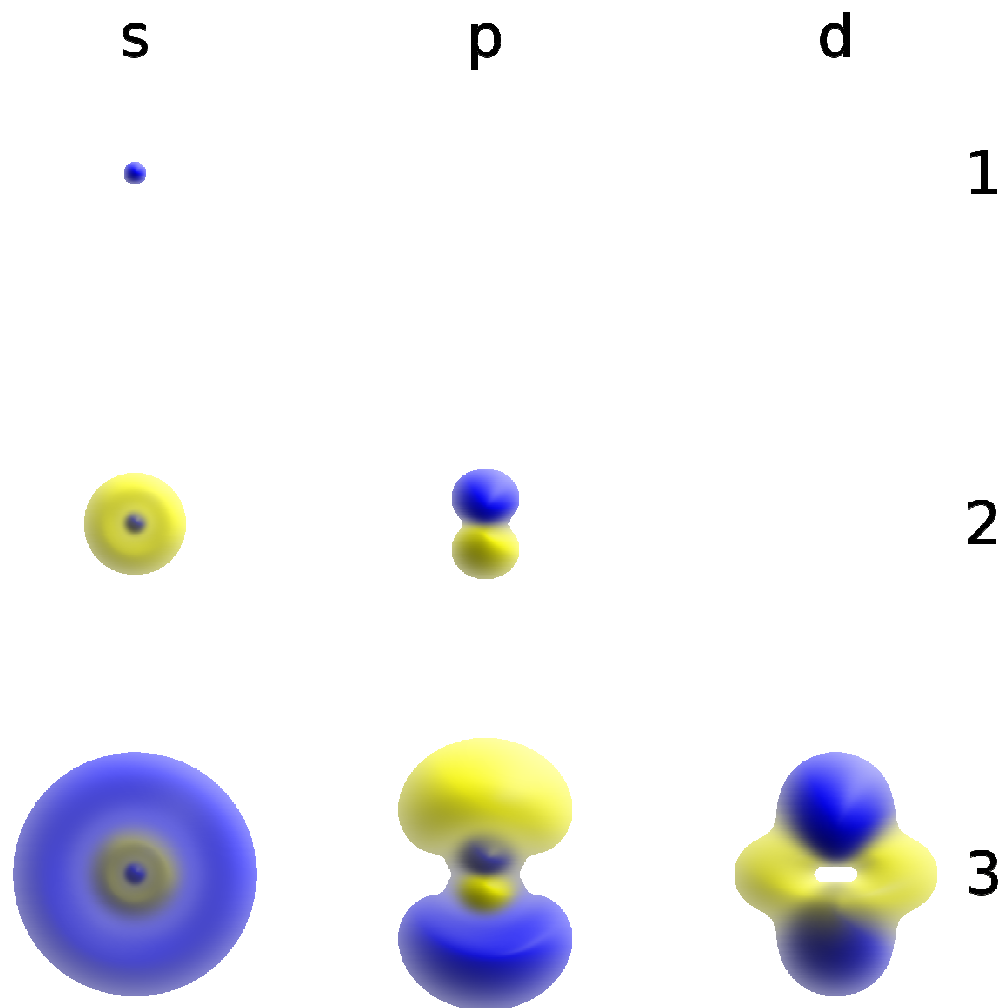
Element	radius (Å)
Hydrogen	1.20
Carbon	1.70
Nitrogen	1.55
Oxygen	1.52
Fluorine	1.47
Phosphorus	1.80
Sulfur	1.80
Chlorine	1.75
Copper	1.4

$$V_{vdW} = \frac{4}{3} \pi r_{vdW}^3$$

$$r_{vdW} = \sqrt[3]{V_{vdW} \frac{3}{4\pi}}$$



Why an atom has a spherical shape?

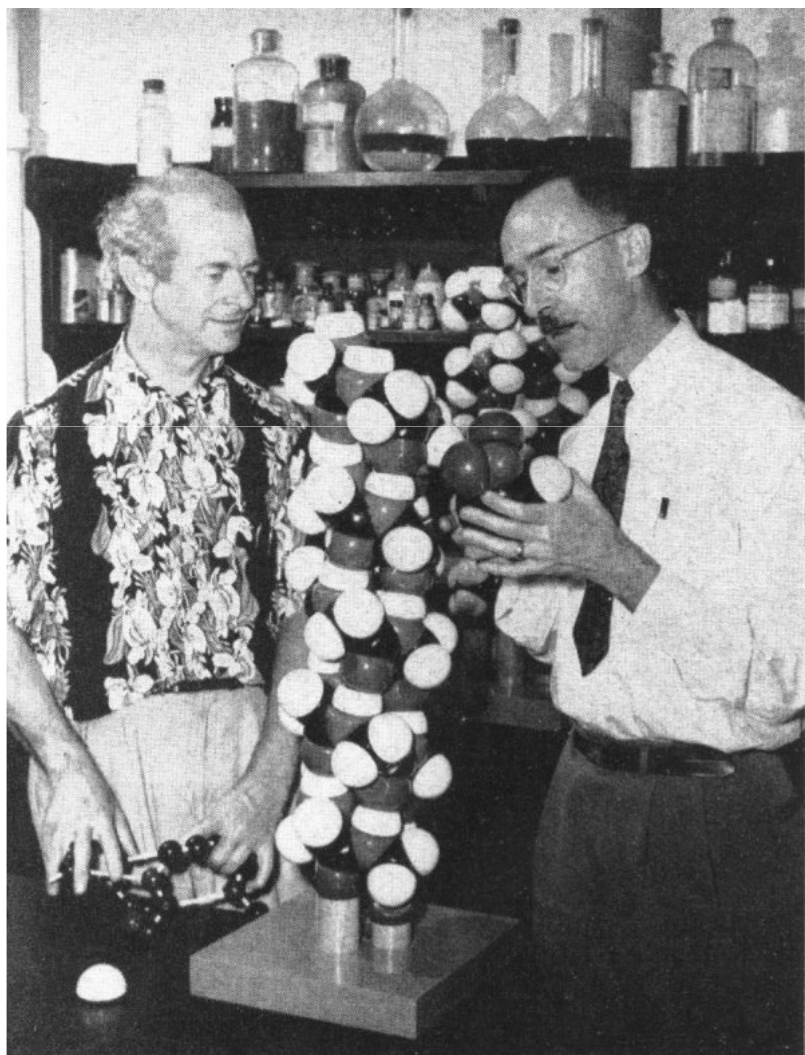


The images are 3D renderings of the spatial density distribution of $|\psi|^2$ with the color depicting the phase of ψ . The spatial distribution is smooth and vanishes for large radii. The cloud is a more realistic representation of an orbital than the more common solid-body approximations.

Credits: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electron#/media/File:Atomic-orbital-clouds_spd_m0.png



From Cartesian coordinates to van der Waals spheres:



Robert B. Corey and Linus Pauling
“Molecular Models of Amino Acids, Peptides, and Proteins.”
Rev. Sci. Instrum. 24, 621 (1953).

Abstract: A set of accurate scale models has been developed for use in studies of the structures of amino acids, peptides, and proteins. Models representing atoms or groups of atoms built from hard wood to the scale 1 in. = 1Å are connected by a clamping device which maintains desired molecular configurations. These accurate models have been used as substitutes for calculation in investigations of the probable configuration of the polypeptide chain in proteins. Analogous models constructed of rubber-like plastic to the scale 1 in. = 2Å and connected by snap fasteners are designed for qualitative studies of protein structure.



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Scuole al collasso senza insegnanti Caccia ai supplenti su siti e Whatsapp

*Graduatorie esaurite, si arruolano anche studenti e diplomati
Ci sono avvocati che lasciano lo studio per riciclarsi docenti*

Cristiano Cadoni

PADOVA. Ora li cercano con Whatsapp, un messaggio lanciato nelle chat dei genitori con l'appello: "Se conoscete qualcuno, segnalatelo". Prima ancora di questa mossa disperata, avevano messo un annuncio sul sito della scuola. Un manifesto pubblico della resa. Cercansi insegnanti, perché la scuola non

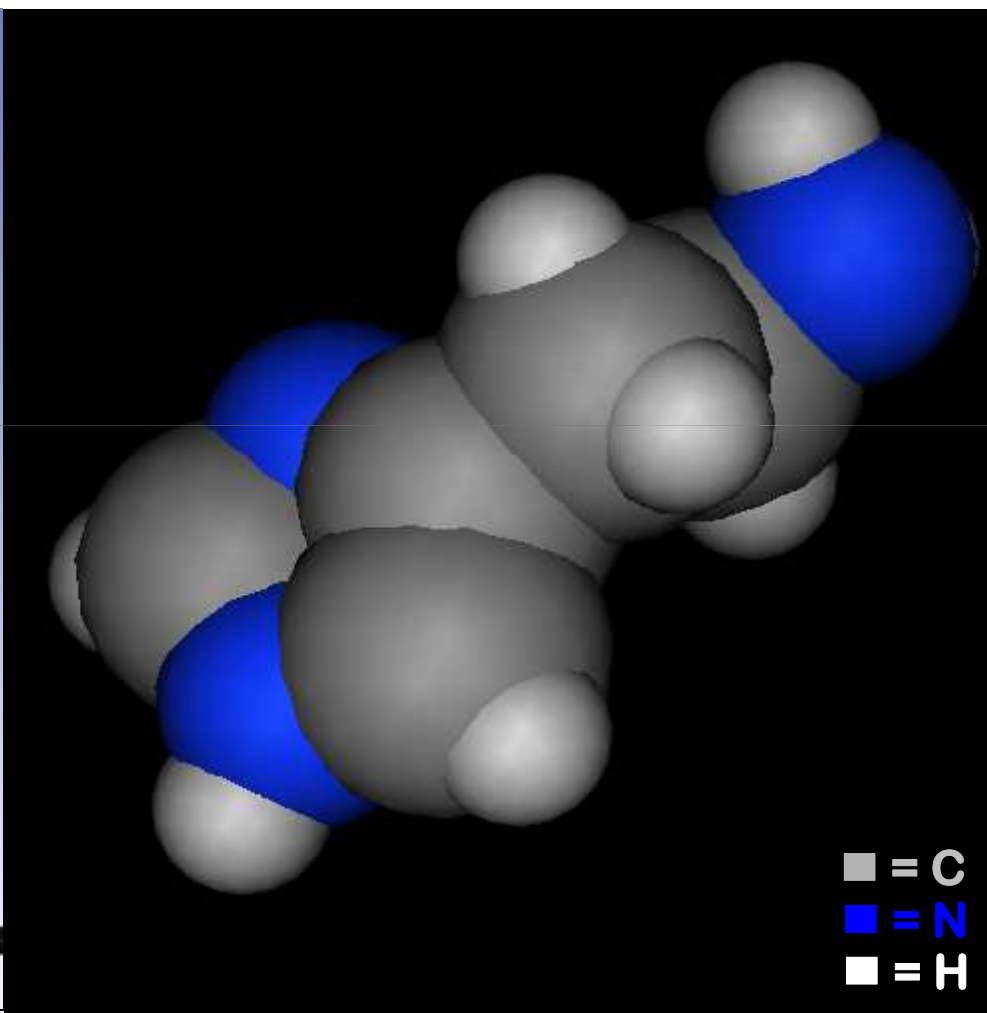
devono fare i salti mortali per trovare insegnanti a cui affidare le cattedre. E la crisi scoppia definitivamente nel momento in cui si cercano supplenti, perché non ce ne sono. Tant'è che per le supplenze brevi, le più difficili da assegnare, si "arruolano" gli insegnanti di sostegno, che a loro volta devono trascurare gli studenti di cui dovrebbero occuparsi.

I NUMERI DELLA CRISI

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Sono i ruoli scoperti in quest'anno scolastico in tutto il Veneto. Ogni anno la scuola perde, su scala regionale, fra i 700 e gli 800 insegnanti, e ne "recupera" soltanto 350 dal corso di laurea delle università di Padova e Verona. Il fabbisogno è dunque soddisfatto per meno del 50

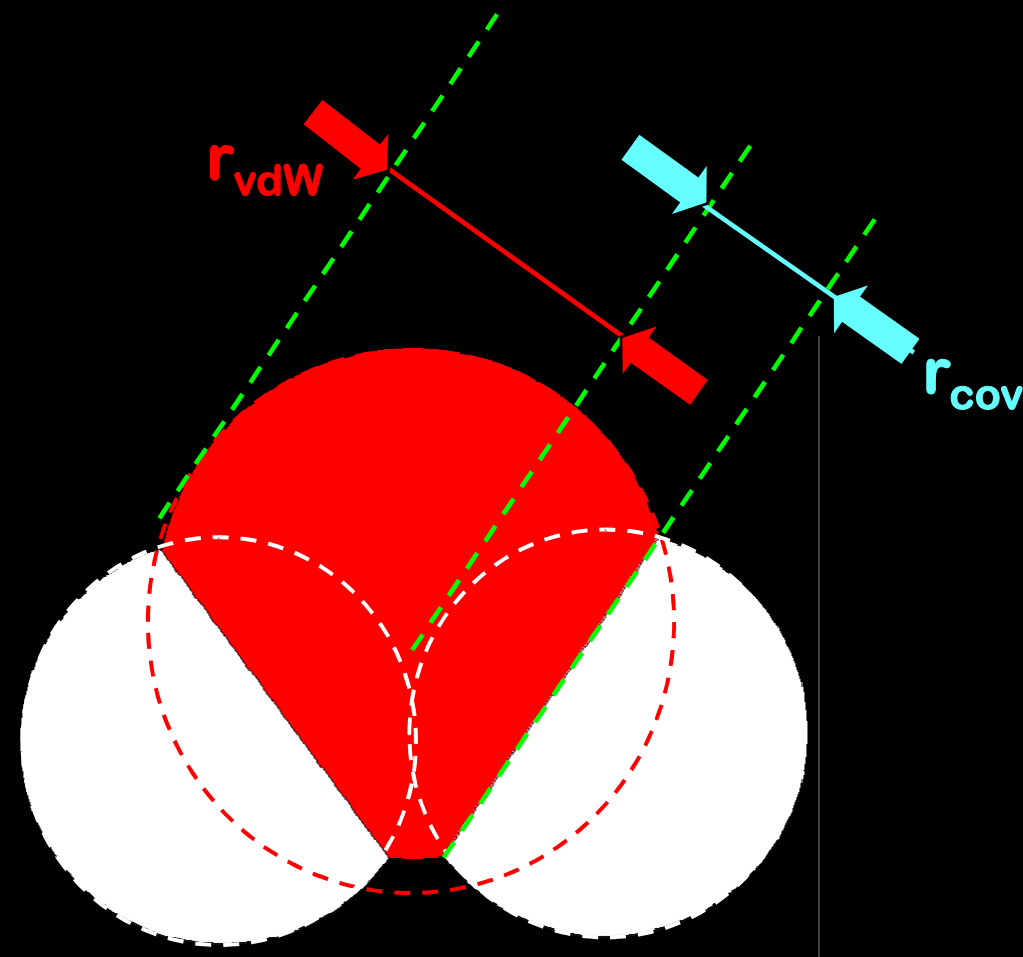


Corey and Pauling models: put the *flesh* to the *bone*!!!



CPK MODELS

(by Corey, Pauling and Koltun)



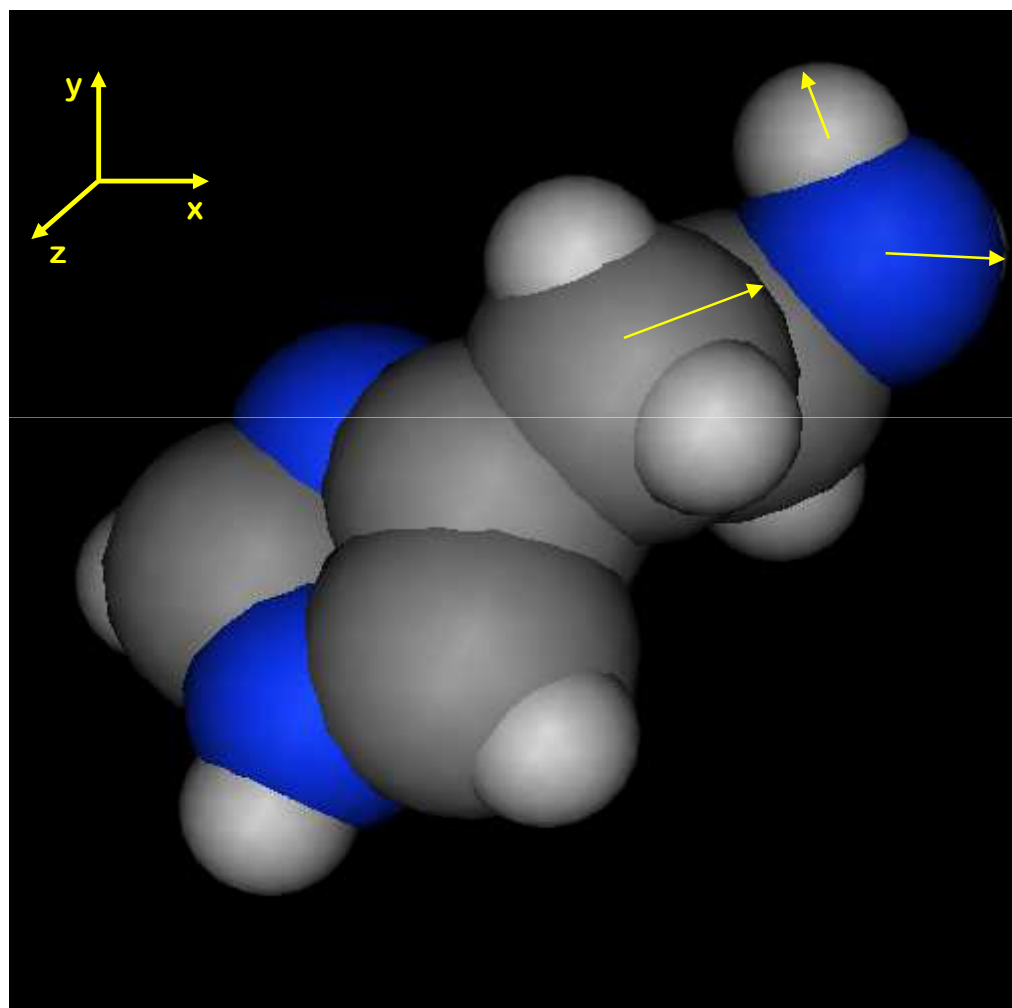
r_{vdW} = van der Waals radius

r_c = covalent radius



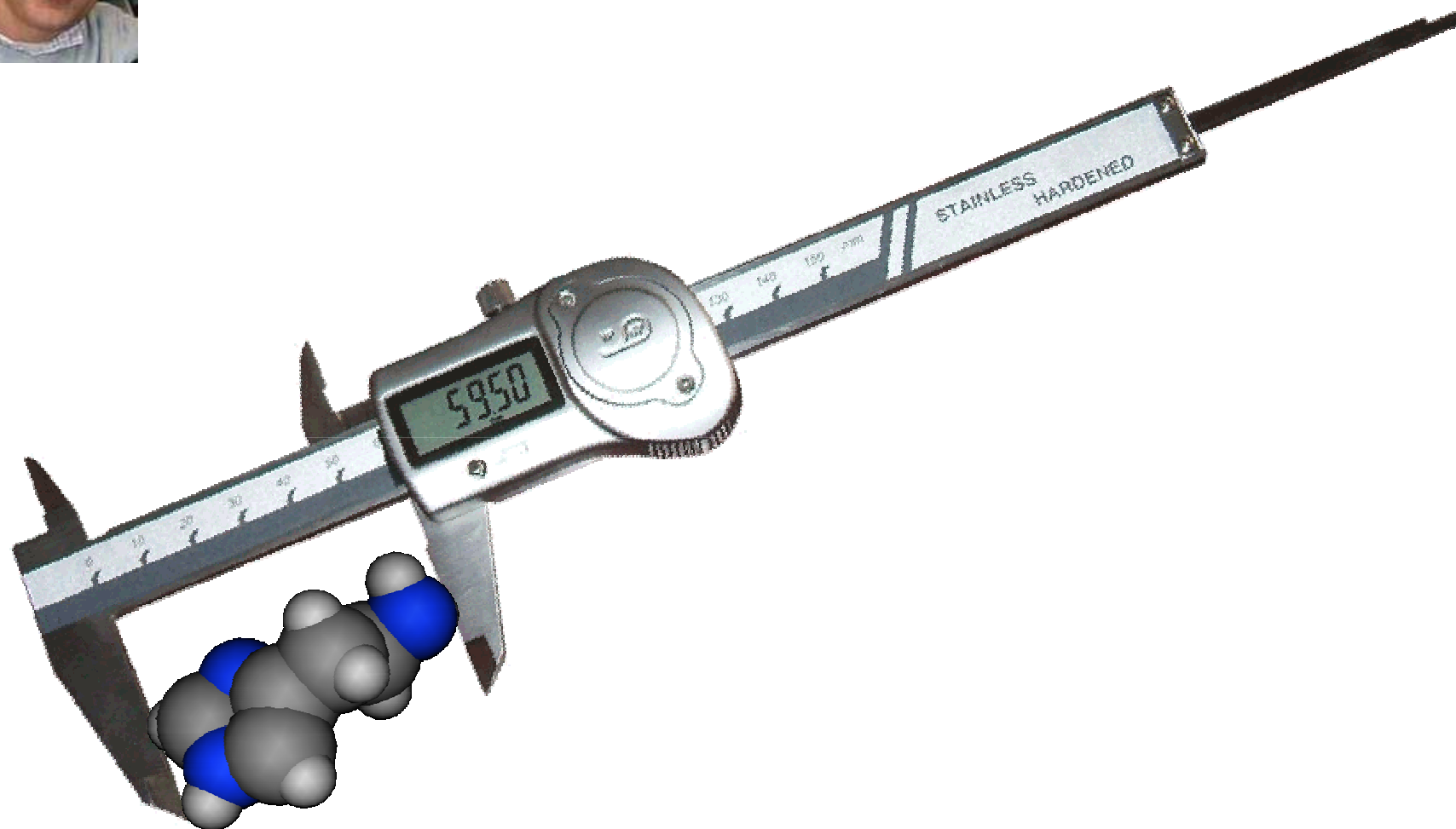
From an informatics point of view, is it clear how we can translate a CPK model?

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At this point measure the molecular size is easy... or at least so it seems to Arie Verloop!



Verloop A., Hoogenstraaten W., Tipker J. "Development and application of new steric substituent parameters in drug design." In Drug Design (Ed. Ariëns), vol.7, pp.165-207 (1976), New York: Academic Press.



My favorite example:



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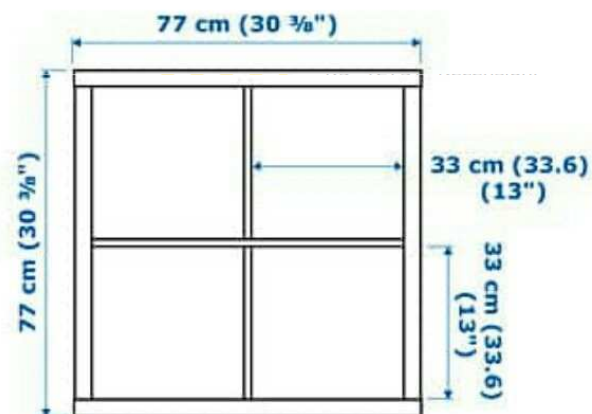
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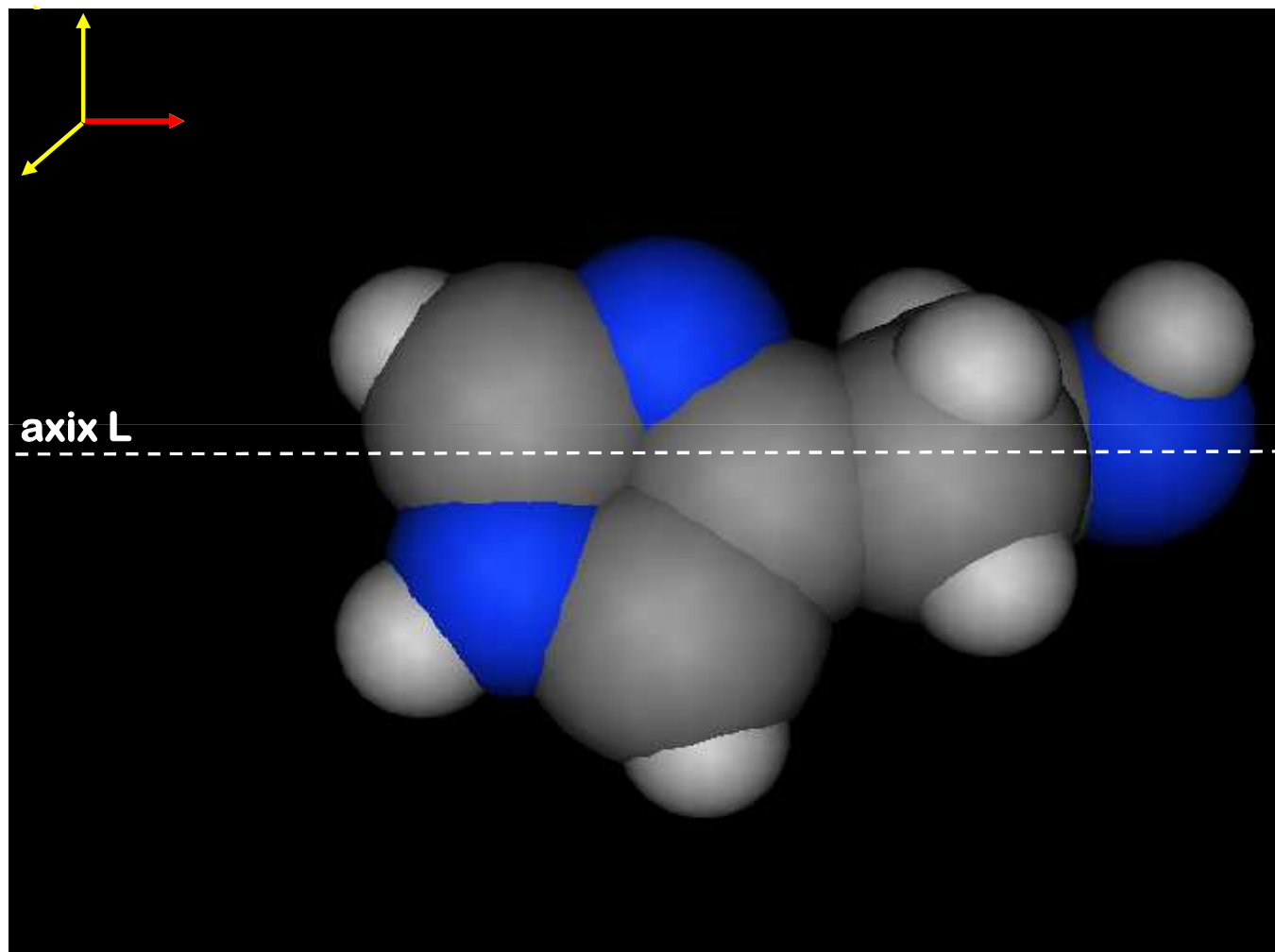
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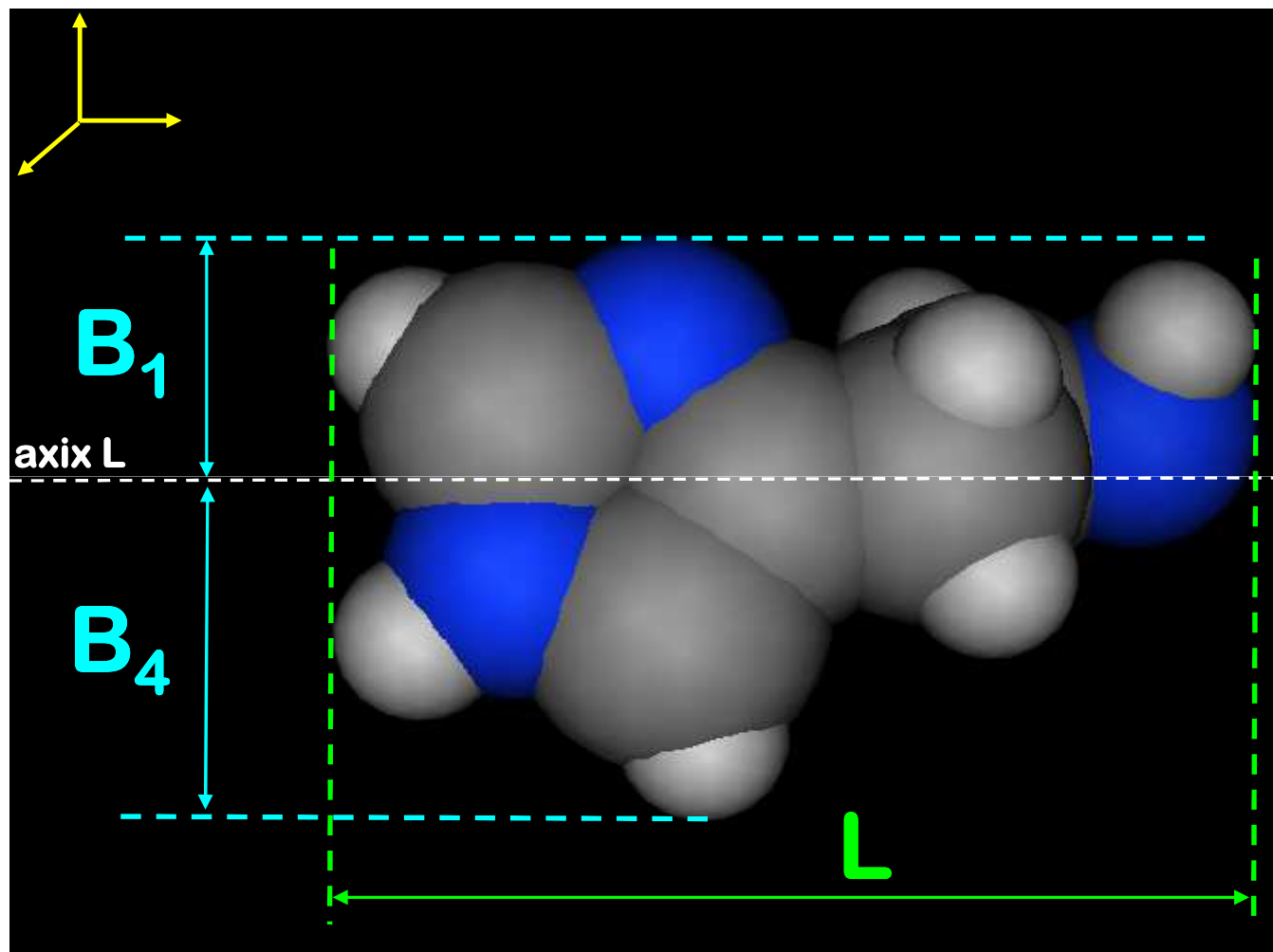
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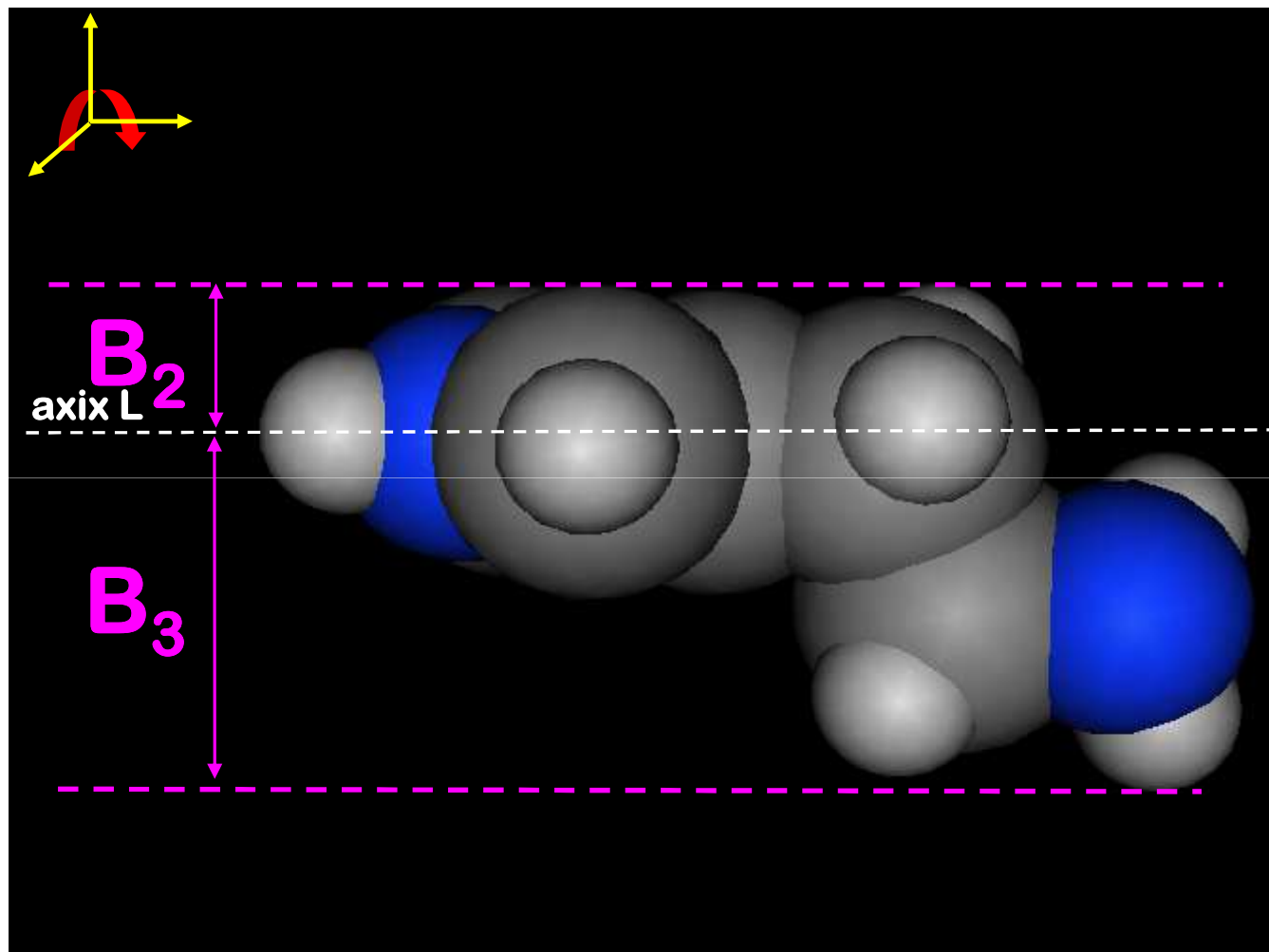
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Arie Verloop and STERIMOL descriptors:

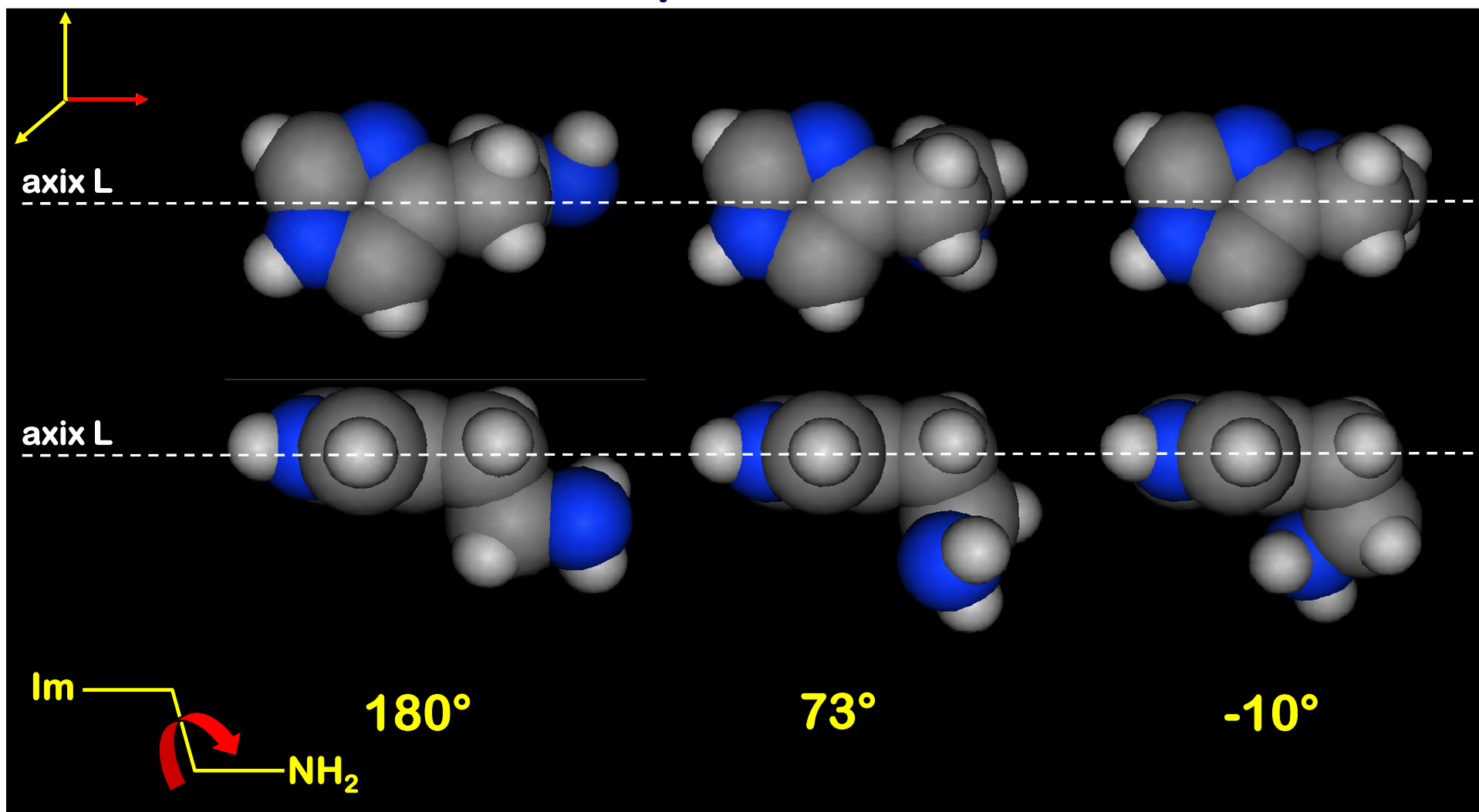








Beware: as you have already guessed the STERIMOL parameters are by definition conformation-dependent!





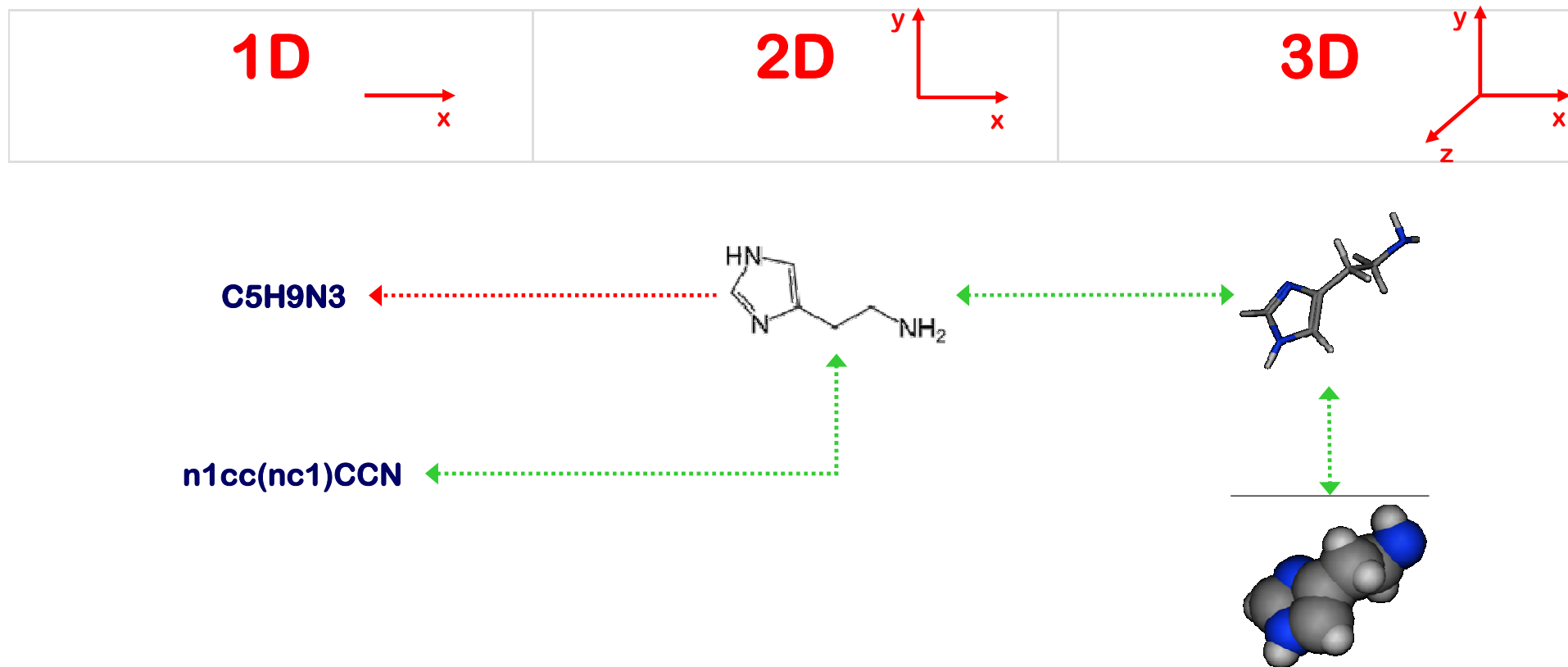
From CPK model is now very easy to measure (and collect) STERIMOL descriptors of the most common substituents:

Substituent	L	B ₁	B ₂	B ₃	B ₄
CH ₃	3.00	1.52	1.90	1.90	2.04
C ₂ H ₅	4.11	1.52	1.90	1.90	2.97
<i>n</i> -C ₄ H ₉	6.17	1.52	1.52	1.90	4.42
<i>t</i> -C ₄ H ₉	4.11	2.59	2.86	2.86	2.97
C ₆ H ₅	6.28	2.30	2.30	2.83	2.83
CH ₂ C ₆ H ₅	4.62	1.52	3.11	3.11	6.02
OH	2.74	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.93
OCH ₃	3.98	1.35	1.90	1.90	2.87
N(CH ₃) ₂	3.53	1.59	2.56	2.80	2.80
NO ₂	3.44	1.70	1.70	2.44	2.44

L/B₁ e B₄/B₁ ratios give as an indication of the substituent sphericity.



It is summary time!

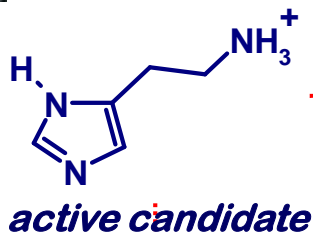




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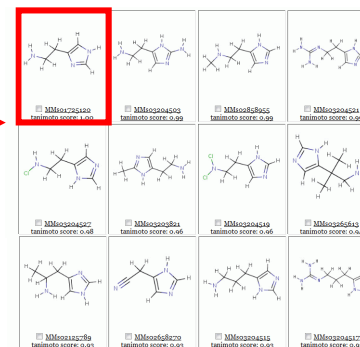
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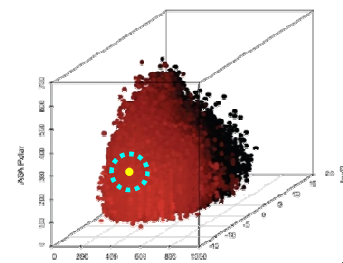
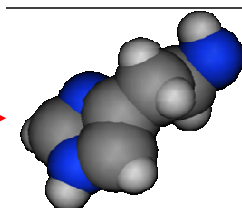
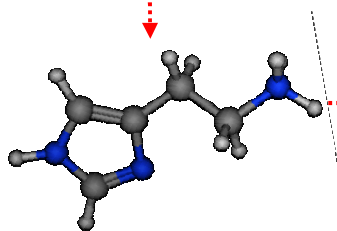


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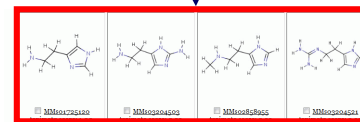
$$\frac{A \cap B}{A_{\text{solo}} + B_{\text{solo}} + A \cap B}$$



3D



Sterimol
PM
logP



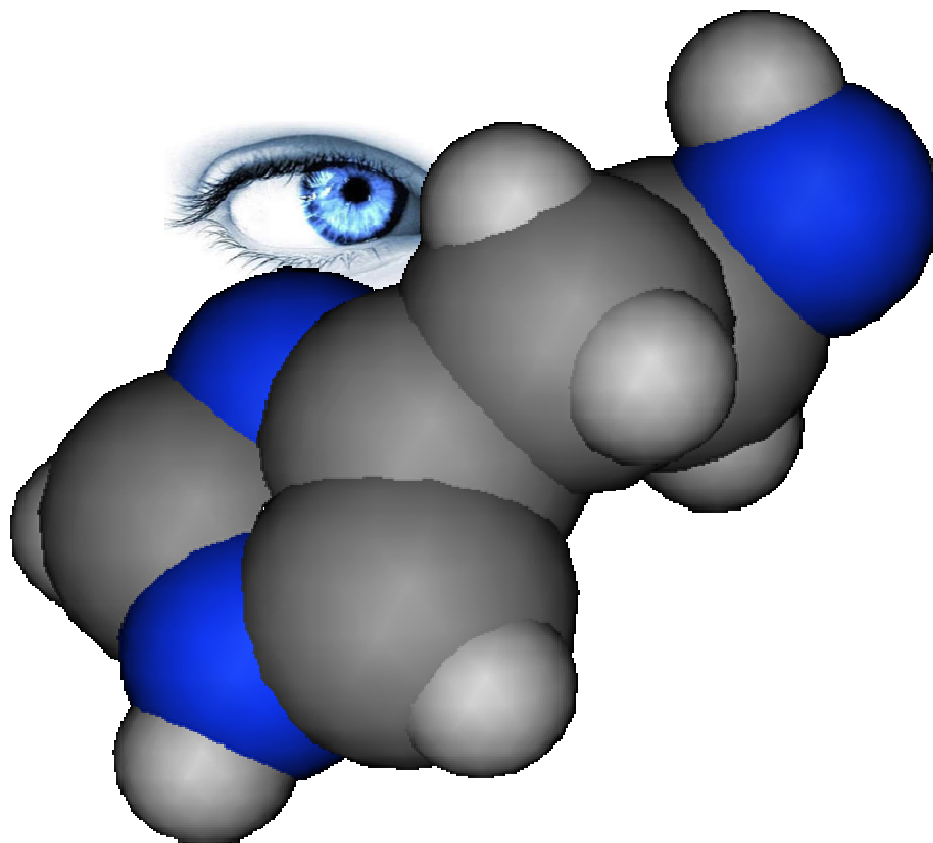
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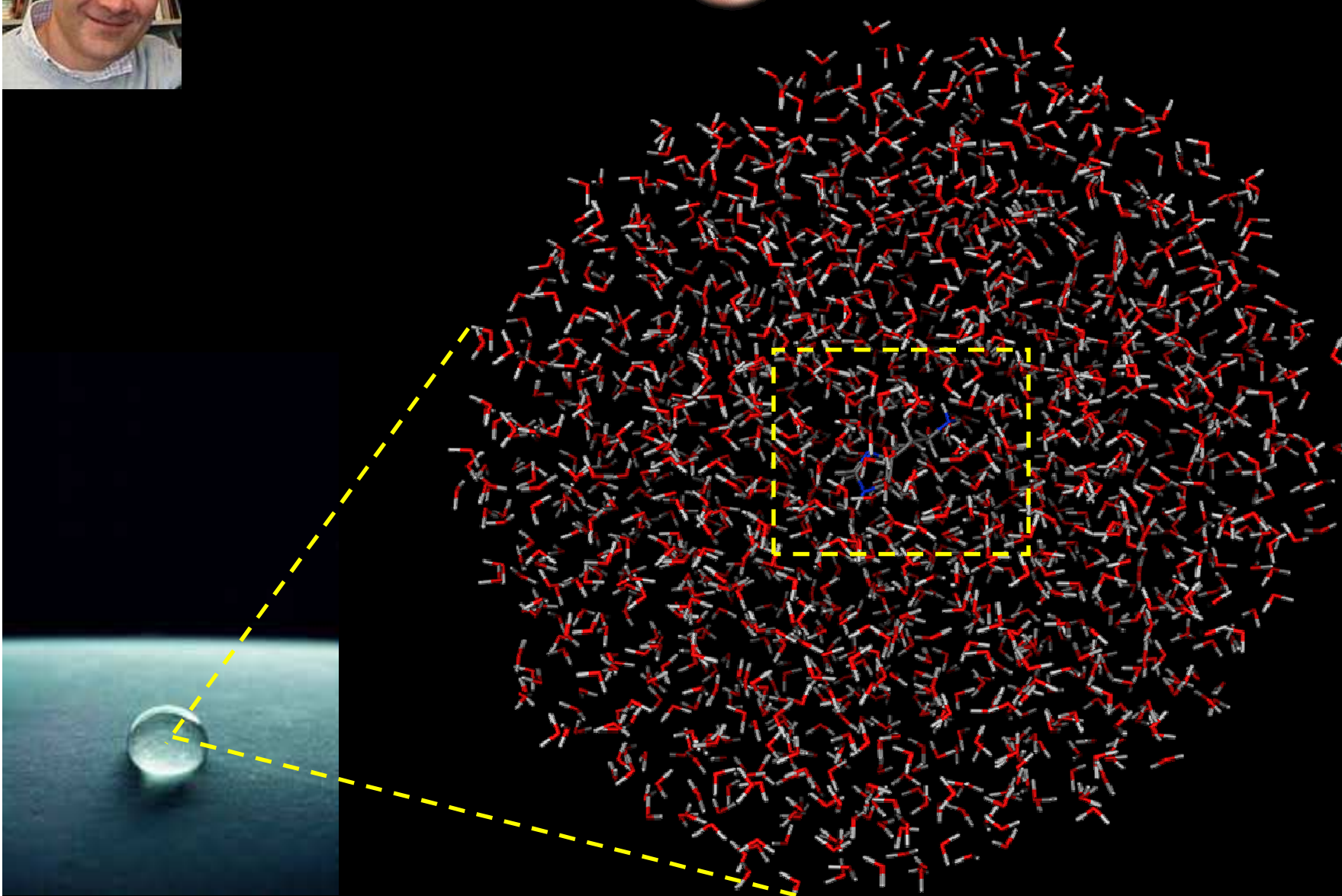


CPK is a nice 3D shape representation... but probably on for human being. But a molecule as will see another molecule?



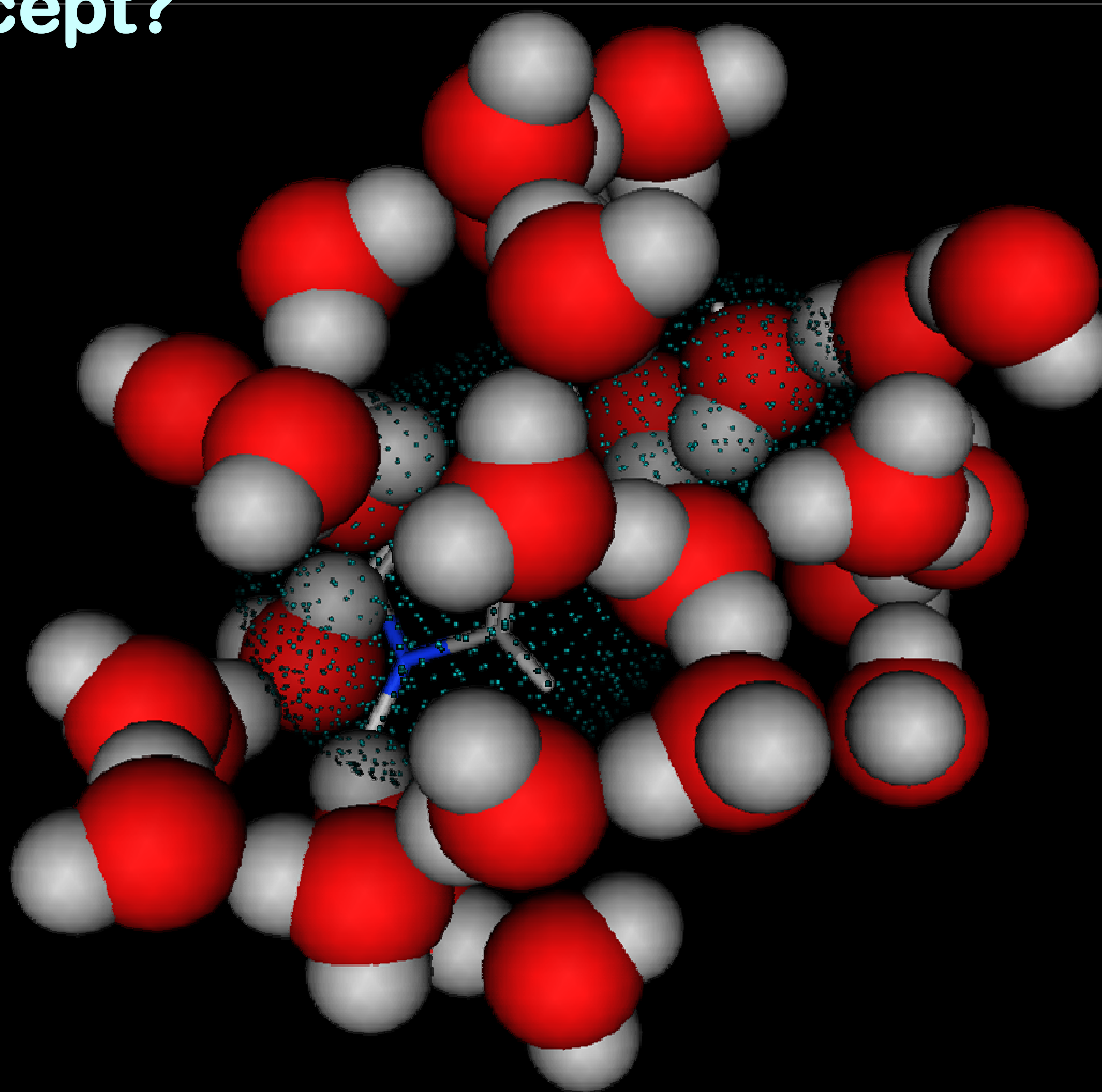


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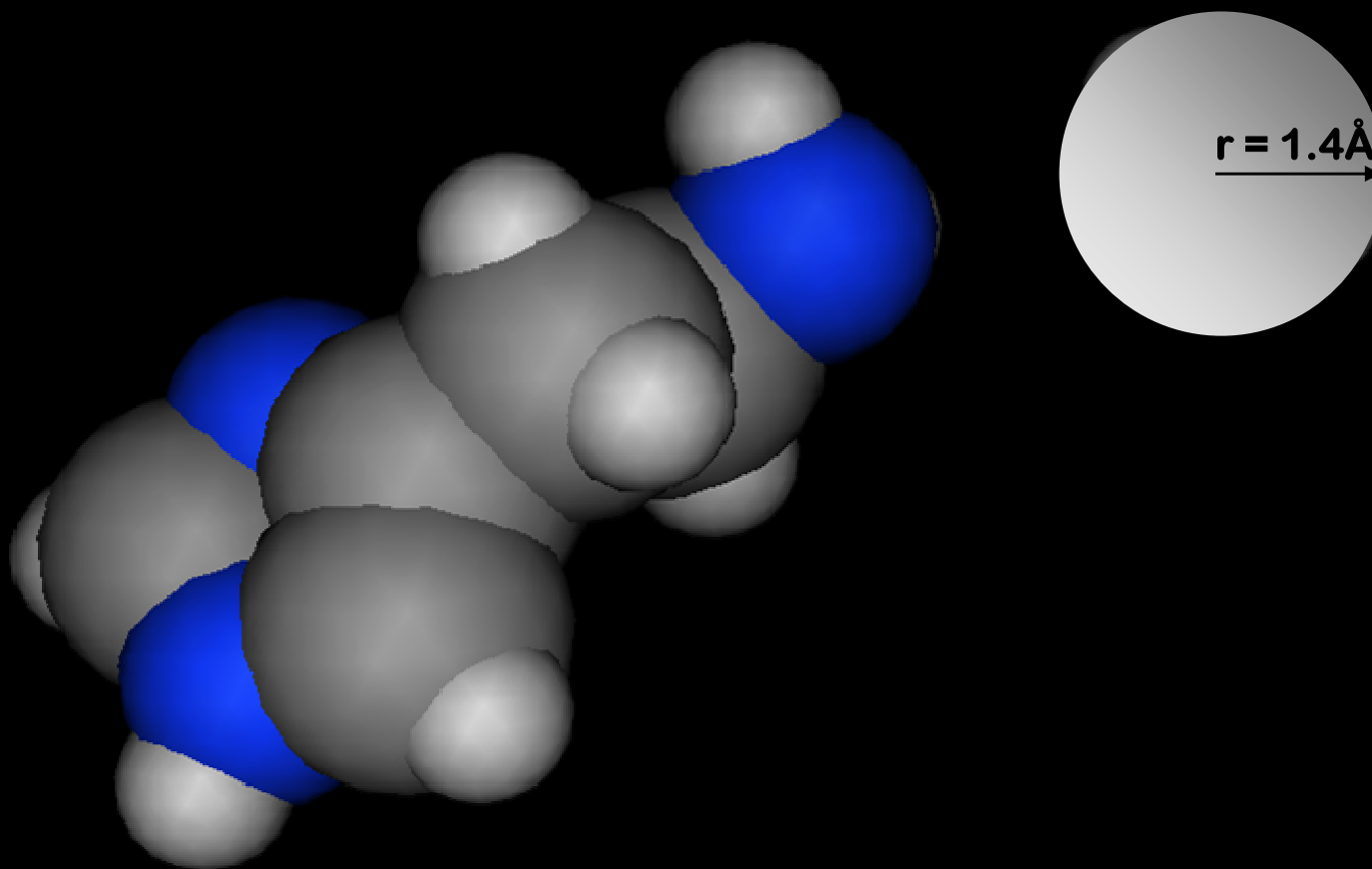


Do you remember the *hydration shell* concept?



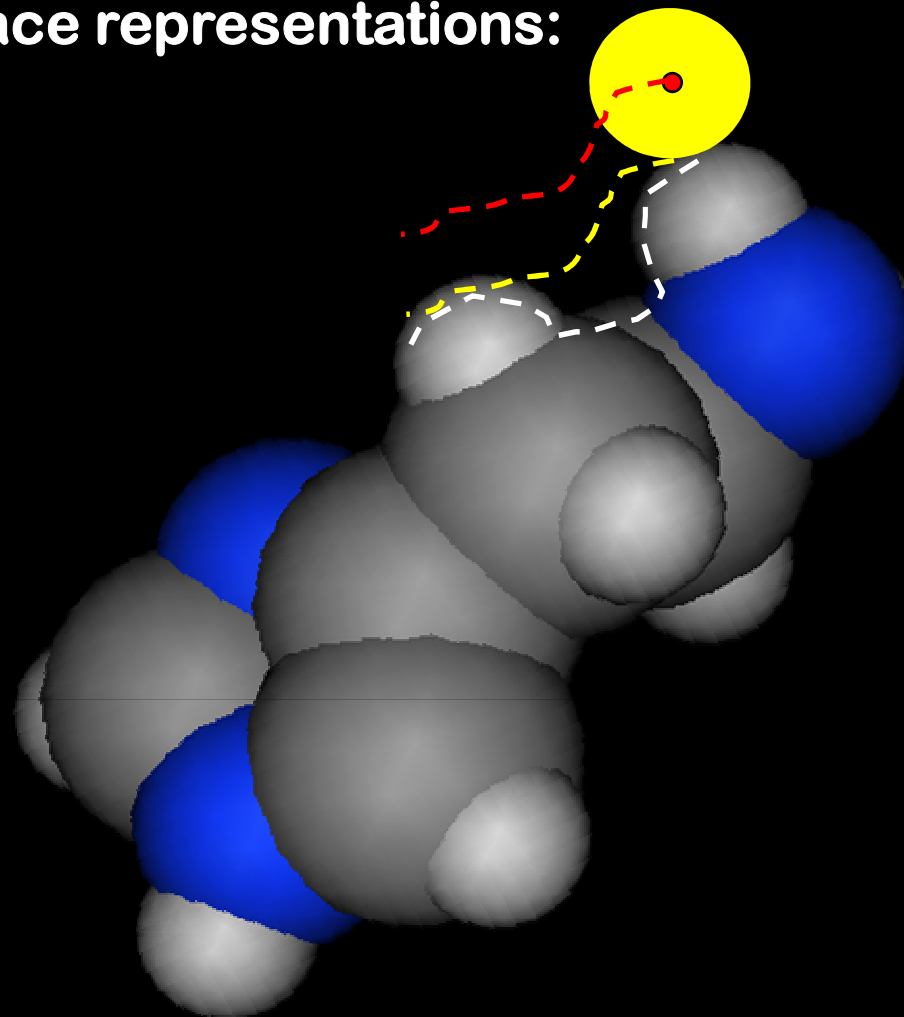


Now, the virtual experiment is pretty easy!



The *rolling ball* algorithm developed by Shrake & Rupley in 1973: "*Environment and exposure to solvent of protein atoms. Lysozyme and insulin*". *J Mol Biol.* 79 (2): 351–71.

Molecular surface representations:



Michael Connolly

The van der Waals Surface (vdWS) is the exterior boundary of the union of van der Waals spheres.

The Solvent Excluded Surface (SES, also known as *Connolly surface*) is the results of the SAS erosion by the same probe.

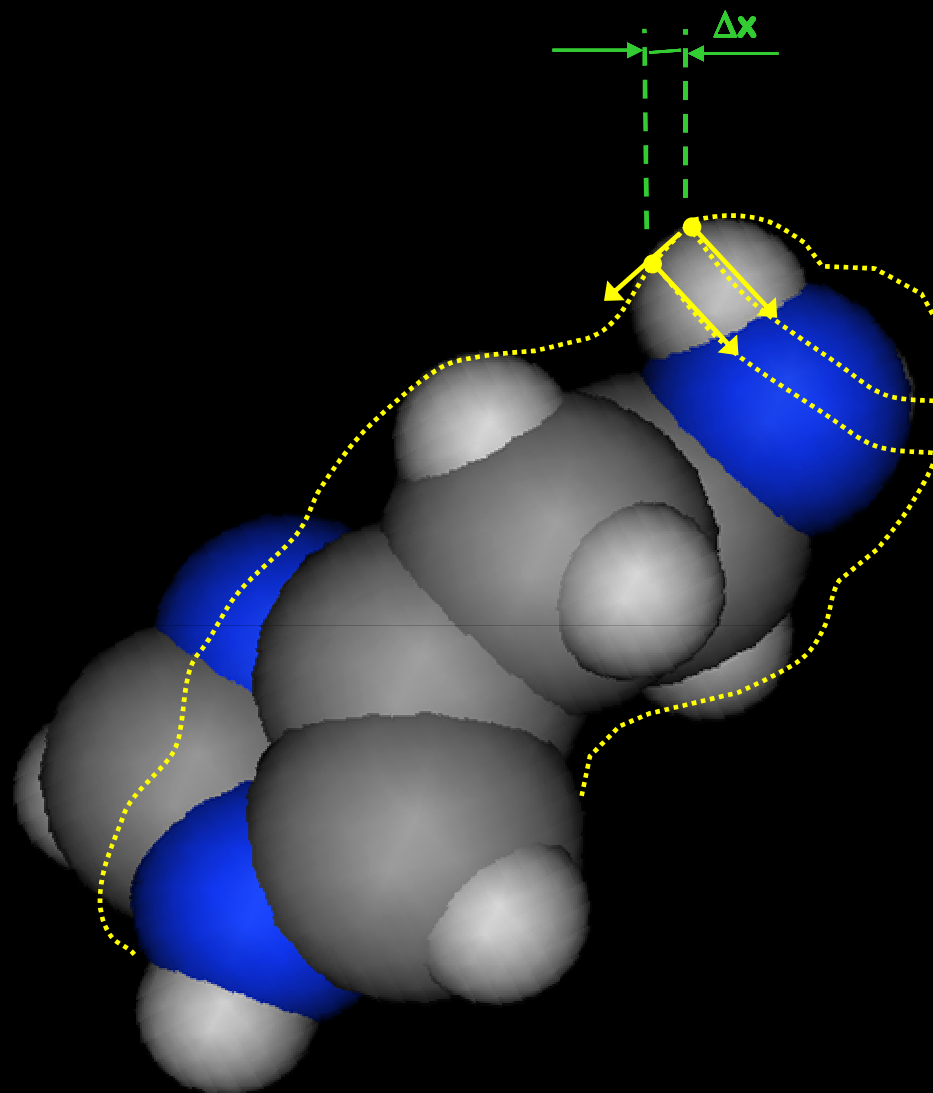
The Solvent Accessible Surface (SAS) is the result of the vdW Surface dilatation by a structuring element, or a probe, representing a solvent molecule, typically water.



but, to transform this virtual experiment is an useful experiments we need TWO smart ideas:

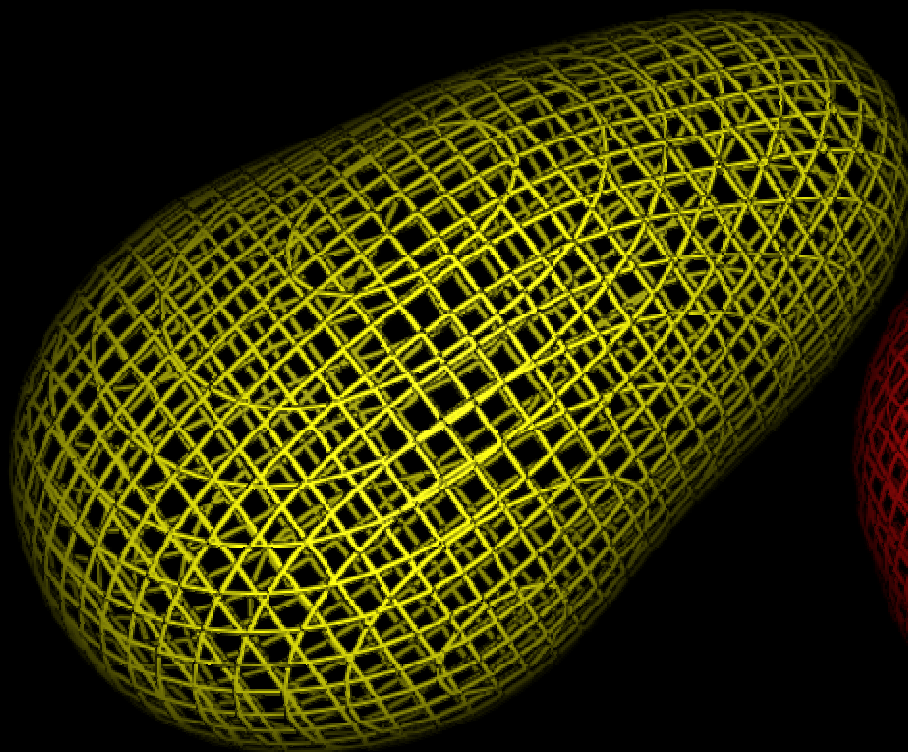
1. Remember Pollicino's fairytale;
2. and...

A bit of algorithm:

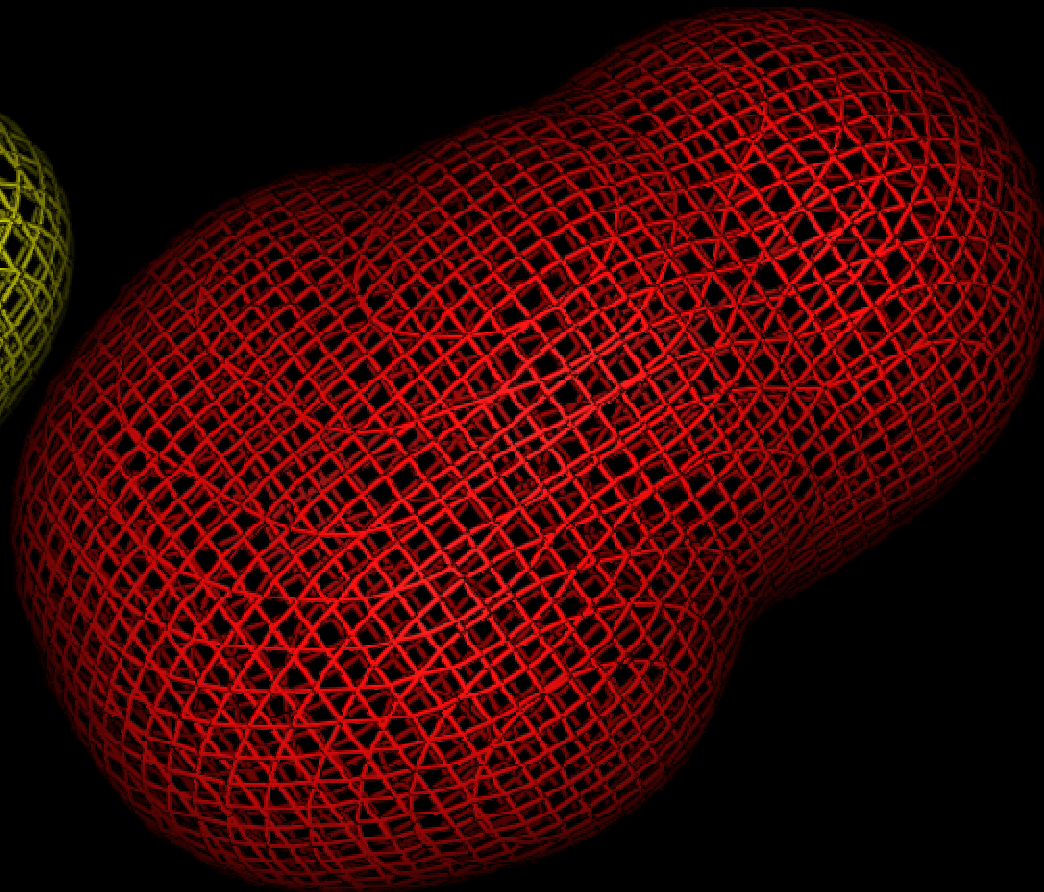




Here is the results of our virtual experiment!



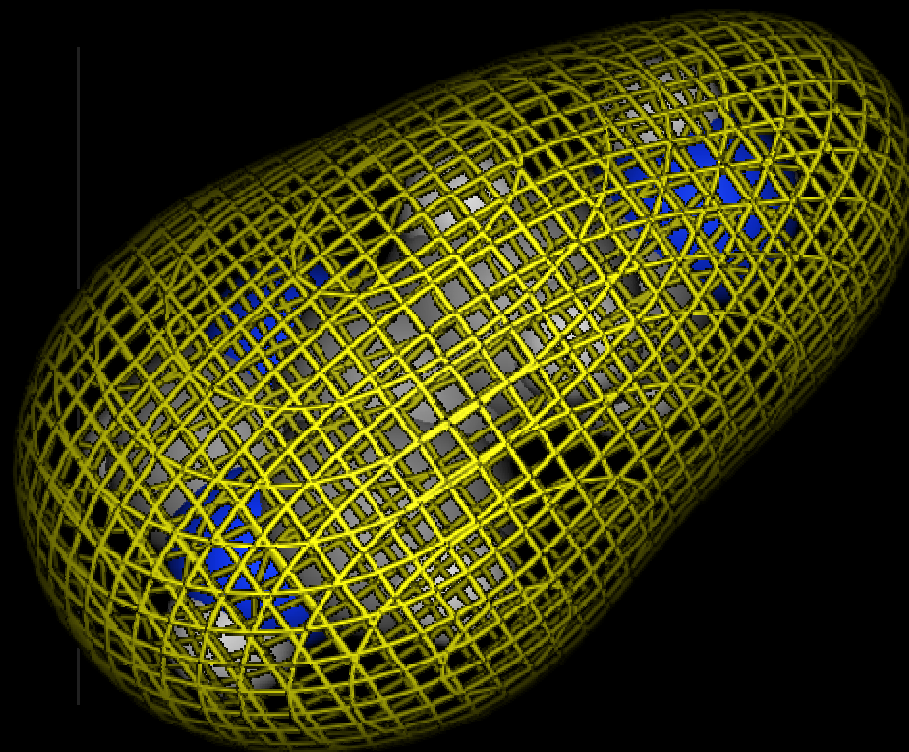
SES or Connolly Surface



SAS



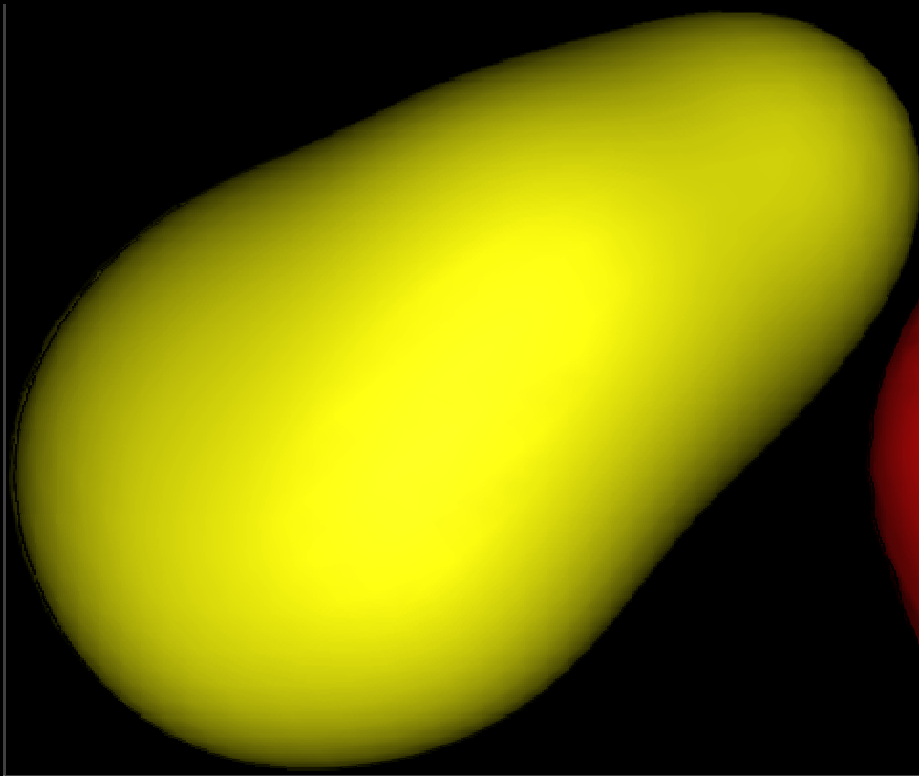
You understand the differences!



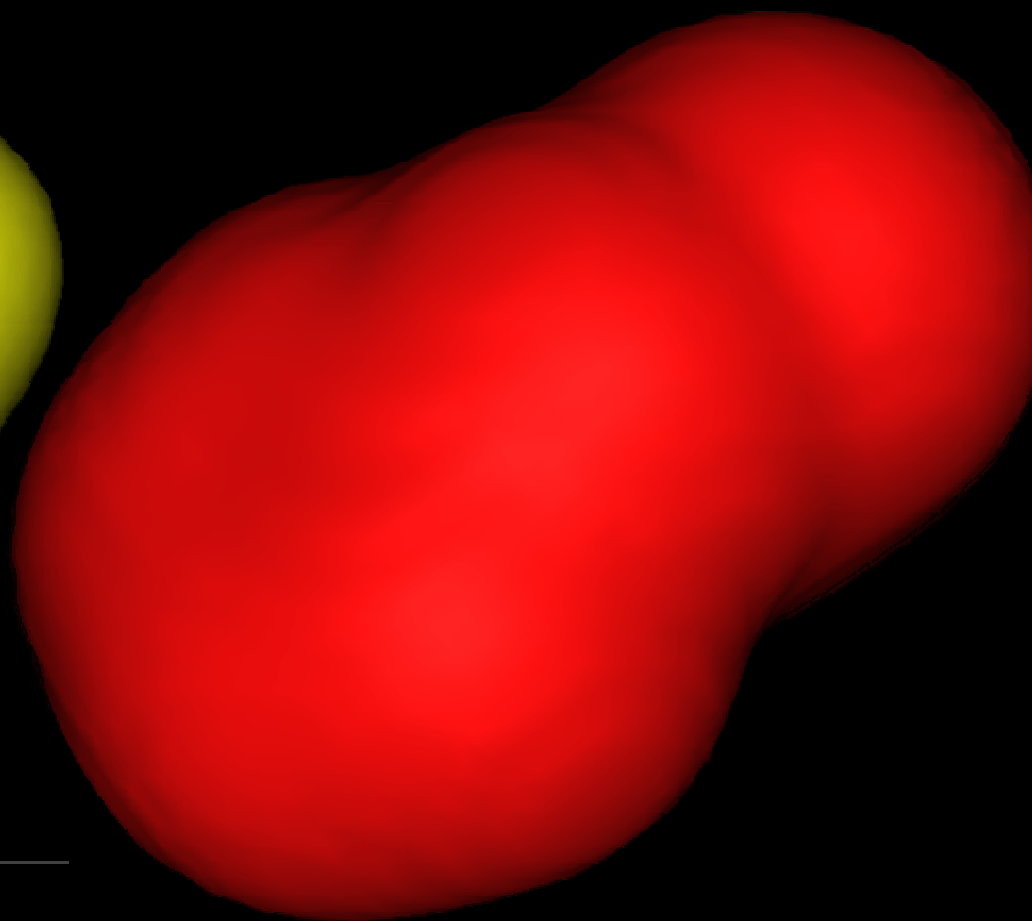
vdW *versus* Connolly Surface



This is really... PlayStation!



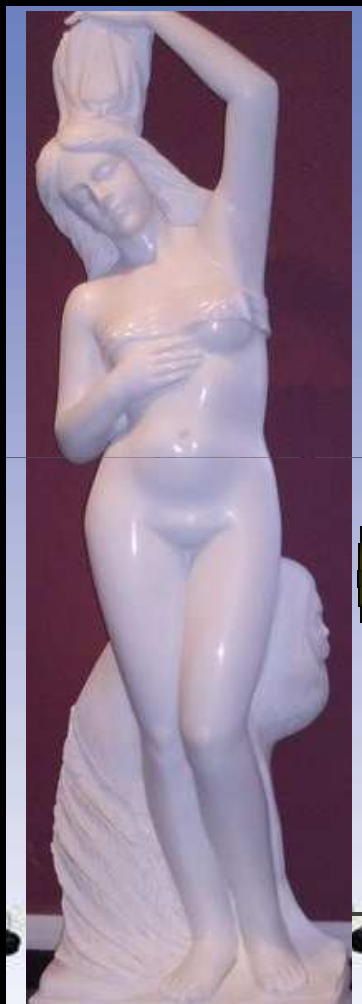
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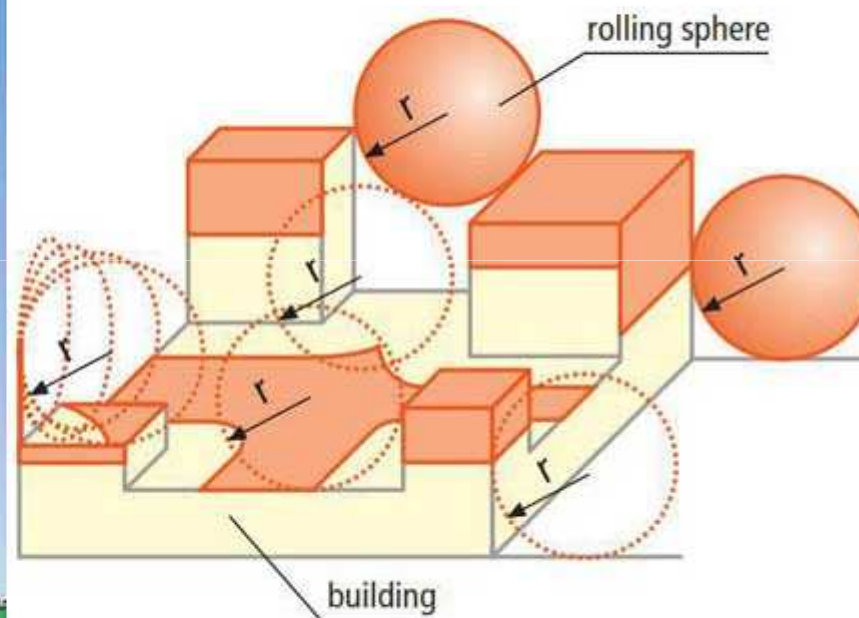
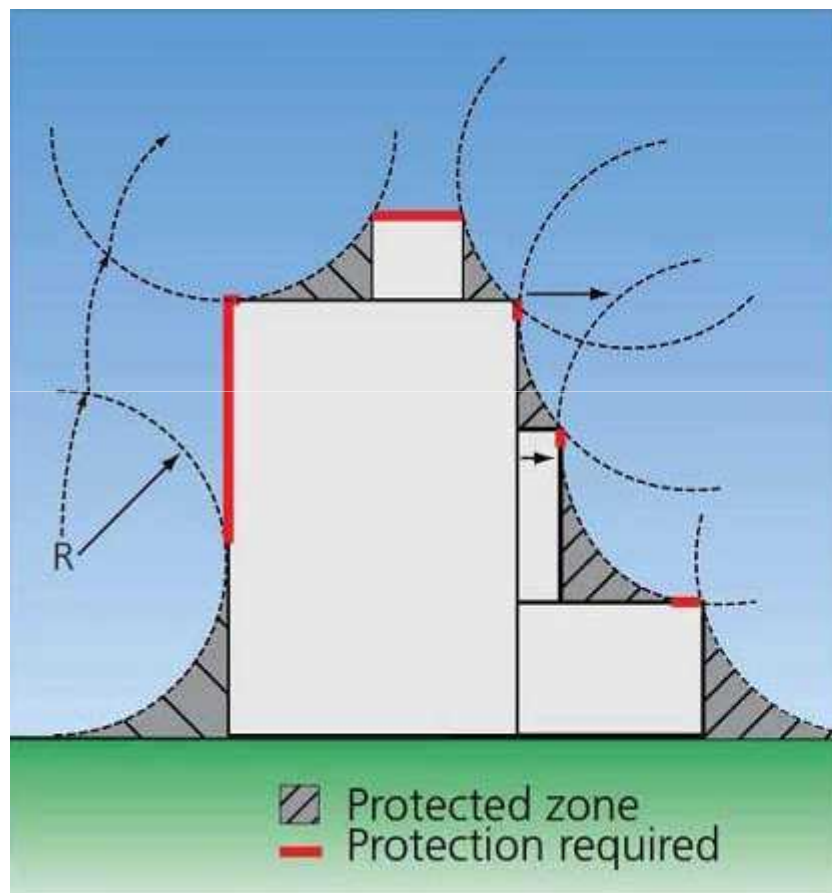


Do you understand the morphing?





Rolling Sphere method: choose a method of installation Lightning

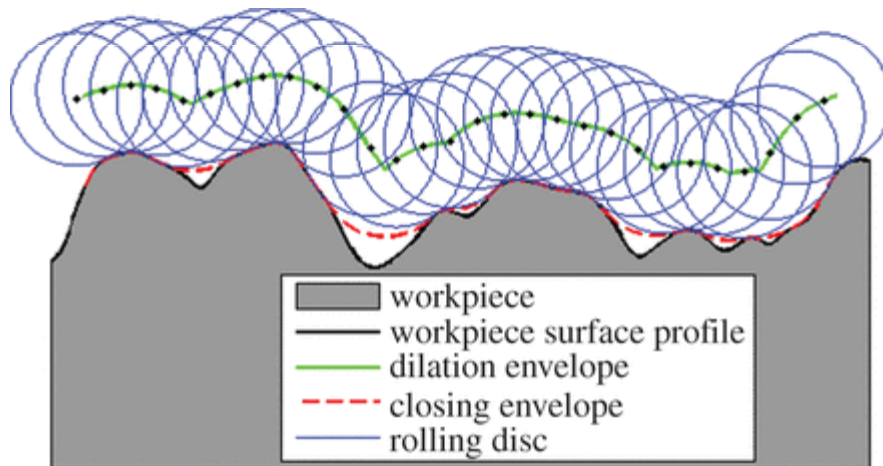


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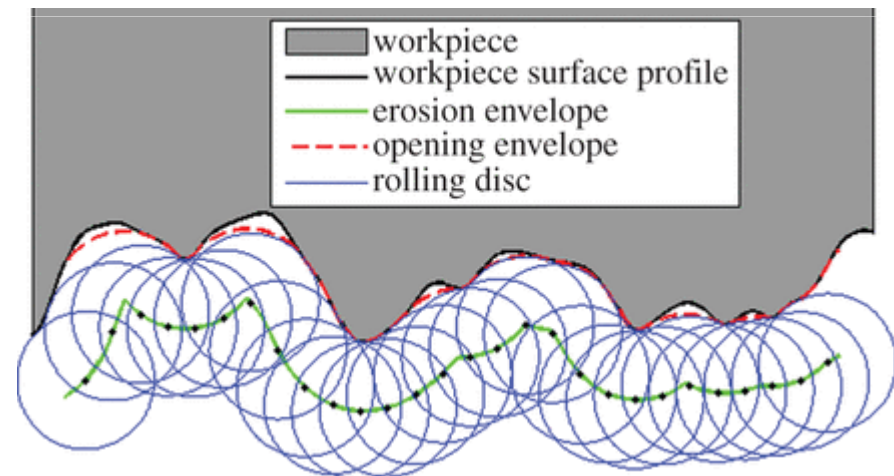


Geometric computation theory for morphological filtering on freeform surfaces:

“The surface of a geometrical component is an interface limiting the body of the component and separating it from the surrounding medium. It governs the functional behaviours of the product, whether that be a mechanical, *tribological*, hydrodynamic, optical, thermal, chemical or biological property, all of which are of tremendous importance to product performance. Many emerging products and devices are based on achieving surfaces with special functionalities. Manufactured items such as micro- and nanometre-scale transistors, microelectromechanical systems and nanoelectromechanical systems, microfluidic devices, optics components with freeform geometry and structured surface products are clear evidence of products where the surface plays the functional role.



The dilation and closing envelope of an open profile by a disc.



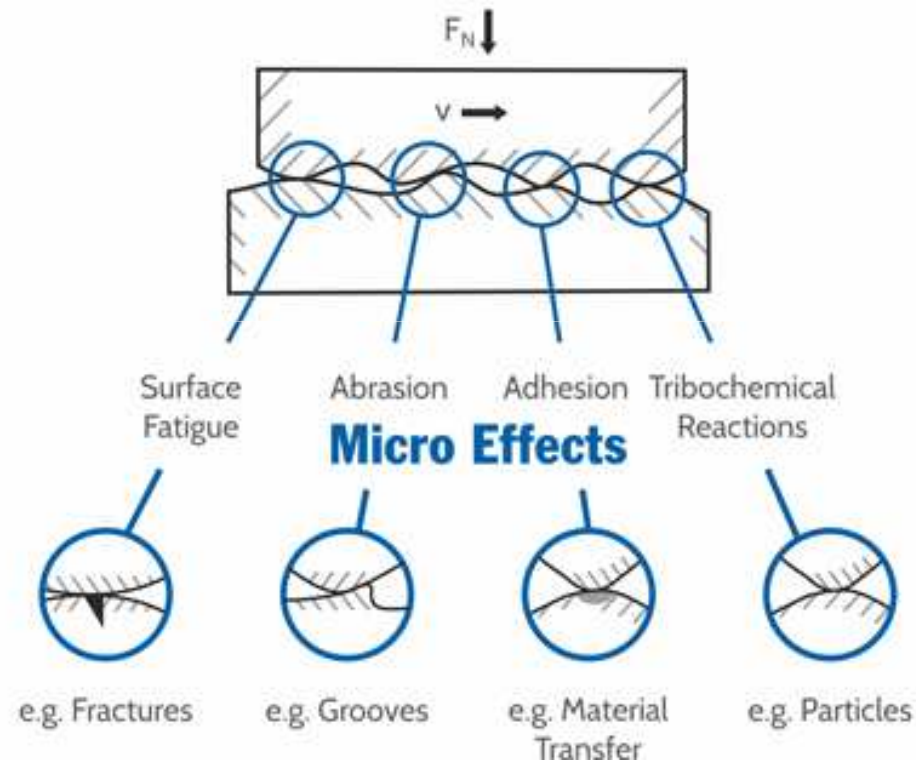
The erosion and opening envelope of an open profile by a disc.

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Tribology: the Study of Interacting Surfaces in Motion

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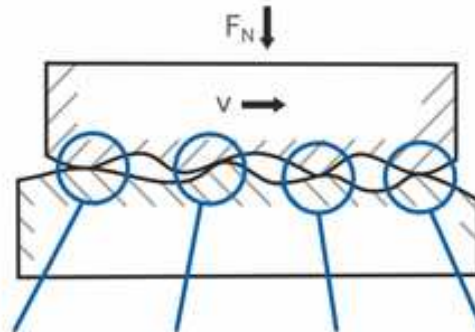


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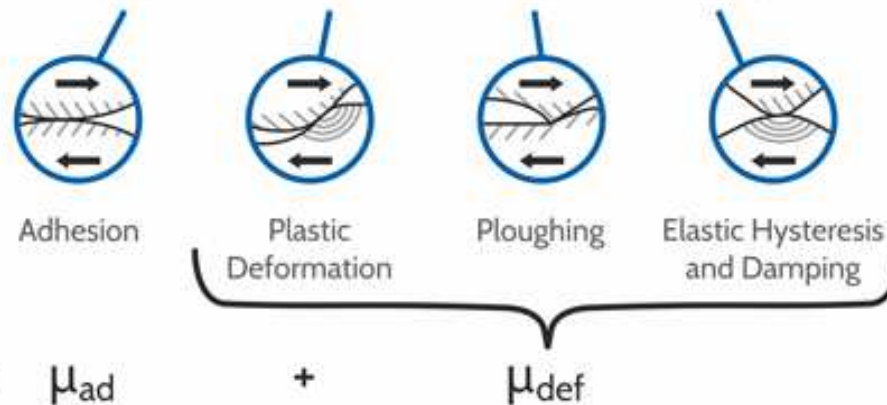


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I - ENERGY INITIATION: TRIBOLOGICAL STRESS



II - ENERGY TRANSFORMATION

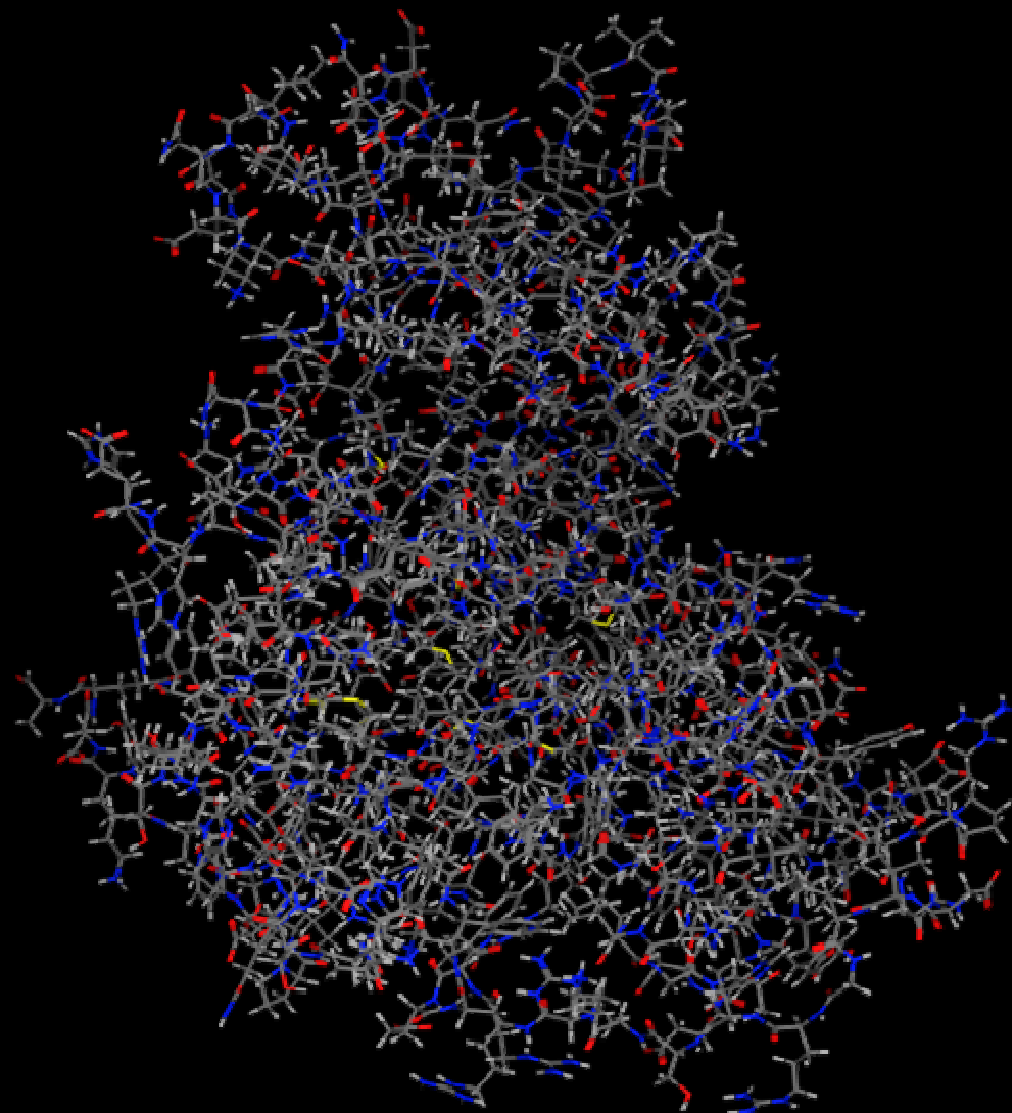
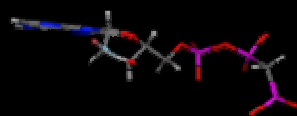


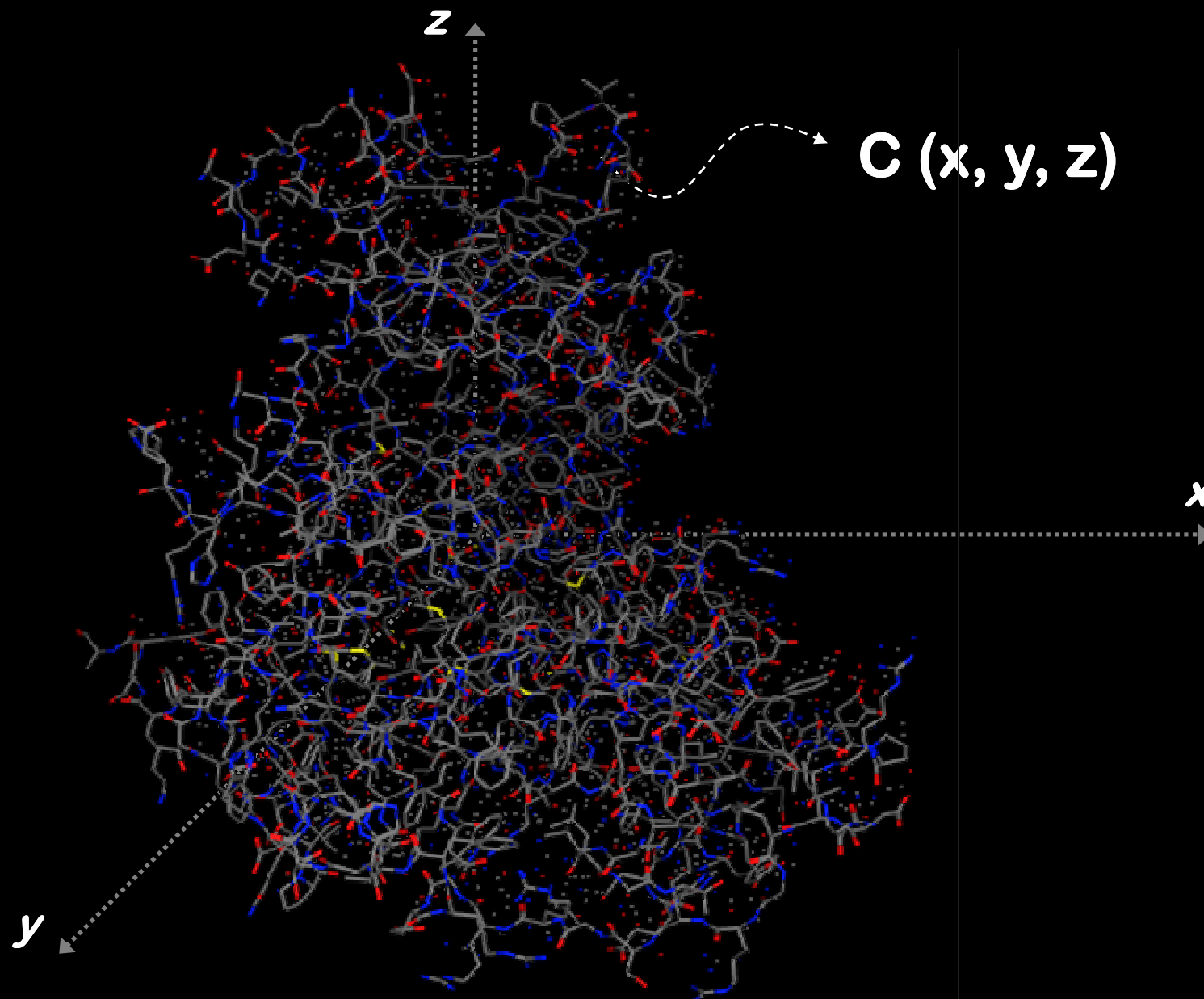
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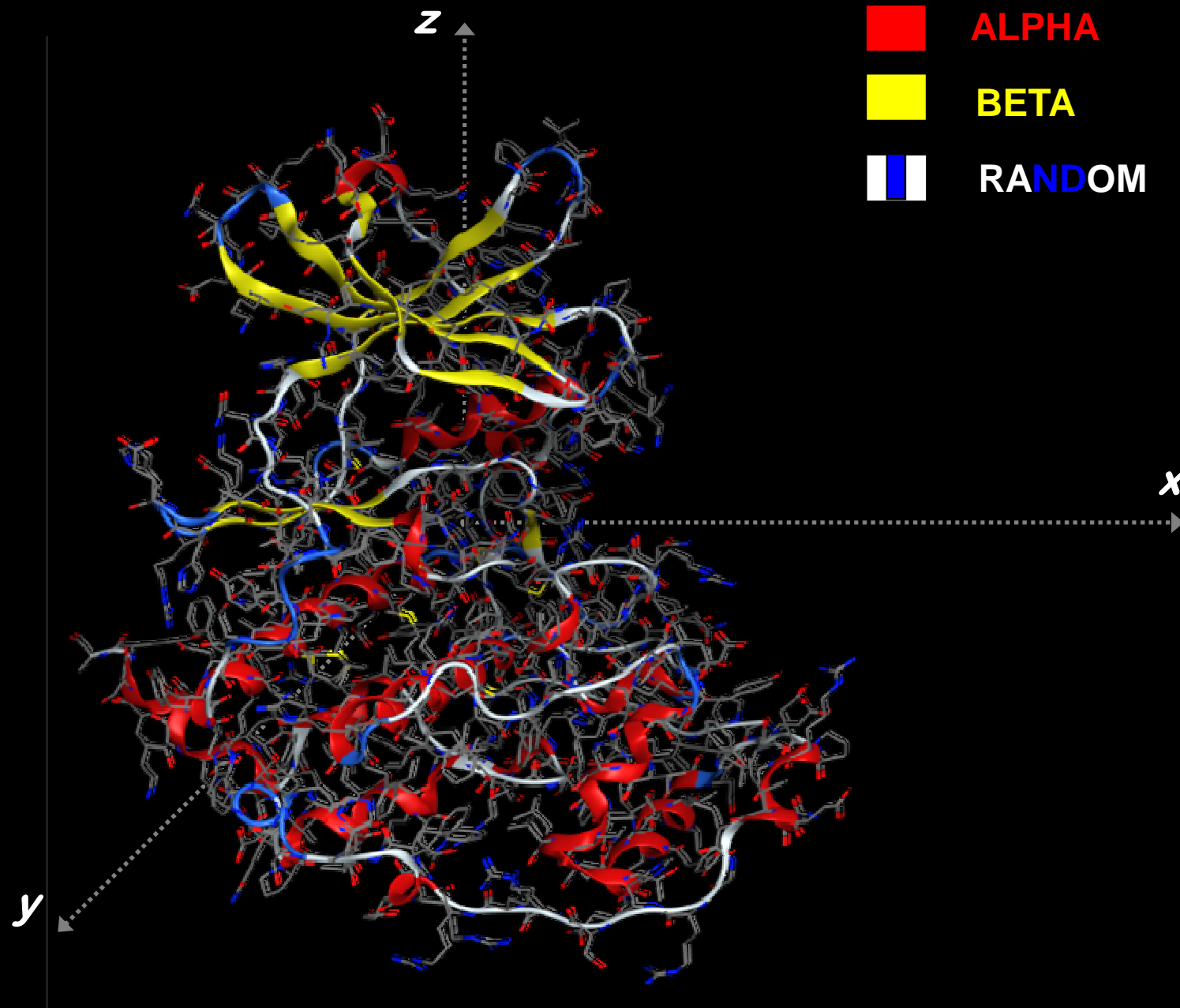
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From small molecule to its biological target...







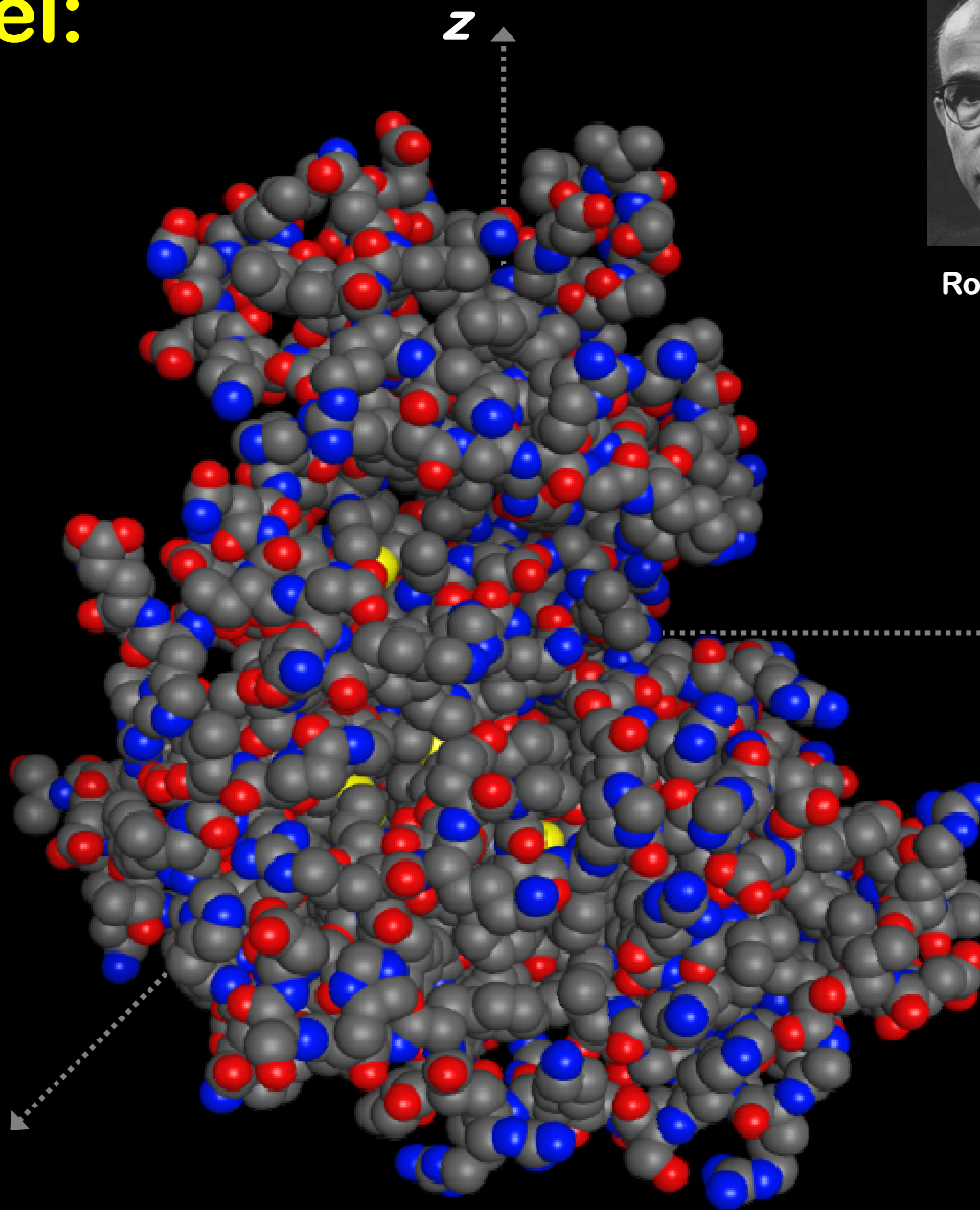
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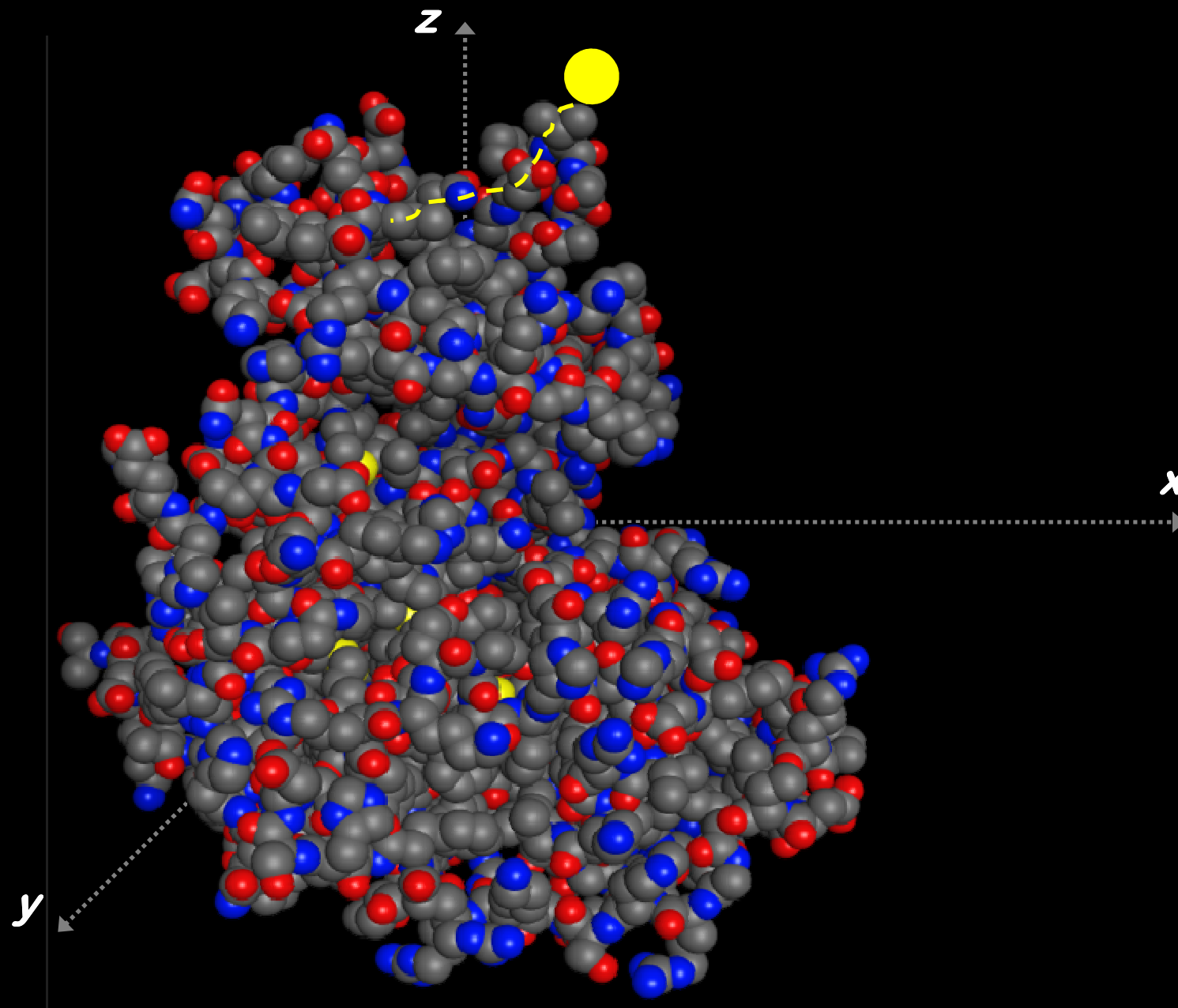


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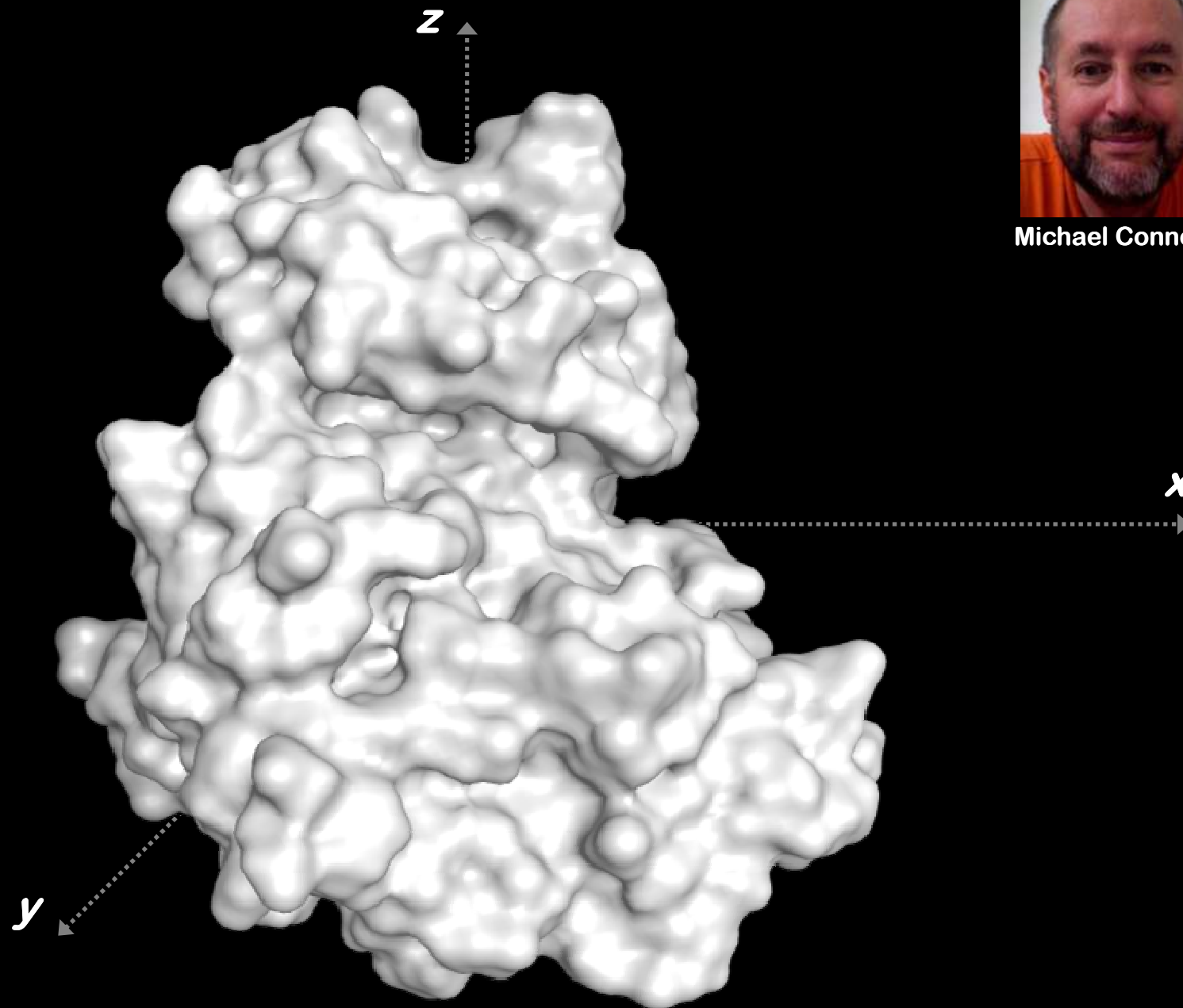
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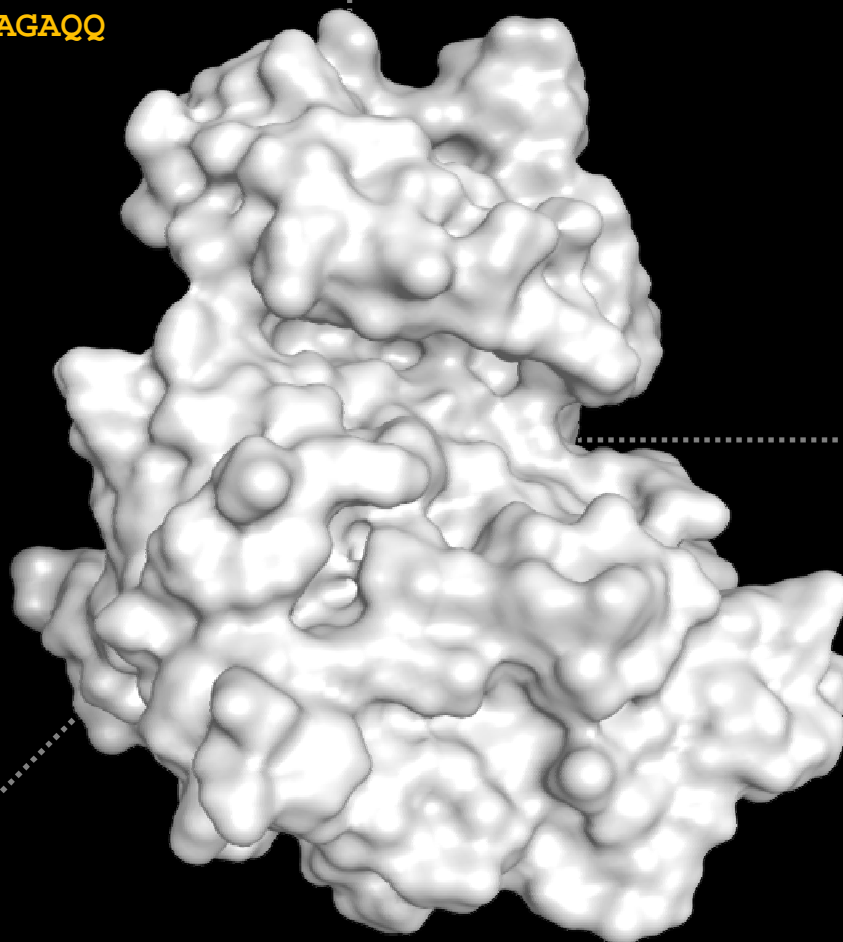




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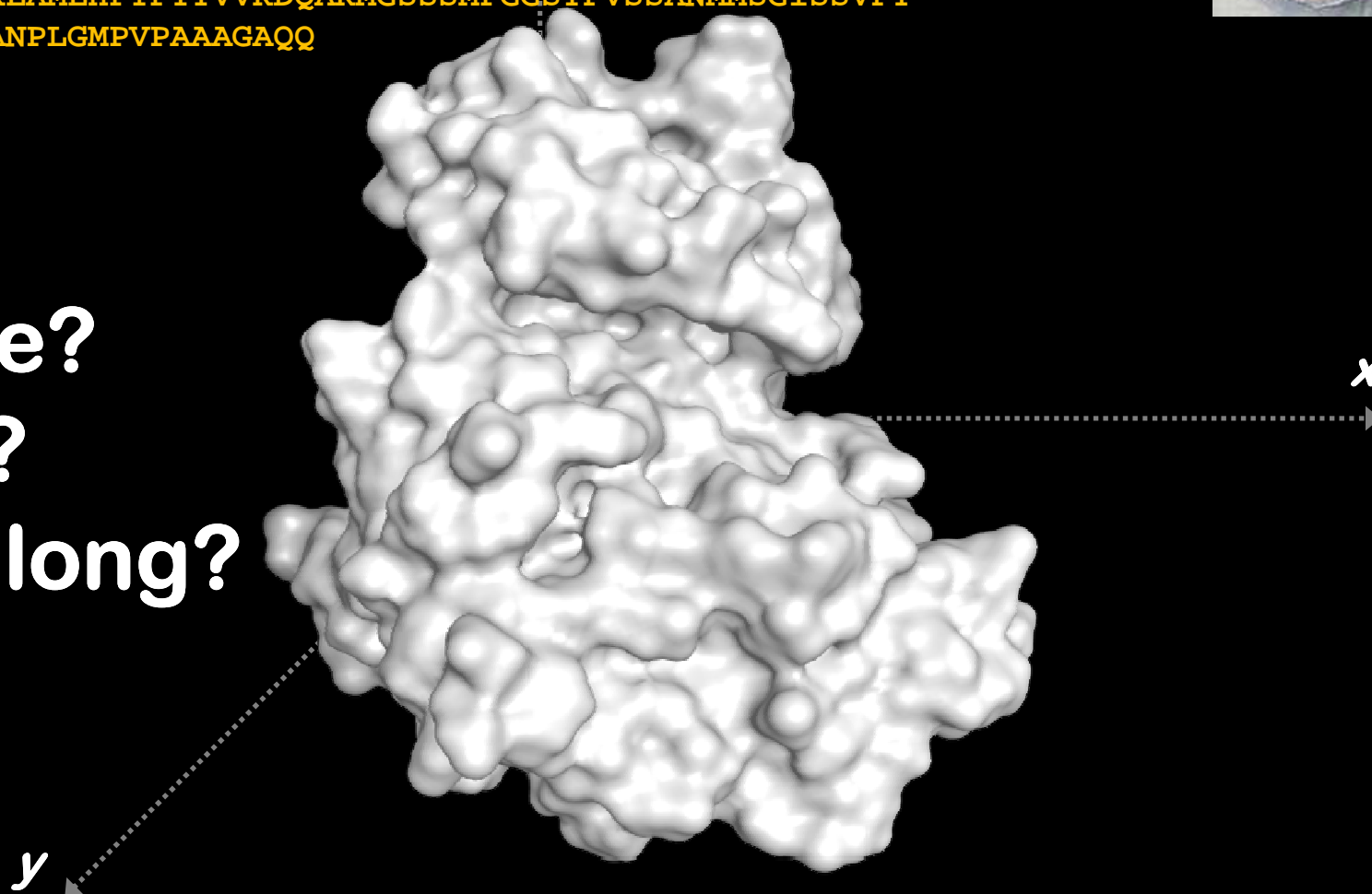


From sequence to topology... from topology to function

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1. where?
2. how?
3. how long?

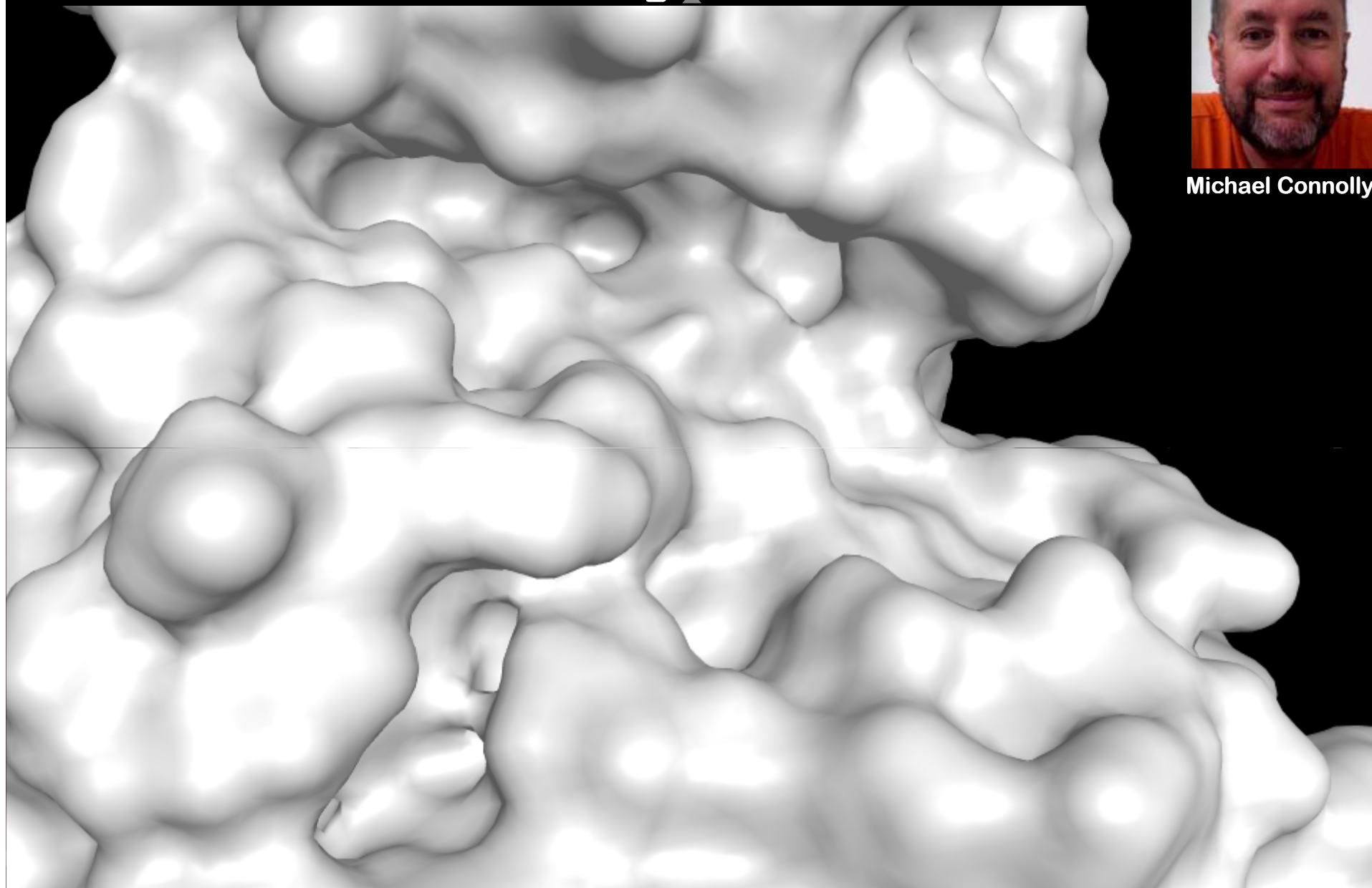


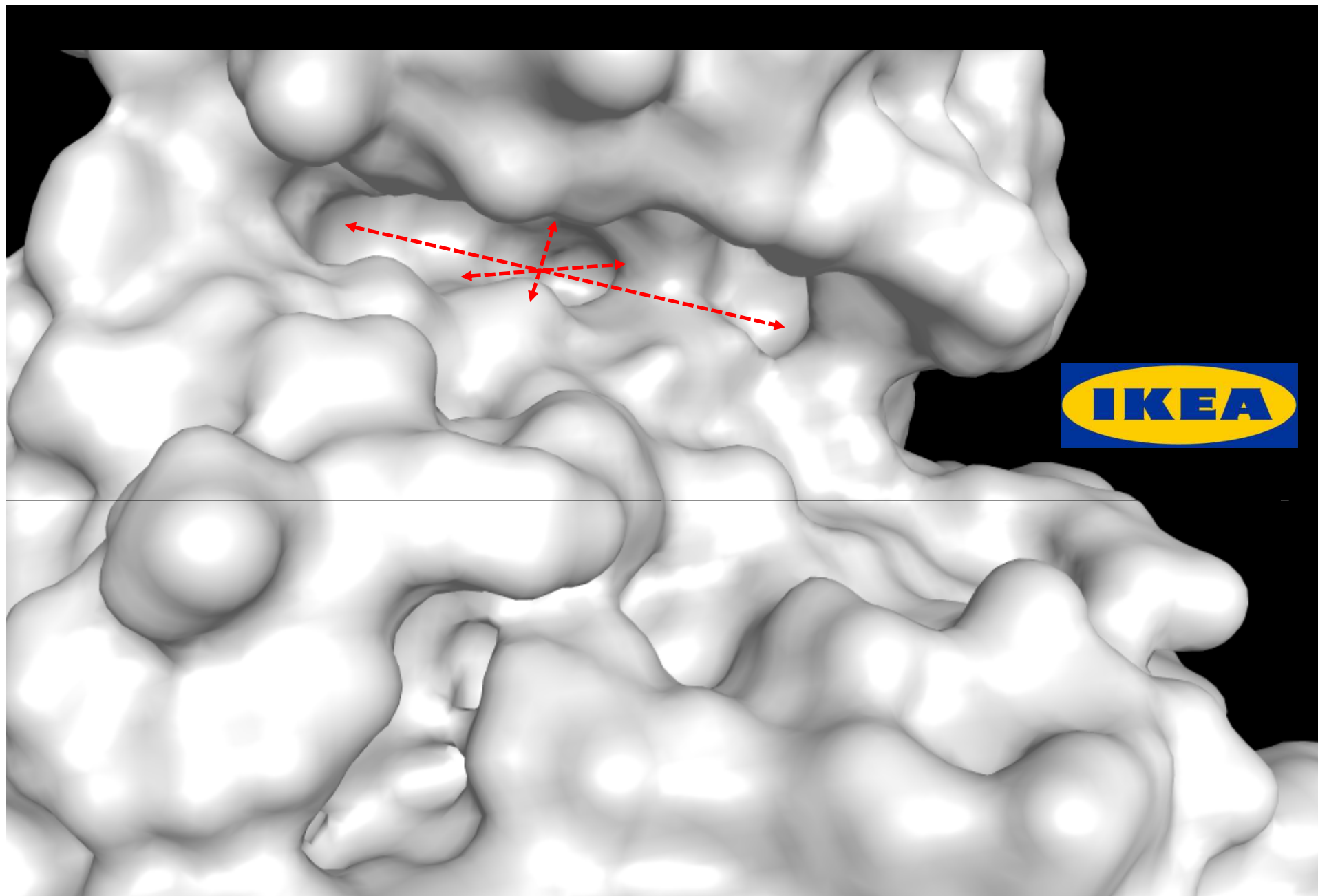
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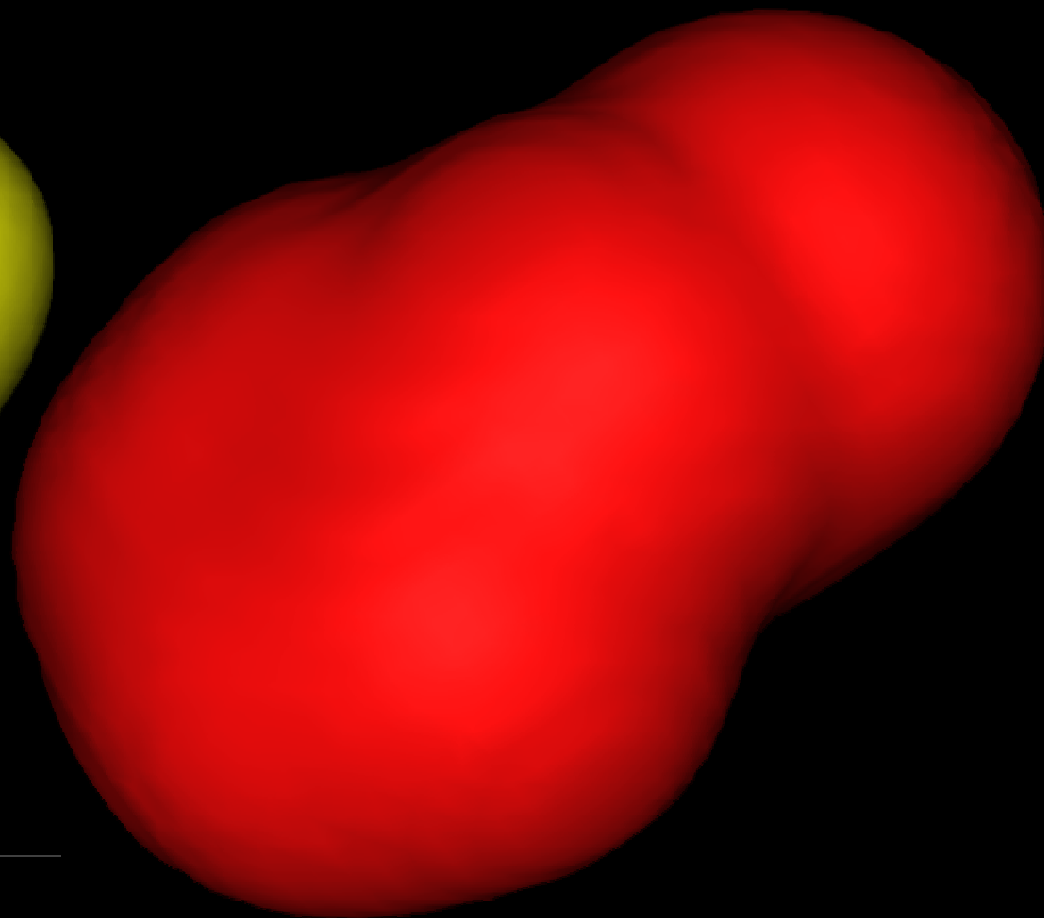




Come back to surface representations: are you able to calculate the volume of these objects?



SES or Connolly Surface

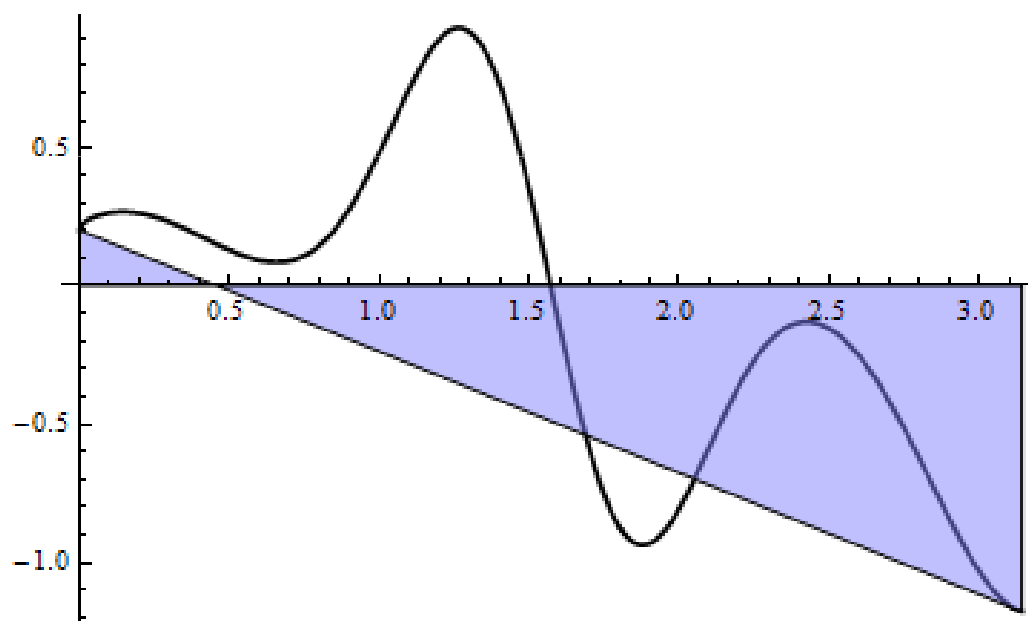


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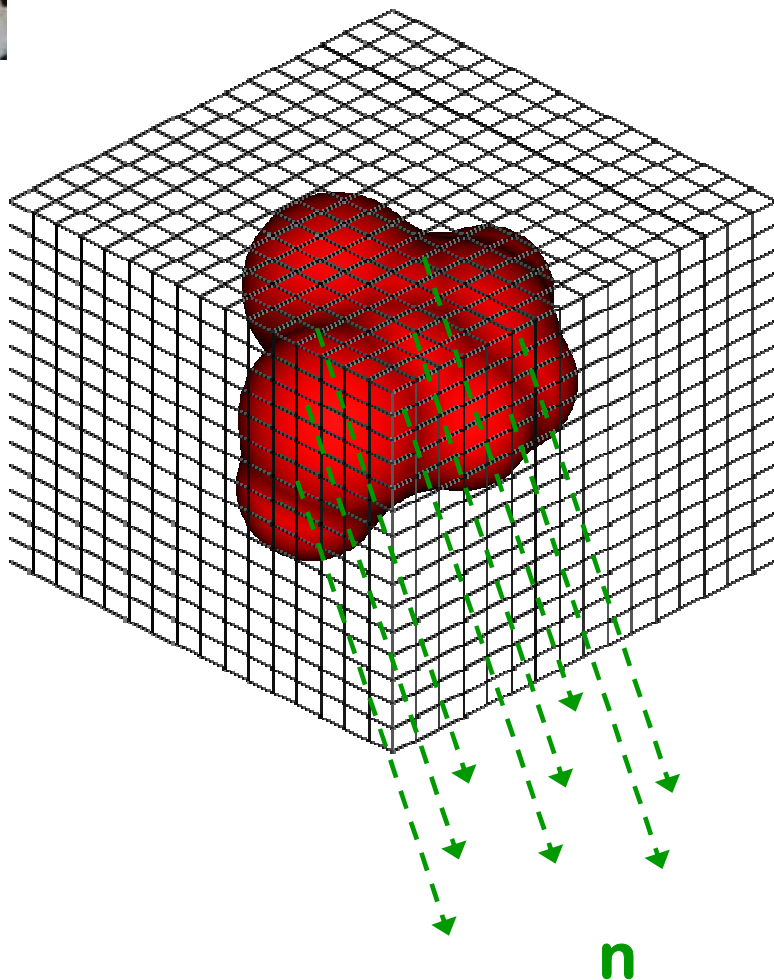
do you remember the *trapezoidal rule*?

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx (b-a) \frac{f(a) + f(b)}{2}$$

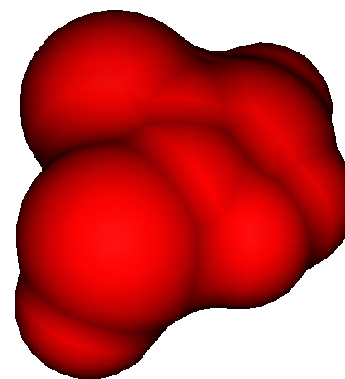




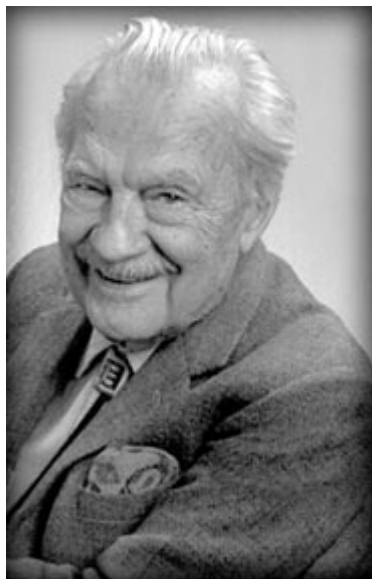
a 3D version of our *trapezoidal rule*



$$\text{red cube} = V_i$$



$$V_{\text{mol}} \cong n V_i$$



Nicholas Constantine Metropolis and the Monte Carlo method

(N. Metropolis and S. Ulam. 1949. The Monte Carlo method. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 44:335-341.)

The Monte Carlo method is one of the ten algorithms that have had major influence in the development of science and engineering in the 20th century.



Here is the list!

1946: The Metropolis Algorithm for Monte Carlo. Through the use of random processes, this algorithm offers an efficient way to stumble toward answers to problems that are too complicated to solve exactly.

1947: Simplex Method for Linear Programming. An elegant solution to a common problem in planning and decision-making.

1950: Krylov Subspace Iteration Method. A technique for rapidly solving the linear equations that abound in scientific computation.

1951: The Decompositional Approach to Matrix Computations. A suite of techniques for numerical linear algebra.

1957: The Fortran Optimizing Compiler. Turns high-level code into efficient computer-readable code.

1959: QR Algorithm for Computing Eigenvalues. Another crucial matrix operation made swift and practical.

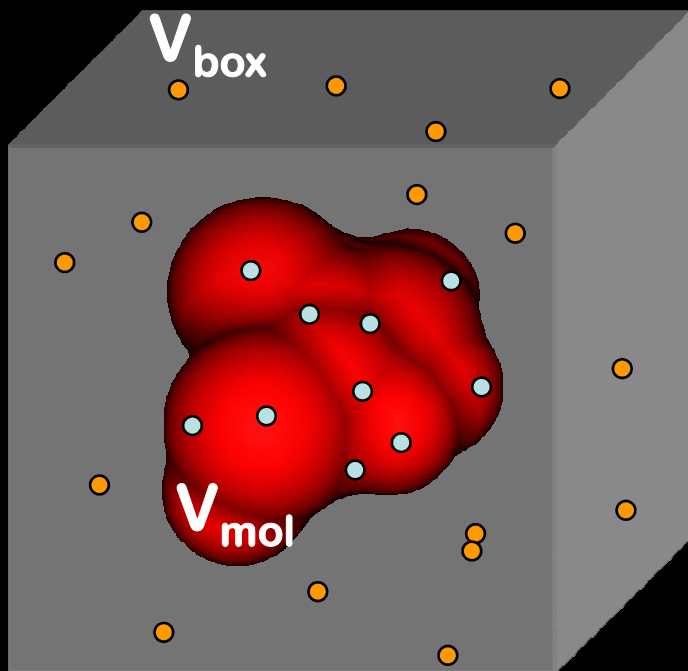
1962: Quicksort Algorithms for Sorting. For the efficient handling of large databases.

1965: Fast Fourier Transform. Perhaps the most ubiquitous algorithm in use today, it breaks down waveforms (like sound) into periodic components.

1977: Integer Relation Detection. A fast method for spotting simple equations satisfied by collections of seemingly unrelated numbers.

1987: Fast Multipole Method. A breakthrough in dealing with the complexity of n-body calculations, applied in problems ranging from celestial mechanics to protein folding.

Monte Carlo Integration Method



$$V_{\text{mol}} : V_{\text{box}} \cong n_{\text{mol}} : n_{\text{tot}}$$

$$V_{\text{mol}} \cong V_{\text{box}} \times n_{\text{mol}} / n_{\text{tot}}$$

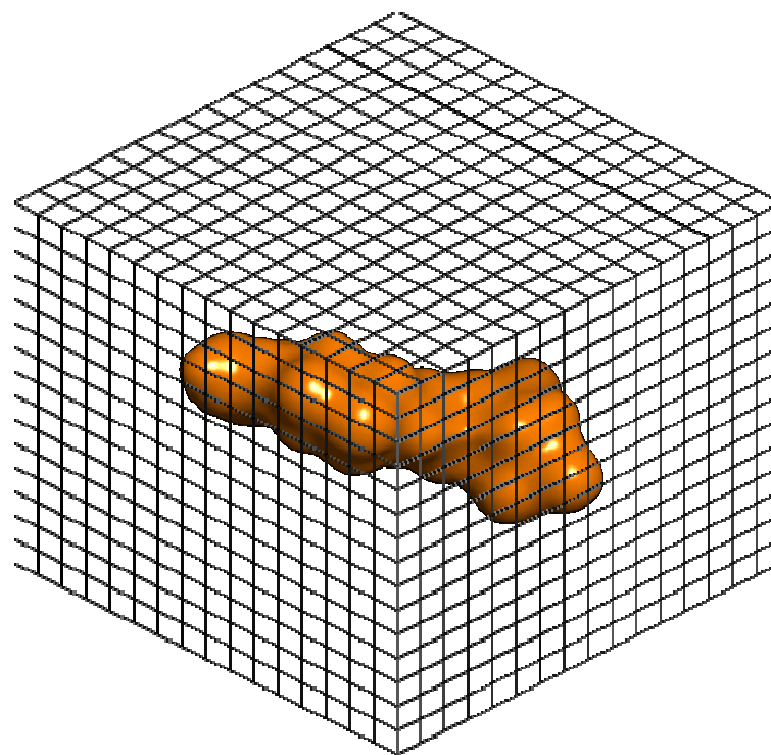
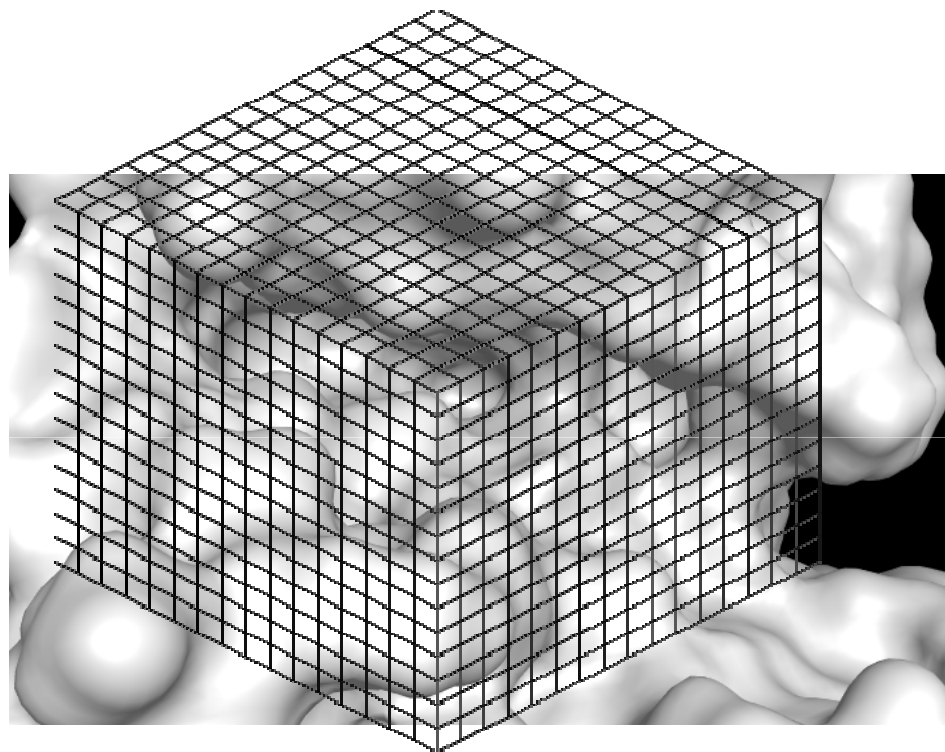
Monte Carlo Integration Method



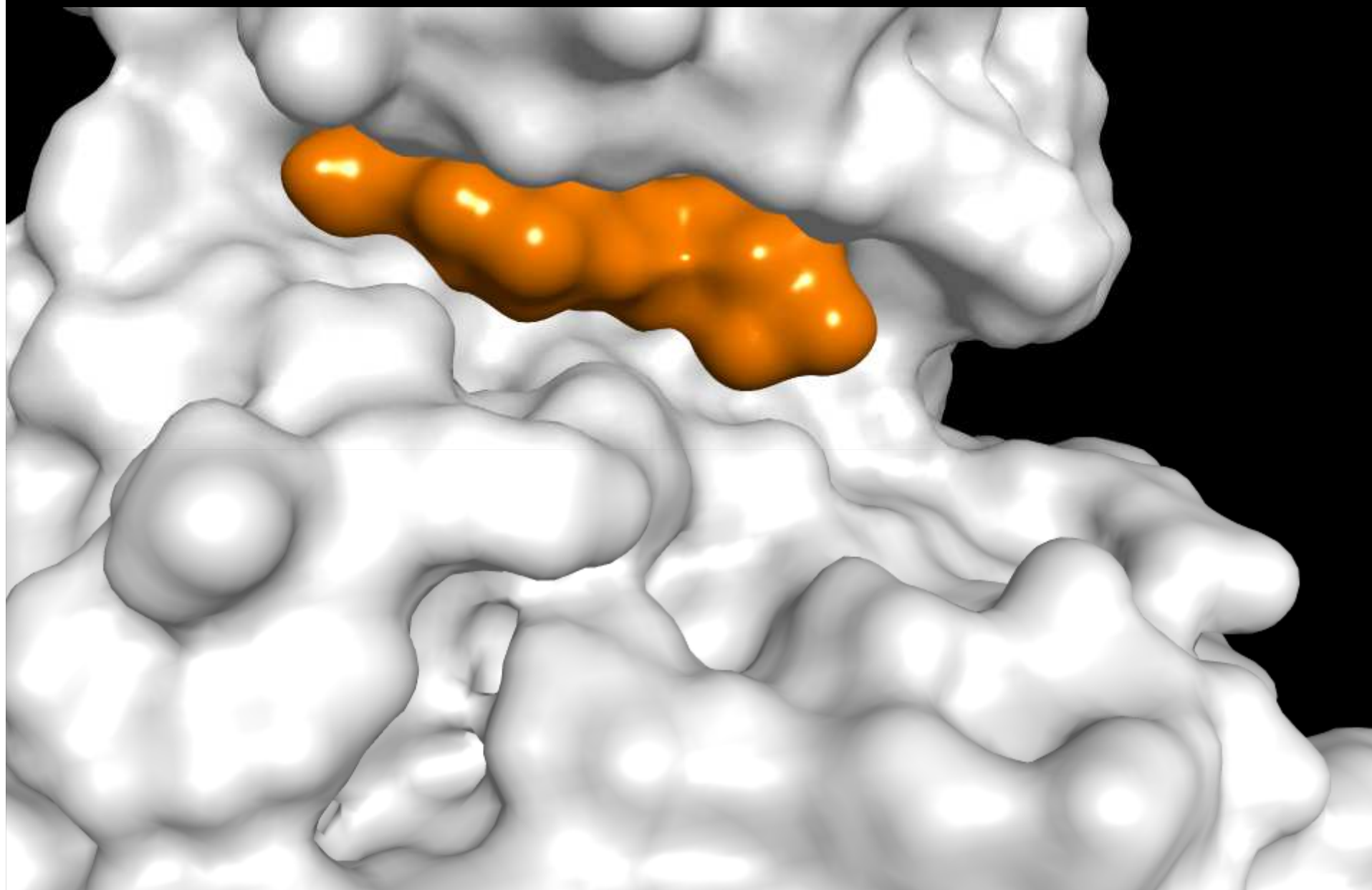
by Giulio Mattedi (2015/2016)



The measure of a *full* (space) equal to the measure of an *empty* (space)?

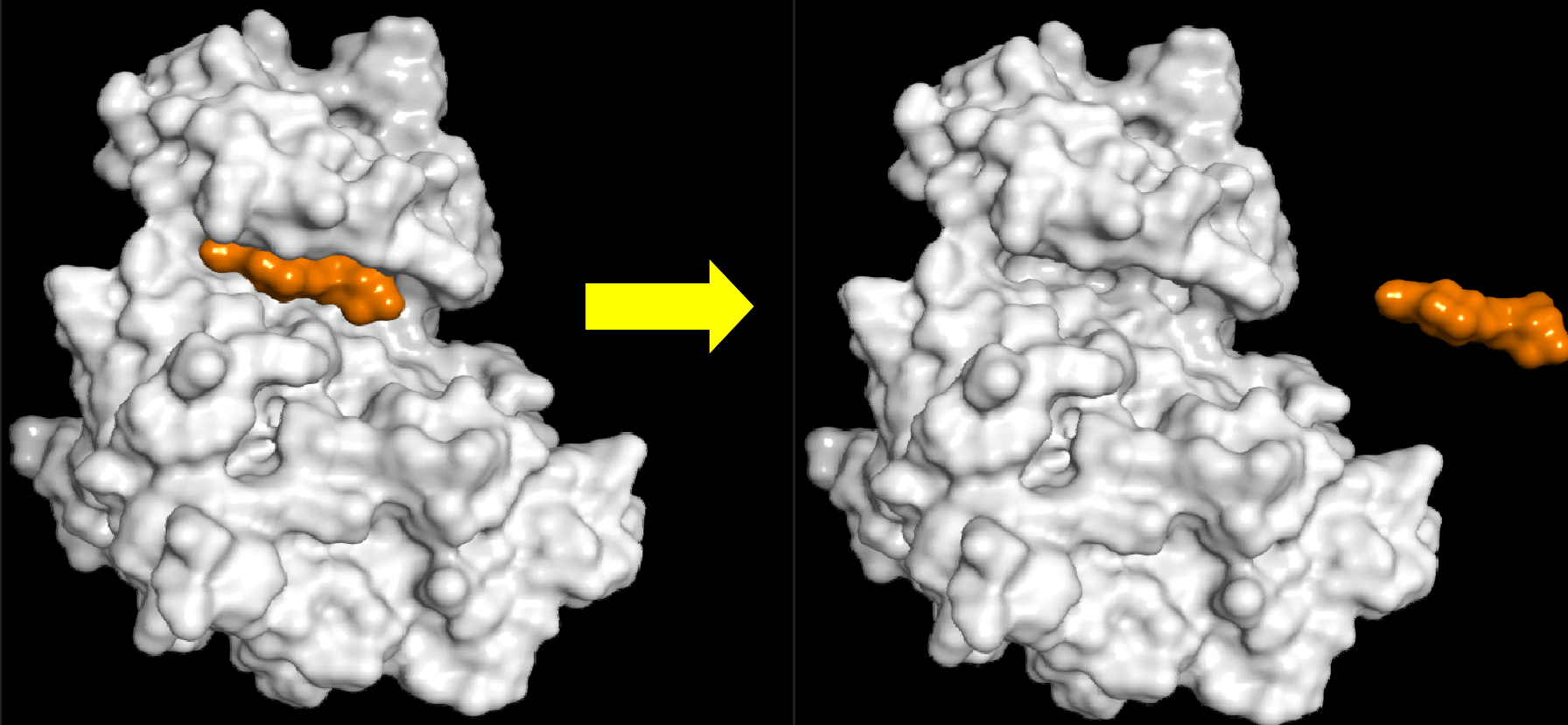


Do you note where the difference is?

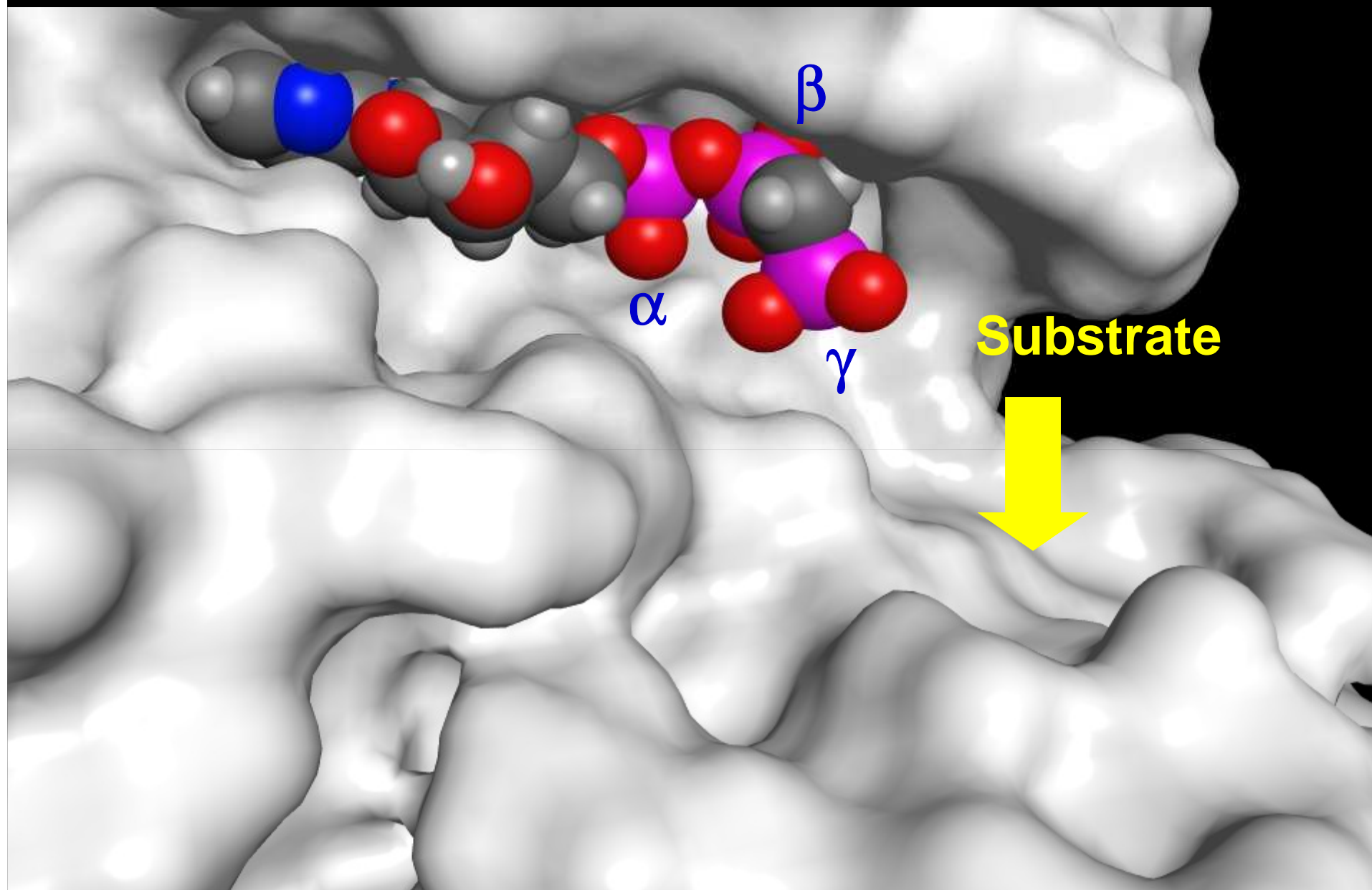




You have now a wonderful tool to estimate the topological complementarity between a cavity and its ligand:

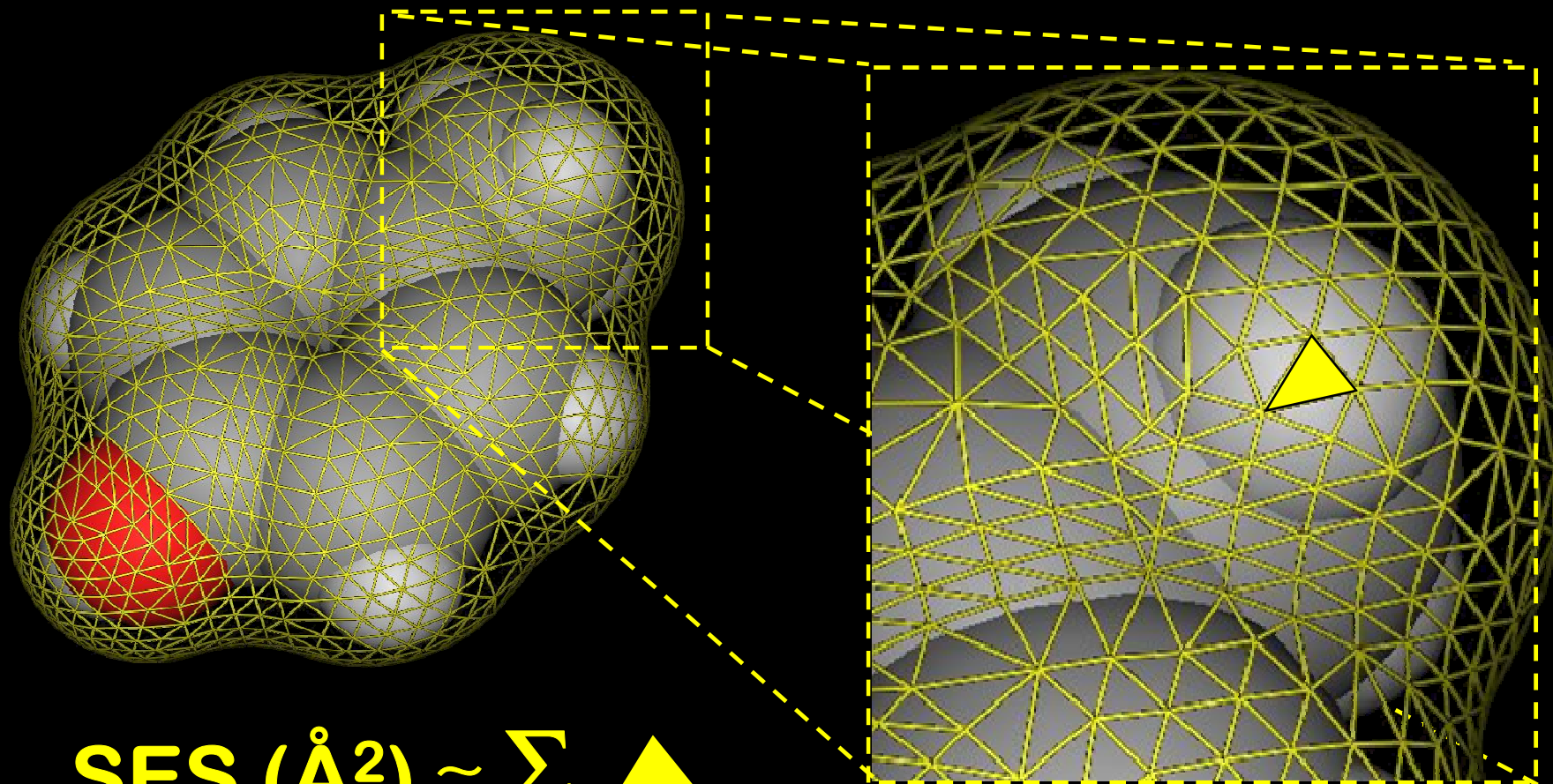


$$\text{Complementarity} \propto \text{Vol}_{\text{cavity}} - \text{Vol}_{\text{ligand}}$$





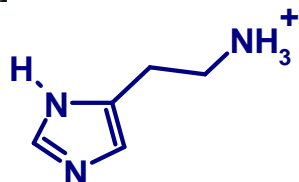
Now also surface extension is very easy to calculate... approximately!



$$SES (\text{\AA}^2) \cong \sum \blacktriangle$$















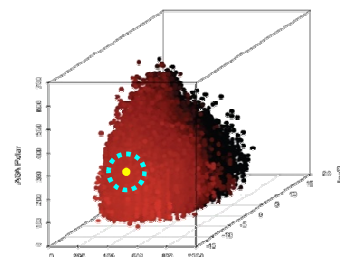
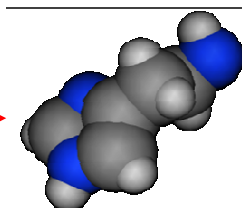
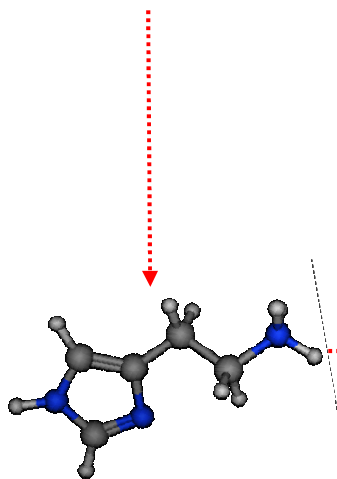
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


$$\frac{A \cap B}{A_{solo} + B_{solo} + A \cap B}$$

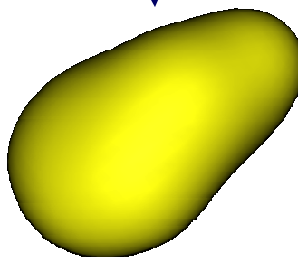
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Sterimol
Vol (Å³)
SES (Å²)



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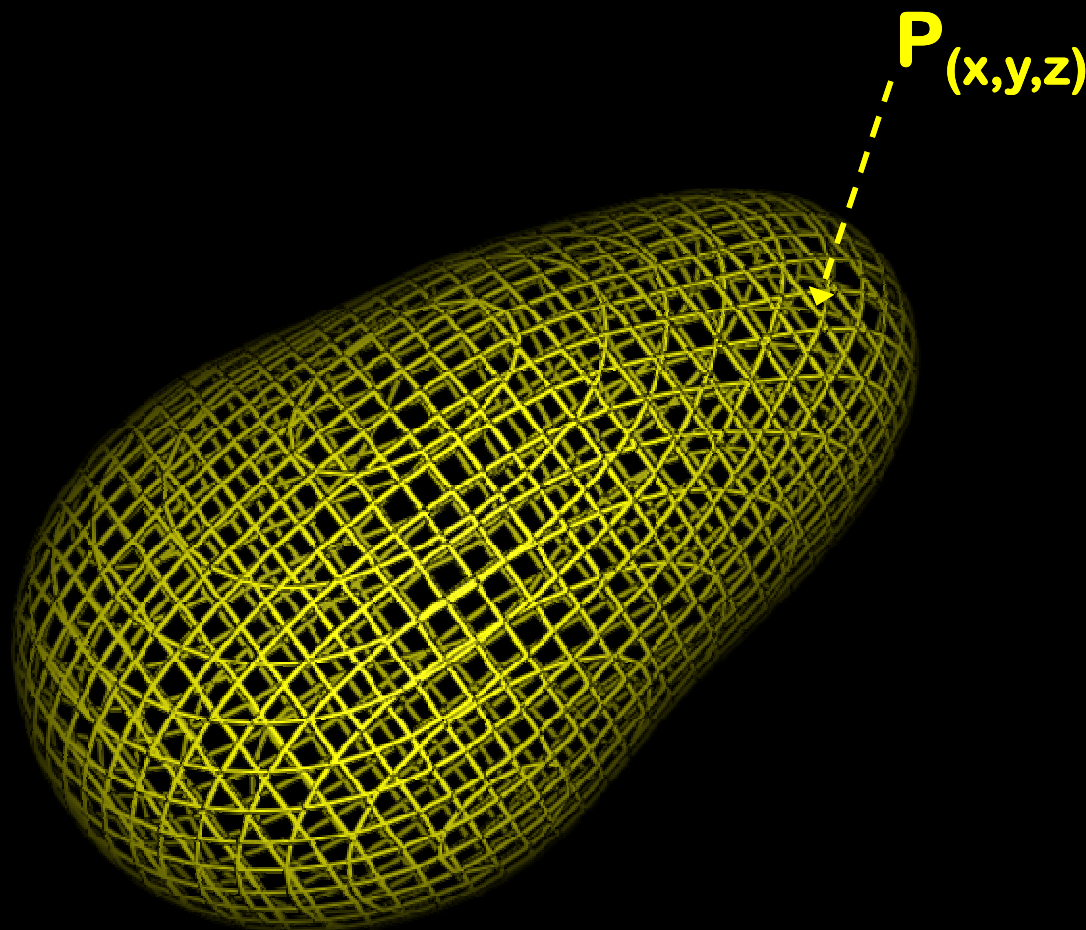
And now I would like to morph this...

in this!





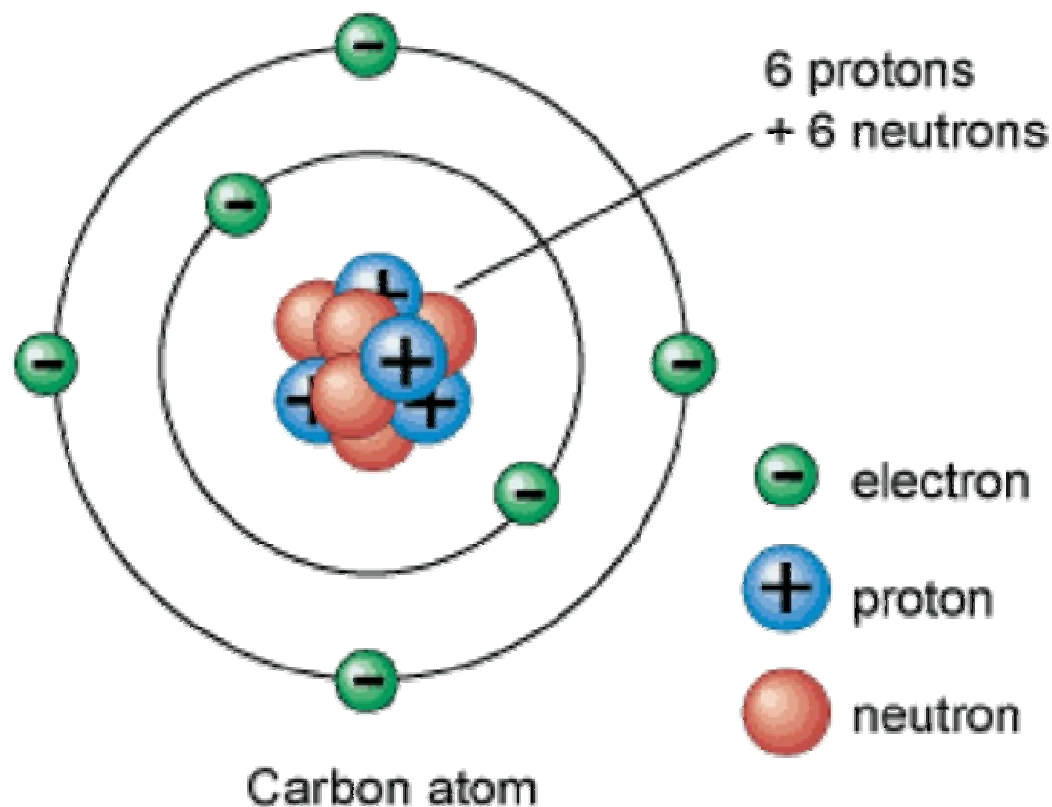
Molecular surfaces as a locus for the projection of molecular properties:



As chemists, what is the first property that you would like to see projected ?



We cannot forget that under the real surface we surely find... charges!





Back when I was young...



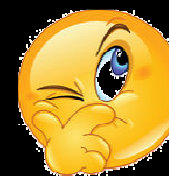
“It is generally accepted that receptor and substrate molecules recognize each other at their molecular surfaces. Therefore, the binding strength of a receptor-drug complex depends on the shape of the substrate surface and on the distribution of certain properties on this surface. Any method attempting to model biological activity should take into account this information and try to correlate it to biological activity...”

by Johann Gasteiger *et al* *J.A.C.S.* 1995, **117**, 7769-7775



Considering that molecules are an ensemble of electric charges... probably the distribution of their *electrostatic potentials*?

How we can virtualize the projection of the electrostatic potential on a molecular surface?





We can surely start with him!



Charles Augustin de Coulomb (Angoulême, 14 giugno 1736 – Parigi, 23 agosto 1806).

$$F_{el} = k_0 \frac{q_1 q_2}{r^2}$$

Coulomb's constant : $k_0 = 9 \times 10^9 \frac{Nm^2}{C^2}$

$$k_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

where ϵ_0 is the electric permittivity of free space

$$\epsilon_0 = 8,9 \times 10^{-12} \frac{C^2}{Nm^2}$$



I try to recite it:

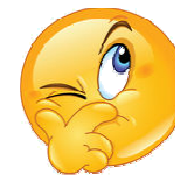
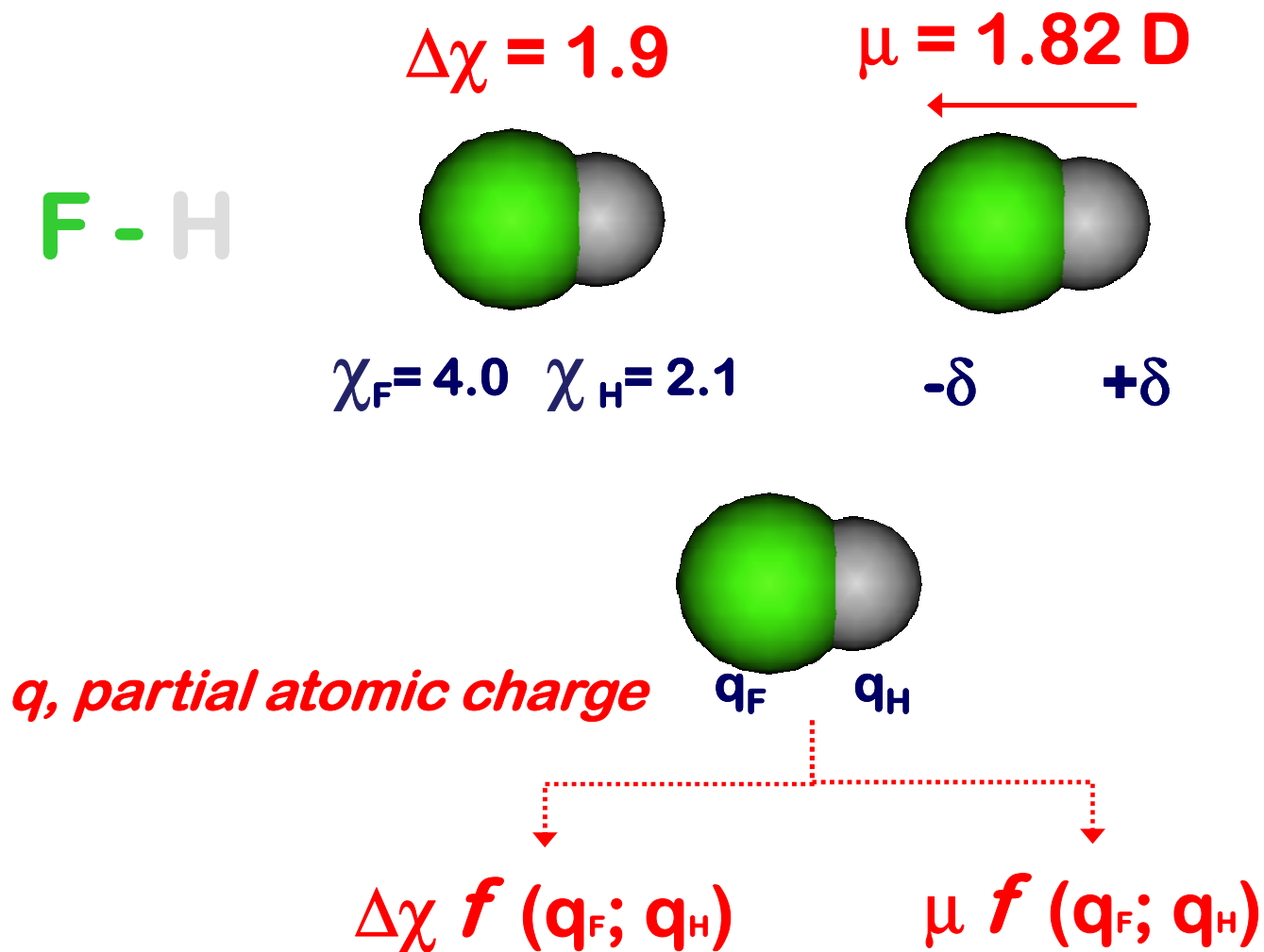
“The magnitude of the electrostatic force of interaction between two **point charges** is directly proportional to the scalar multiplication of the magnitudes of charges and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them.”



How we can deal with the *point charges* concept when, in the real world, we usually deal with **charge distributions**?



Probably, using a very interesting physical trick:

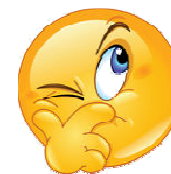
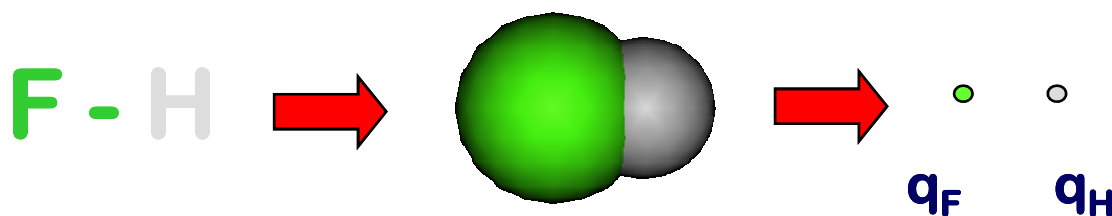




Probably, using a very interesting physical trick:

Introducing an atomic property, definite after the formation of a chemical bond, called *partial atomic charge*.

It is very important to underline that this property is not a real physical atomic property but it is very useful to use the Coulombic's law!!

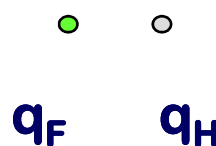
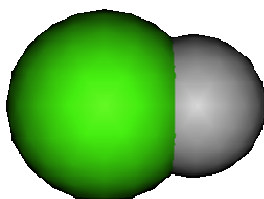




The formalism of Johann Gasteiger:



$$\Delta\chi = 1.9$$



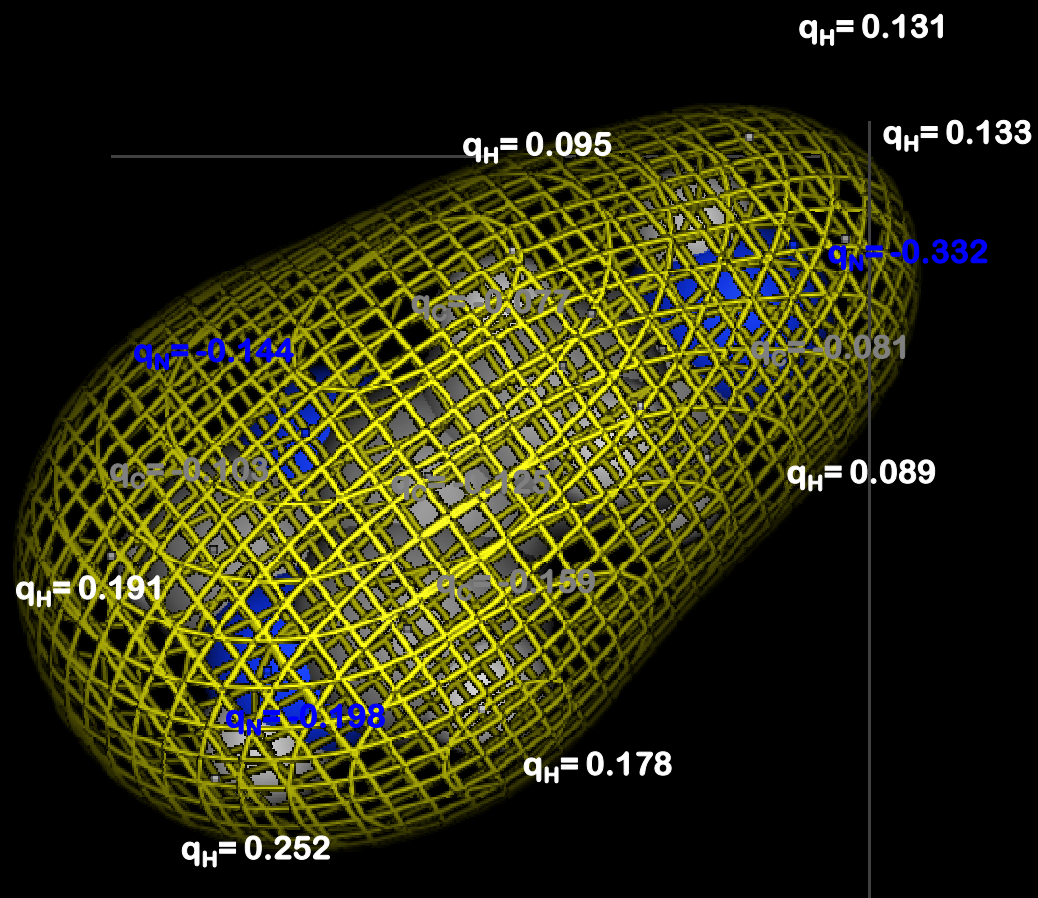
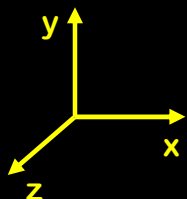
$$\chi_F = 4.0 \quad \chi_H = 2.1$$

$$\Delta\chi \text{ } f(q_F; q_H)$$

$$\chi_A = a_A q_A + b_A q_A^2$$



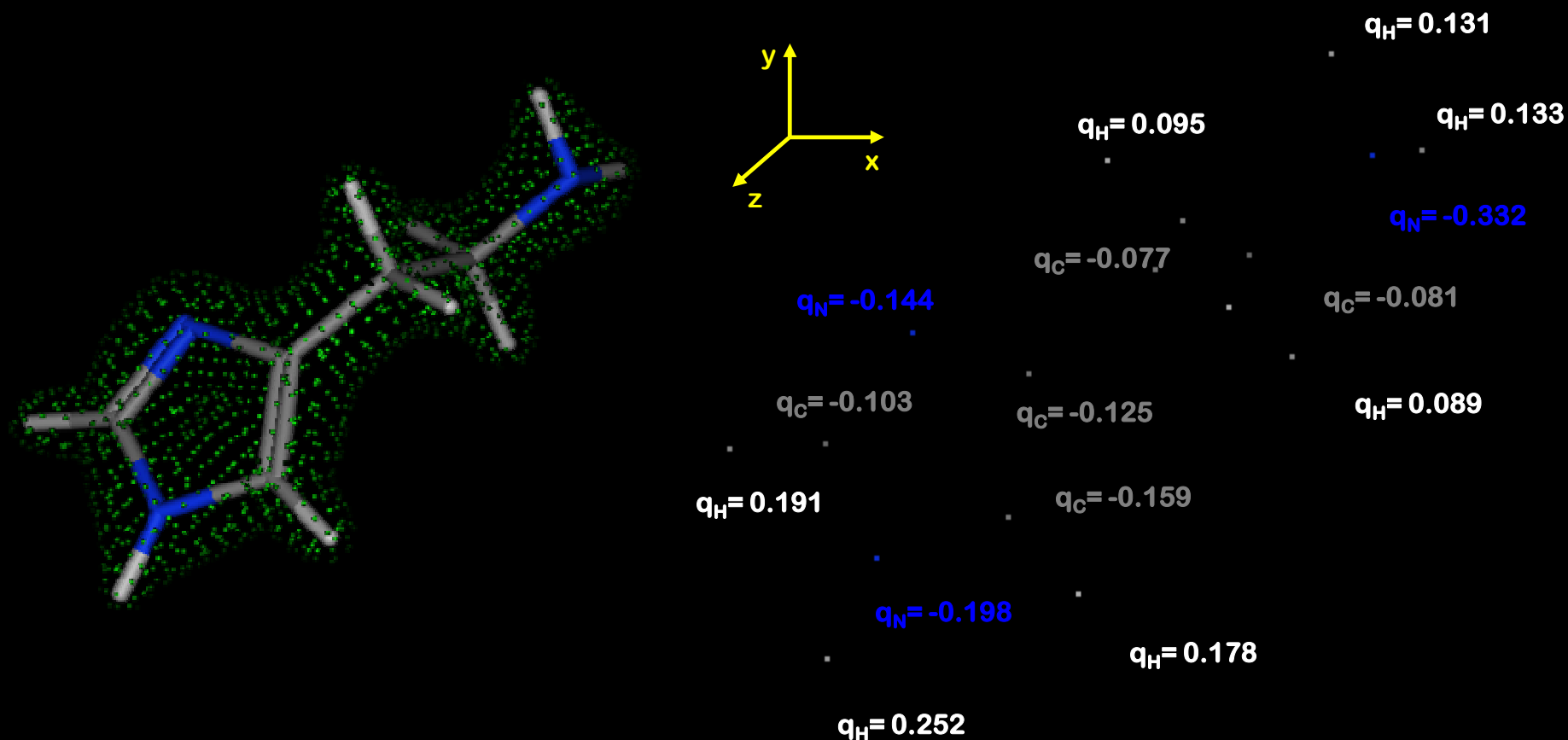
Informatically speaking, it is very clear...



vdW *versus* Connolly Surface



The partial atomic charges are *punctiform ambassadors* of charge distribution!





According to Cramer (2002), this earlier classification of methods involves the following four classes:

Class I: are those that are not determined from quantum mechanics, but from some intuitive or empiric approach. These approaches can be based on experimental data such as dipoles and electronegativities.

Class II: are derived from partitioning the molecular wave function using some arbitrary, orbital based scheme.

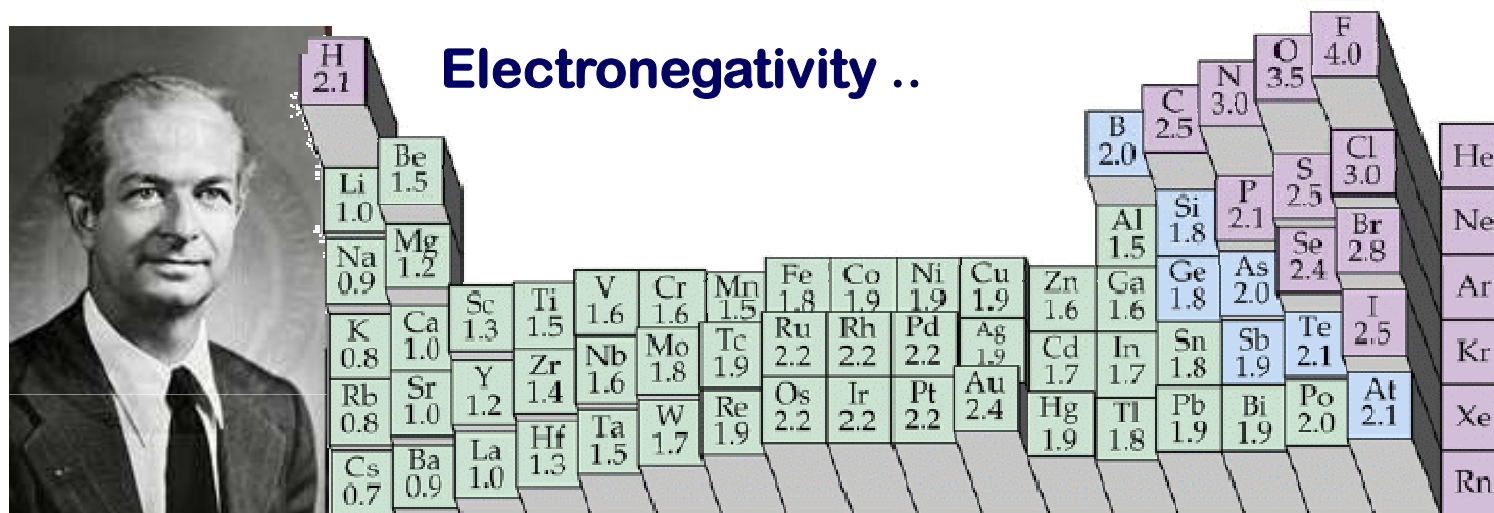
Class III: are based on a partitioning of a physical observable derived from the wave function, such as electron density.

Class IV: are derived from a semiempirical mapping of a precursor charge of type II or III to reproduce experimentally determined observables such as dipole moments.

C. J. Cramer (2002). *Essentials of Computational Chemistry: Theories and Methods*. Wiley. pp. 278–289.



Partial atomic charges derived from electronegativity values (Class I):



Pauling (1932):

Mulliken (1934):

Allred-Rochow (1958):

Sanderson (1983):

Allen (1989):

$$\chi_A - \chi_B = (eV)^{-1/2} \sqrt{E_d(AB) - [E_d(AA) + E_d(BB)]/2}$$

$$\chi = 0.187(E_i + E_{ea}) + 0.17;$$

$$\chi = 0.359 \frac{Z^*}{r_{cov}^2} + 0.744;$$

$$\chi = \frac{n_s \epsilon_s + n_p \epsilon_p}{n_s + n_p},$$



Partial atomic charges derived from electronegativity values (Class I):

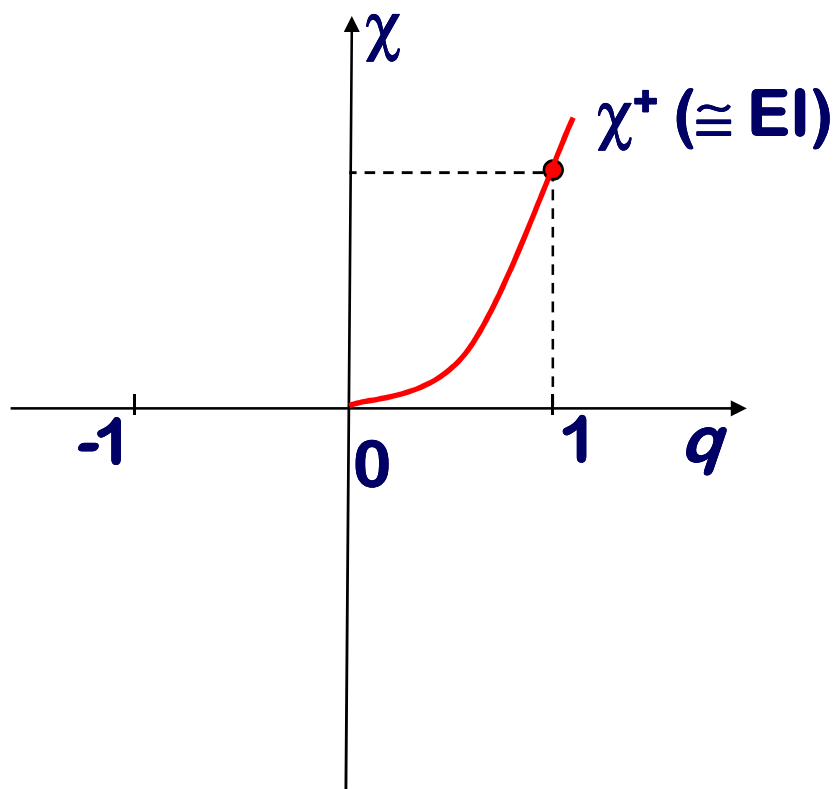
H-H	H-F	H-Cl	H-Br
$\Delta\chi = 0$	$\Delta\chi = 1.9$	$\Delta\chi = 0.9$	$\Delta\chi = 0.7$
$q_H(H_2)$	$q_H(HF)$ $q_F(HF)$	$q_H(HCl)$ $q_{Cl}(HCl)$	$q_H(HBr)$ $q_{Br}(HBr)$

The mission is very clear: find the optimal values of **q** to accurately calculate values of $\Delta\chi$!



PEOE formalism (Partial Equalization of Orbital Electronegativities), Gasteiger 1980:

In this formalism the electronegativity χ of an atom A, is described as a quadratic function of its partial atomic charge q , where a e b parameters have being calculated:



$$\chi_A = a_A q_A + b_A q_A^2$$



PEOE formalism (Partial Equalization of Orbital Electronegativities), Gastaiger 1980:

For the determination of *a* and *b* parameters, we can follow this consideration:

$$\chi_A = a_A q_A + b_A q_A^2$$

When the value of the *partial atomic charge* *q* is equal to its possible *formal charge* (+1 or -1) then the electronegative value χ must be coincident with the *ionization energy* (I.E. for a formal charge equal to +1) or to the *electron affinity* (E.A. for a formal charge equal to -1)

$$q_A \rightarrow +1 \quad \text{allora} \quad \chi_A \rightarrow I.E.$$

$$q_A \rightarrow -1 \quad \text{allora} \quad \chi_A \rightarrow E.A.$$

Beware of units of measurement !!



PEOE formalism (Partial Equalization of Orbital Electronegativities), Gastaiger 1980:

Now could be much easier to calculate them:

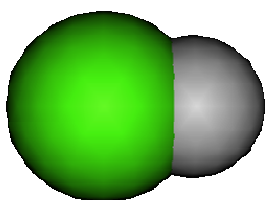
$$I.E._{(A)} \cong a_A + b_A$$

$$E.A._{(A)} \cong -a_A + b_A$$



PEOE formalism (Partial Equalization of Orbital Electronegativities), Gastaiger 1980:

Considering two atoms A e B:



$$q_F = -\delta ; q_H = \delta$$

$$q_A + q_B = 0$$

$$\Delta\chi = \chi_A - \chi_B$$

$$\chi_A = a_A q_A + b_A q_A^2 \quad \chi_B = a_B q_B + b_B q_B^2$$

$$\Delta\chi = a_A q_A + b_A q_A^2 - a_B q_B - b_B q_B^2$$

$$\Delta\chi = a_A q_A + b_A q_A^2 + a_B q_A + b_B q_A^2$$

$$\Delta\chi = (a_A + a_B) q_A + (b_A + b_B) q_A^2$$



Do you remember how to solve it?



PEOE formalism (Partial Equalization of Orbital Electronegativities), Gastaiger 1980:

H-H	H-F	H-Cl	H-Br
$\Delta\chi = 0$	$\Delta\chi = 1.9$	$\Delta\chi = 0.9$	$\Delta\chi = 0.7$
$q_H(H_2)$	$q_H(HF)$ $q_F(HF)$	$q_H(HCl)$ $q_{Cl}(HCl)$	$q_H(HBr)$ $q_{Br}(HBr)$
	± 0.267	± 0.145	± 0.113



PEOE formalism (Partial Equalization of Orbital Electronegativities), Gastaiger 1980:

C-H (CH₄)

$$\Delta\chi = 0.3$$

$$q_C = 4q_H$$

$$q_C = -0.078$$

$$q_H = 0.019$$

C-H (CH₃F)

$$\Delta\chi_{C-H} = 0.3$$

$$\Delta\chi_{C-F} = -1.6$$

$$q_C = 3q_H + q_F$$

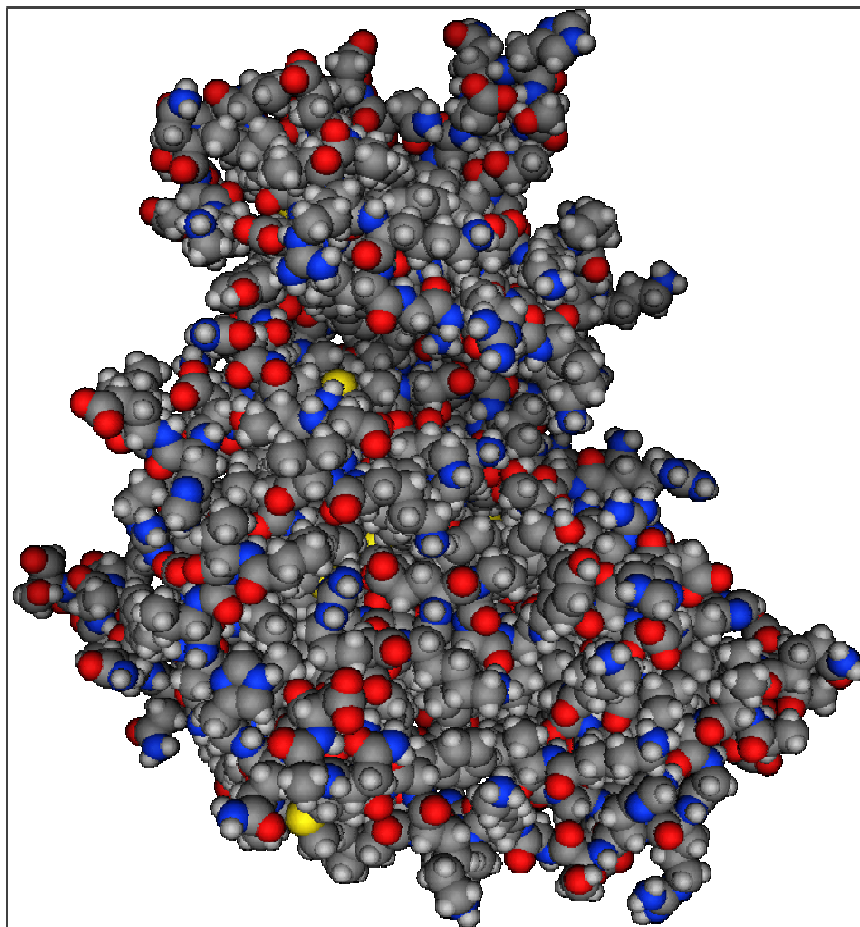
$$q_C = 0.079$$

$$q_H = 0.058$$

$$q_F = -0.253$$



Why the Class I methods are very popular in calculating partial atomic charges... even if sometimes are not so accurate? Here is the answer:



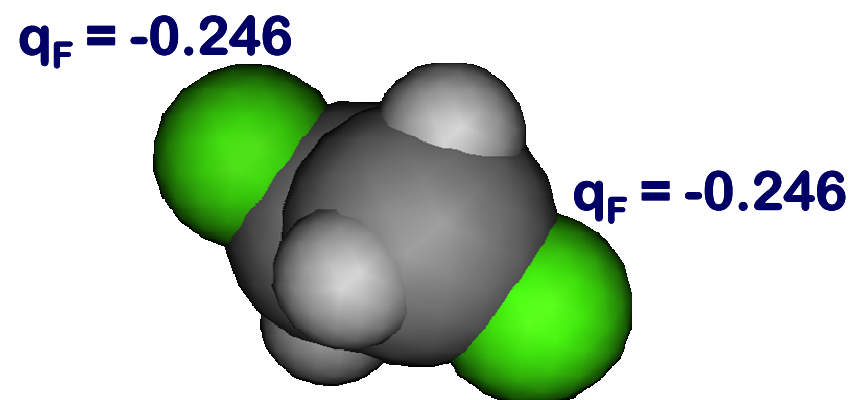
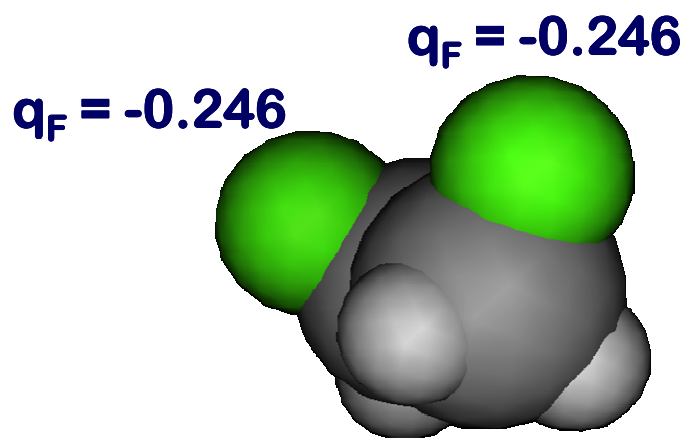
The calculations of partial atomic charges are very easy to compute for small and big molecular structures!!!



But also in this case there is the other side of the medal ...

C-F ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{F}_2$)

$$\Delta\chi_{\text{C-F}} = -1.6$$



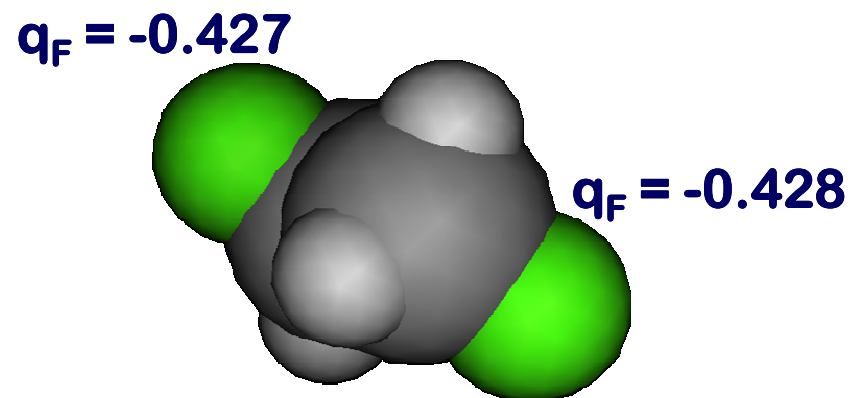
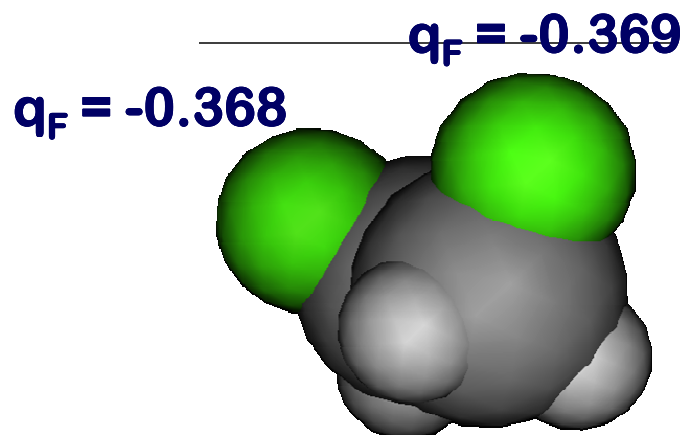
As you suspected, PEOE-driven partial atomic charges are conformation independent... this is a pity!!!



Look what's happened using type II or III...

C-F ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{F}_2$)

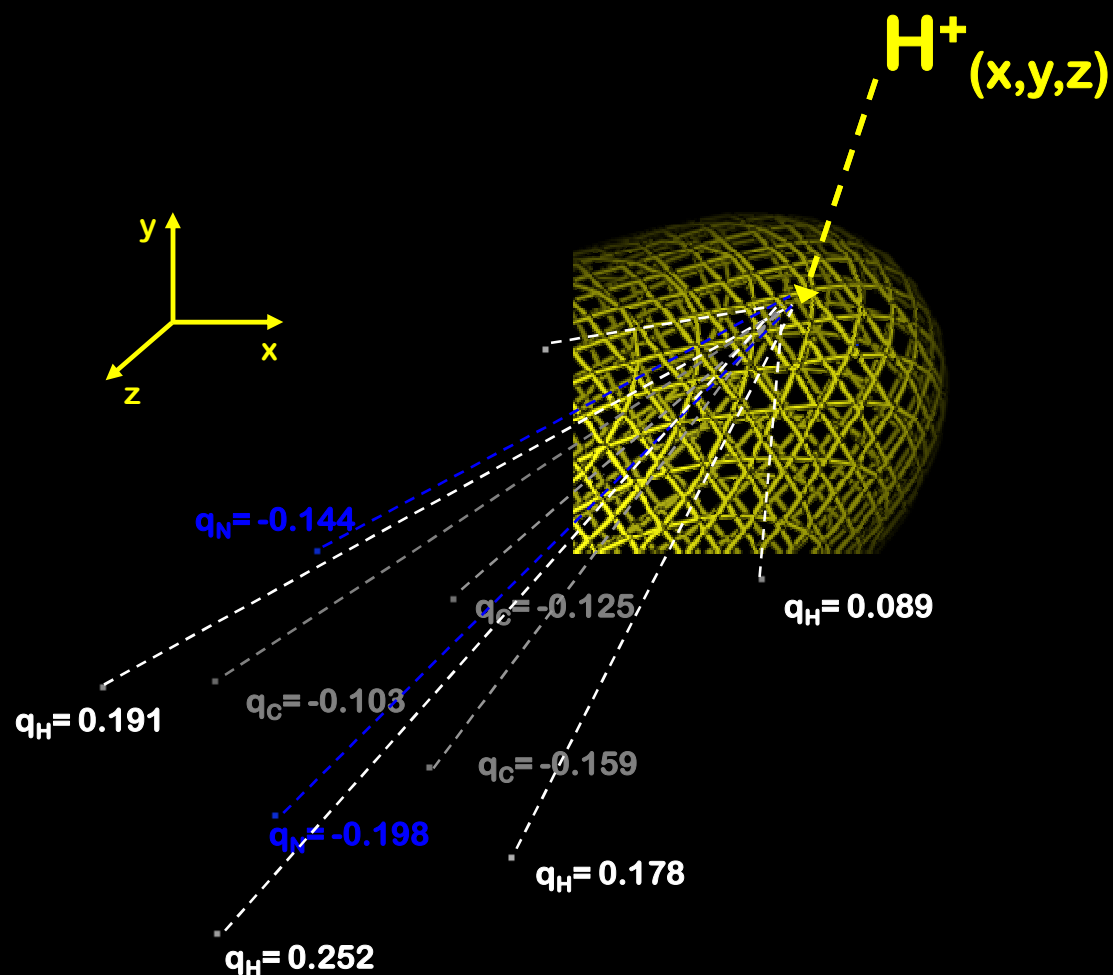
$\Delta\chi_{\text{C-F}} = -1.6$



EPS charges (RHF/AM1)

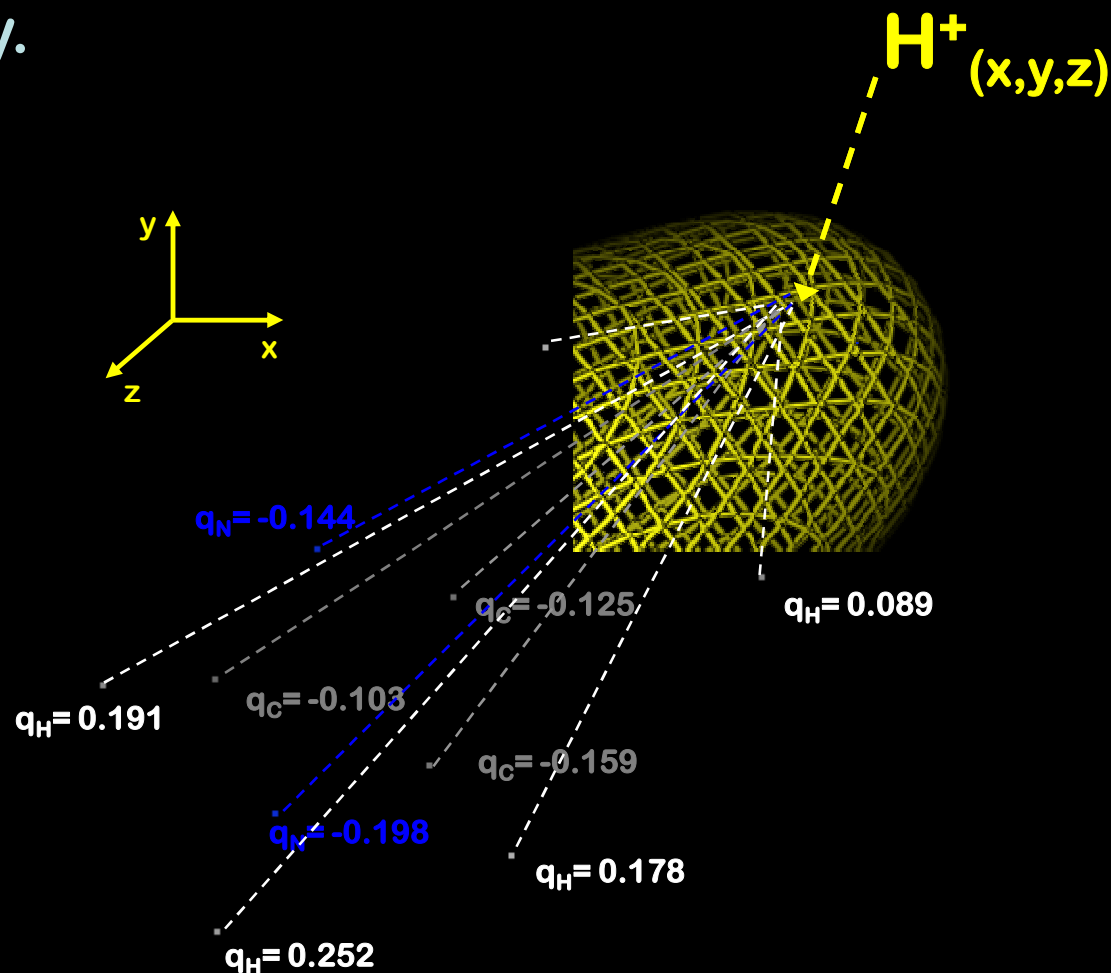


Back to our dear friend, Charles...





The field produced by multiple point charges : the electric field of two or more point charges is equal to the sum vector of the electric fields of each of these taken separately.





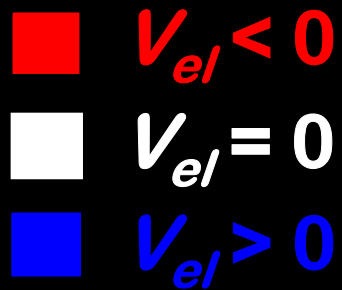
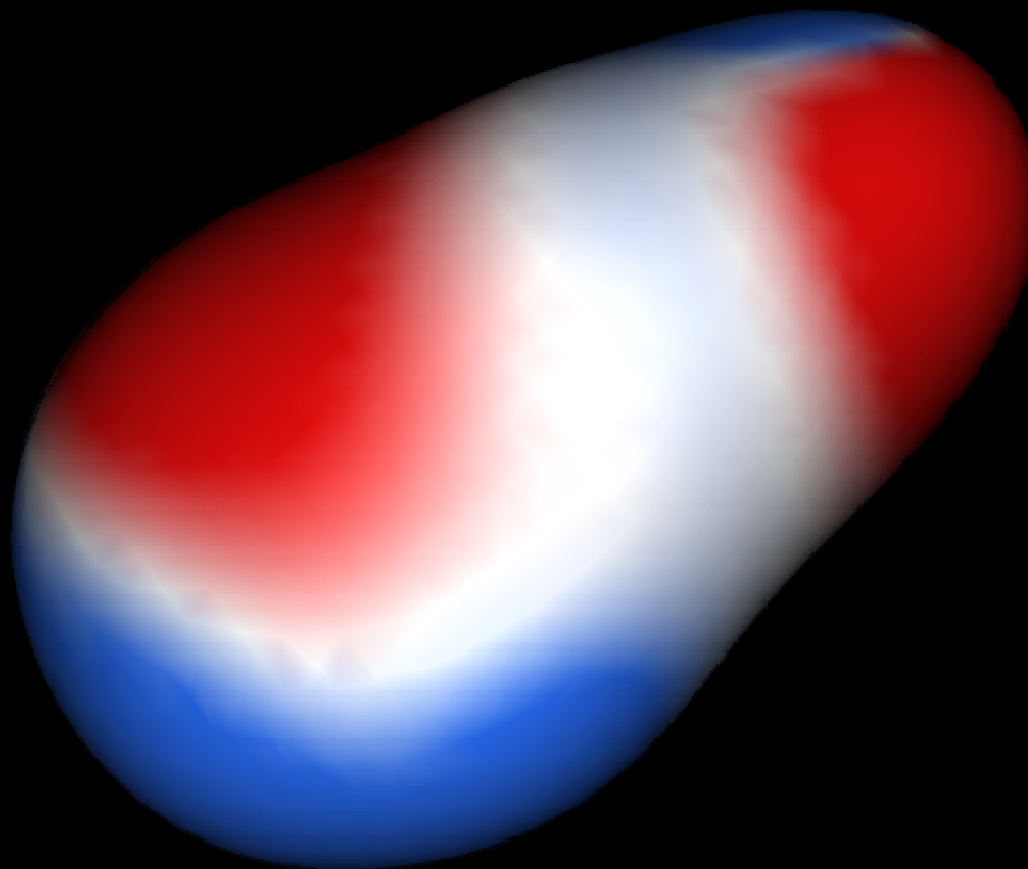
do you remember?

The work to move a particle from A to B is, in the case of conservative forces, equal to the potential energy change sign changed.

$$\begin{aligned} V_{el} &= -\int_A^B F_{el} \times ds = -\int_A^B \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q}{r^2} dr = \\ &= -\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int_A^B \frac{1}{r^2} dr = -\frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left[-\frac{1}{r} \right]_A^B = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \end{aligned}$$

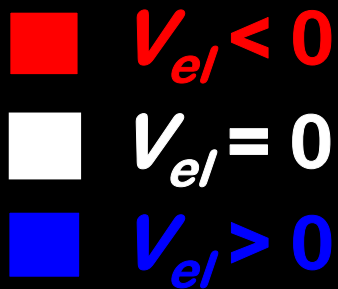
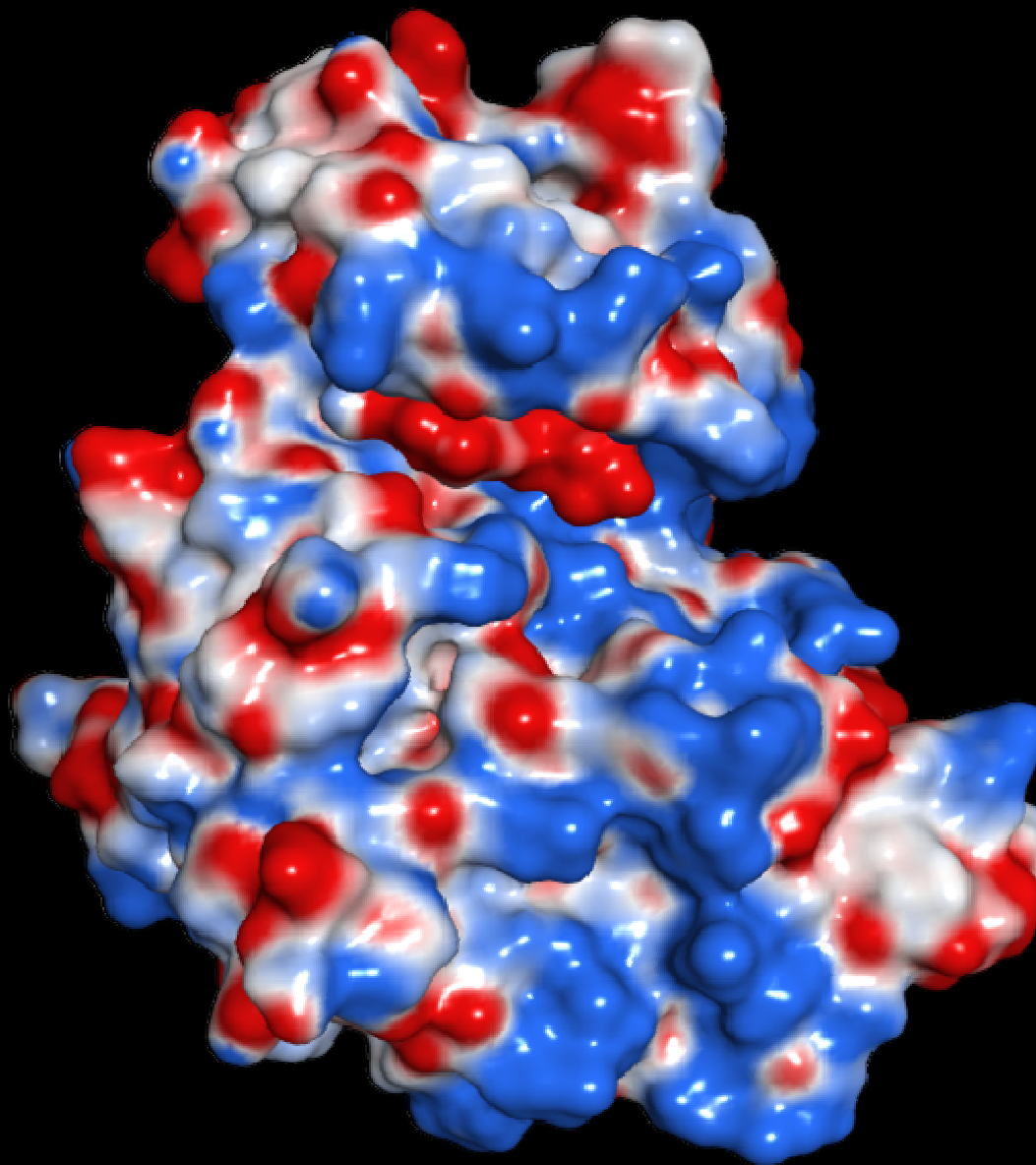


Charming!



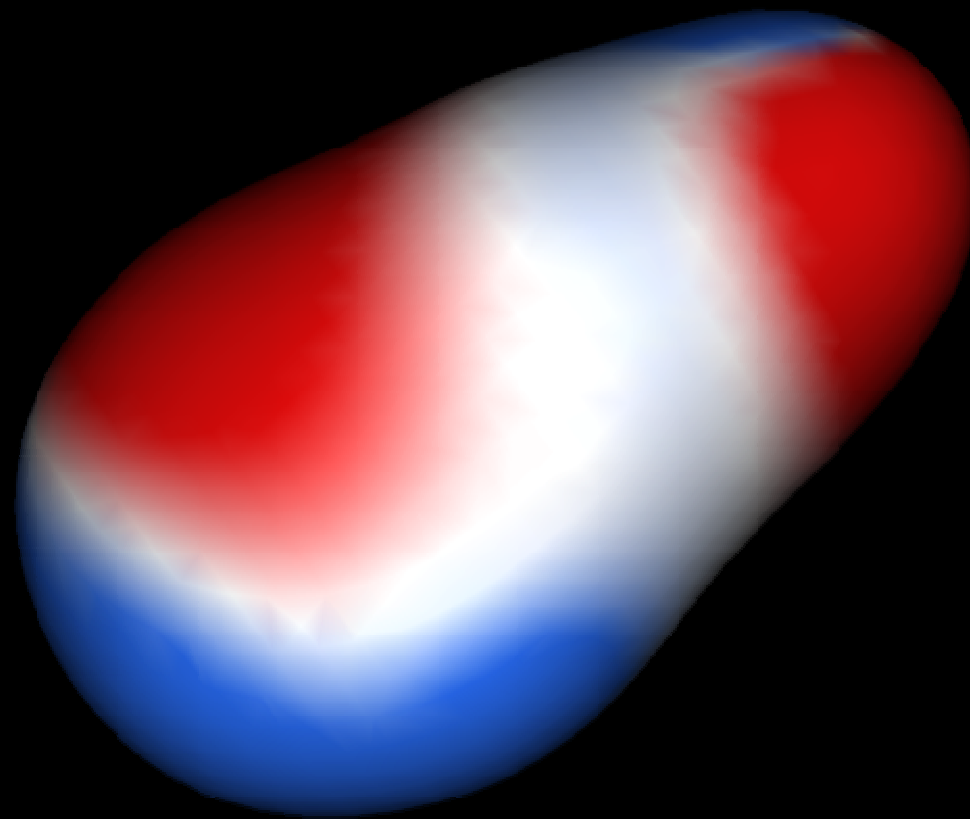


... very charming!



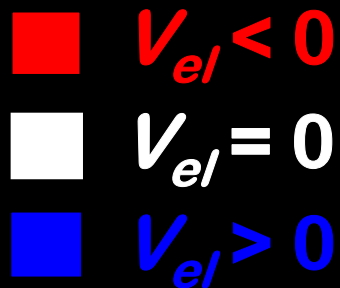
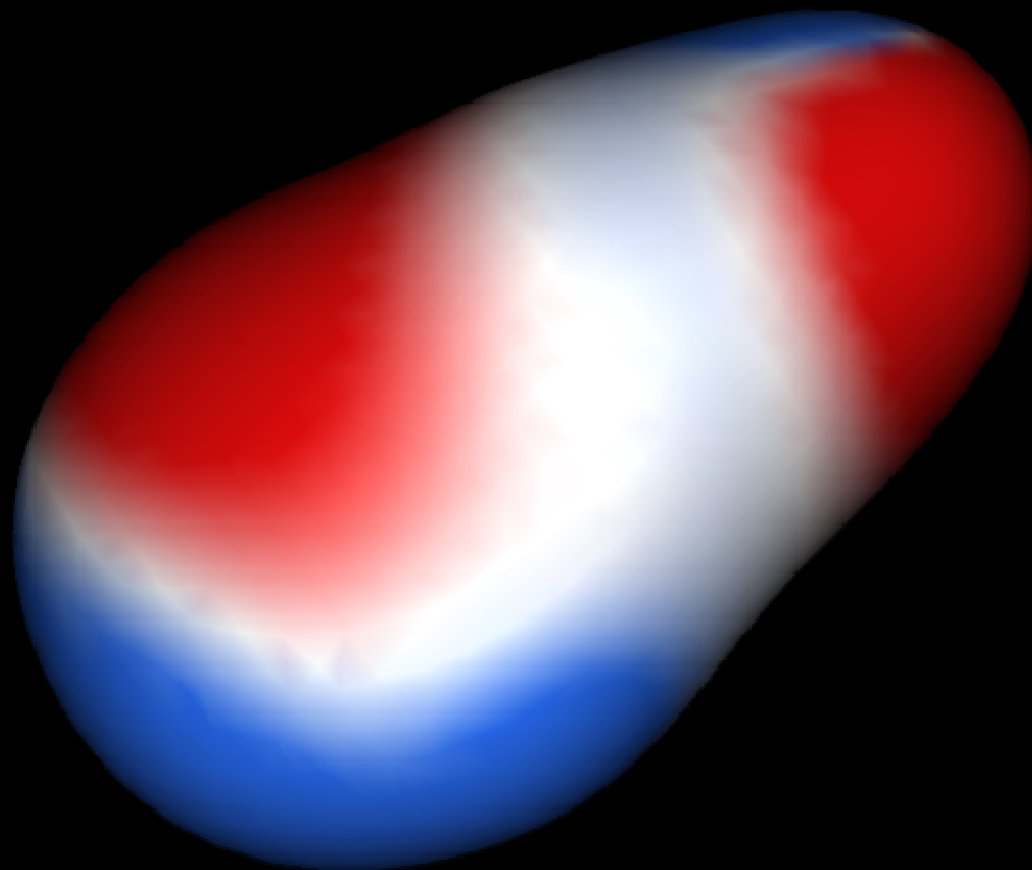


Do you note the similarity?



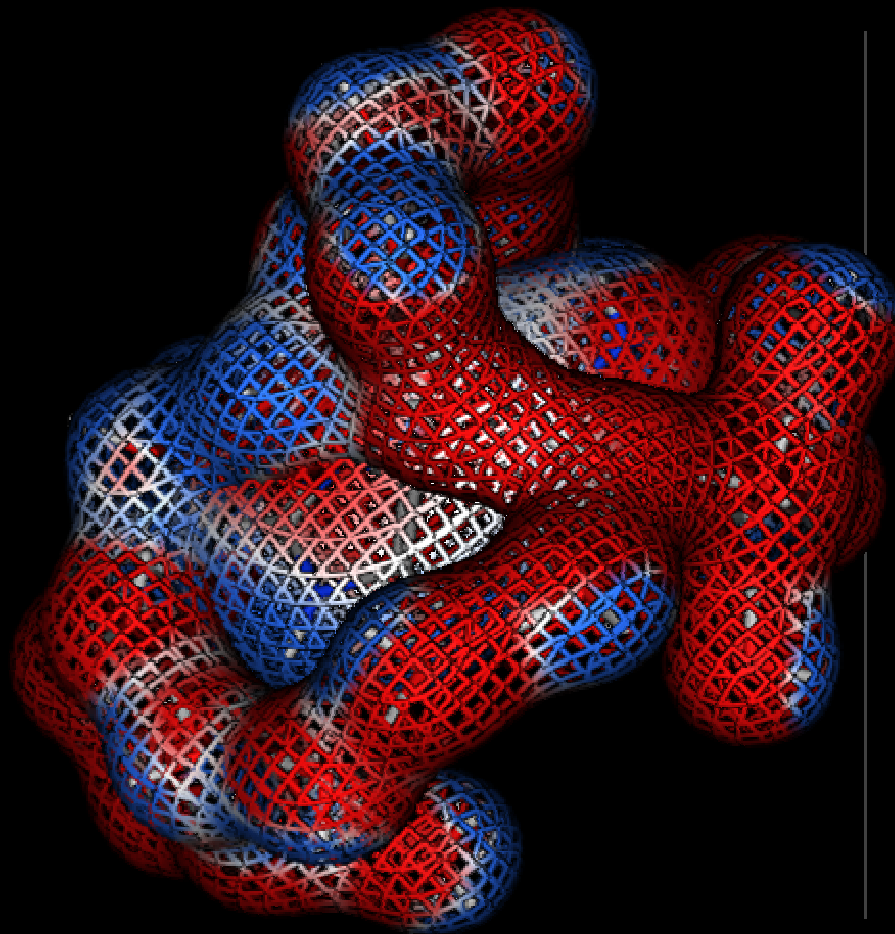


... and do you appreciate the meaning of
topological and electrostatic
complementarities?





from the simple concept of “solvation”...



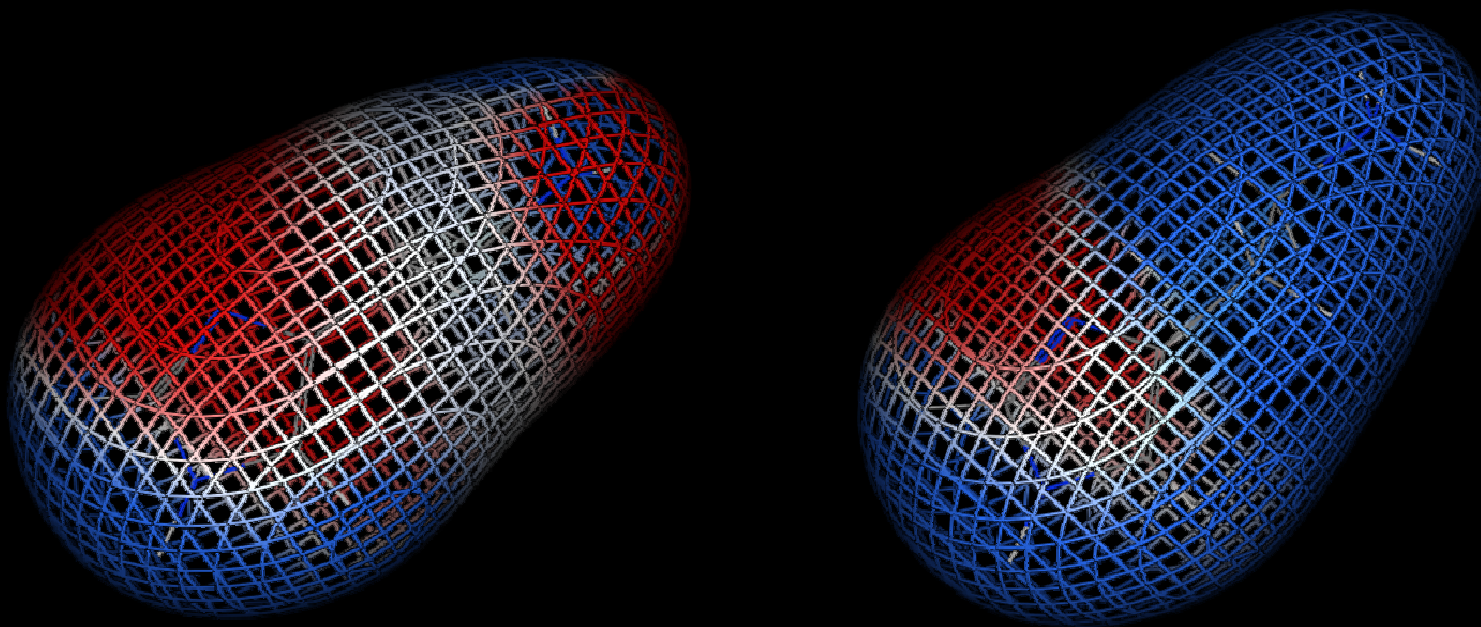
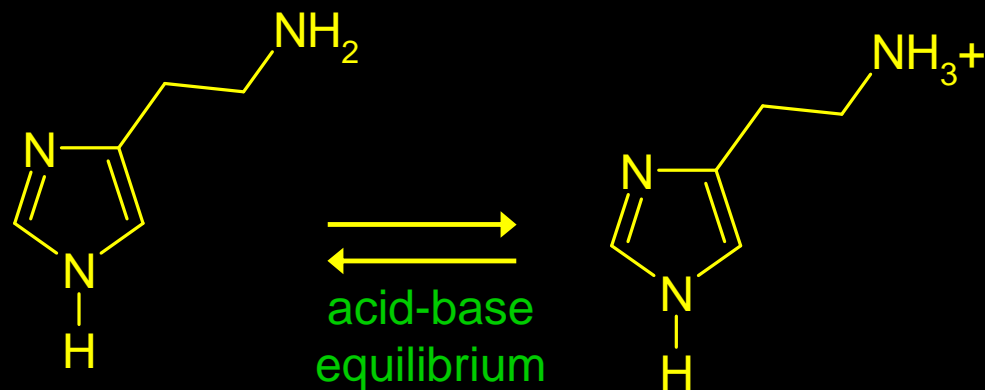
■ $V_{el} < 0$

■ $V_{el} = 0$

■ $V_{el} > 0$

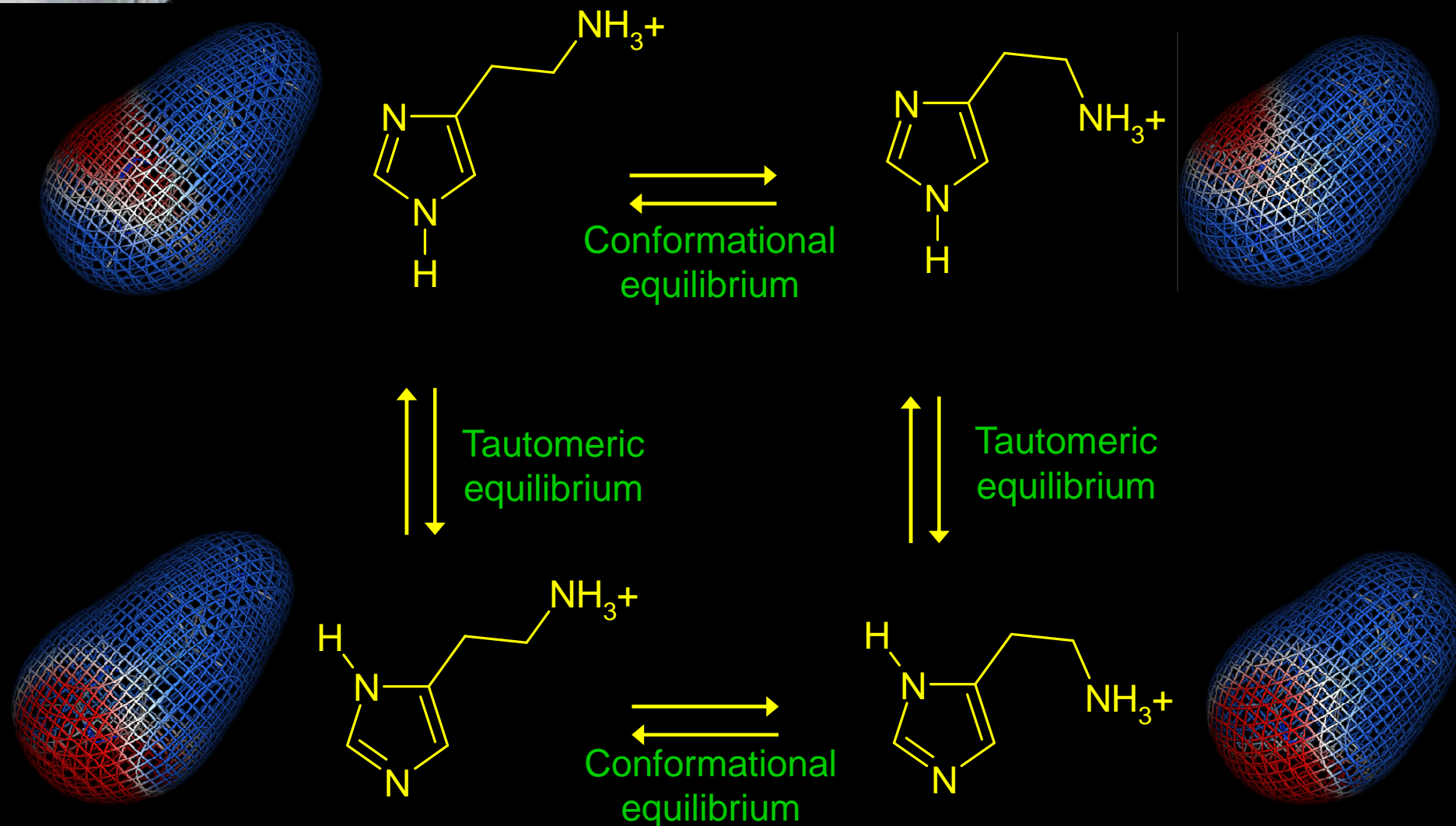


...up to the most intriguing from a chemical point of view!



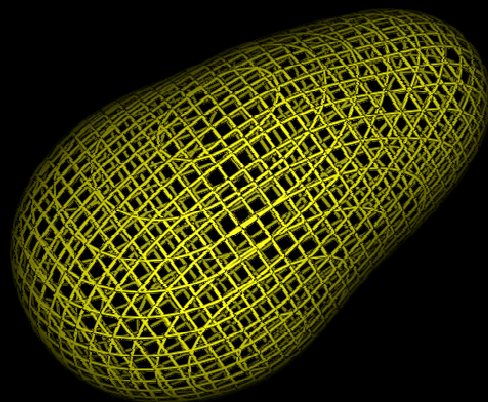


and these...

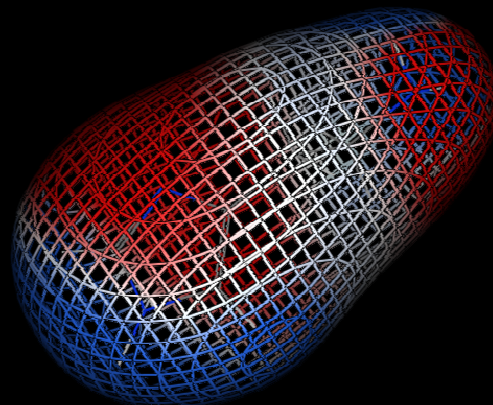




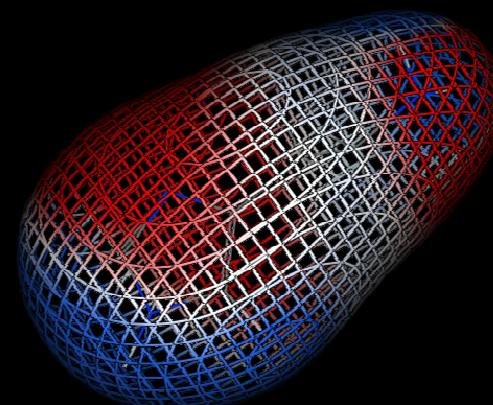
Back to this example: new molecular descriptors:



SES (\AA^2)



SES+ (\AA^2)

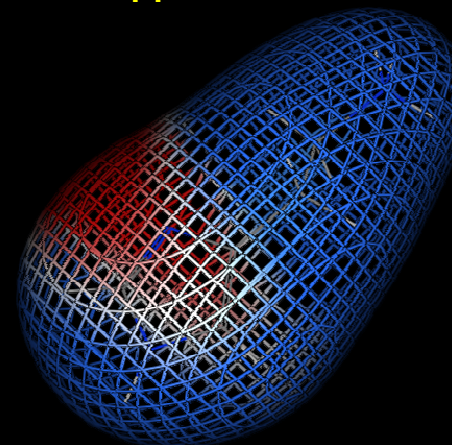
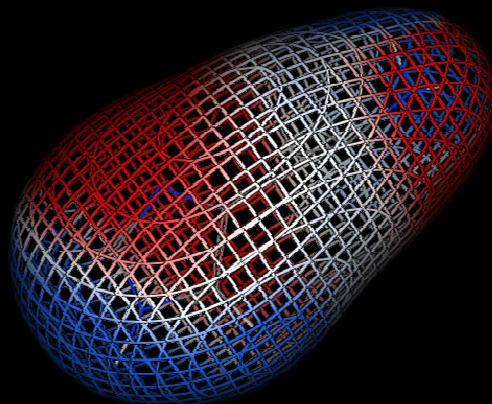
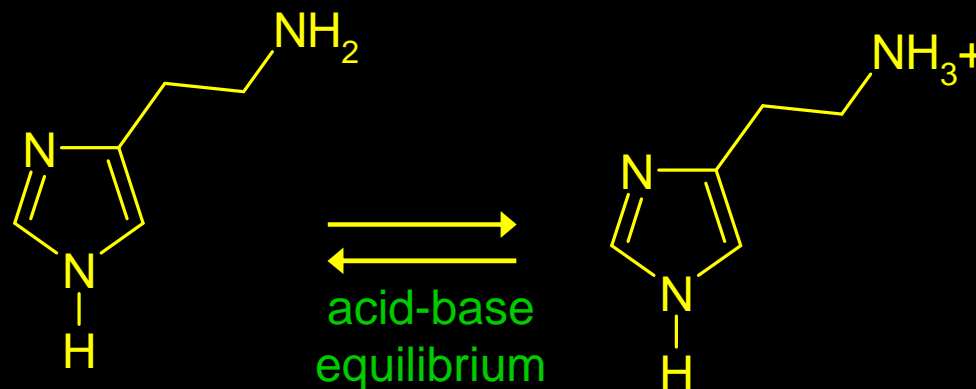


SES- (\AA^2)





Back to this example: new molecular descriptors:



Volume (\AA^3)

117.0

119.9

ASA (\AA^2)

304.2

306.6

ASA+ (\AA^2)

204.5

263.8

ASA- (\AA^2)

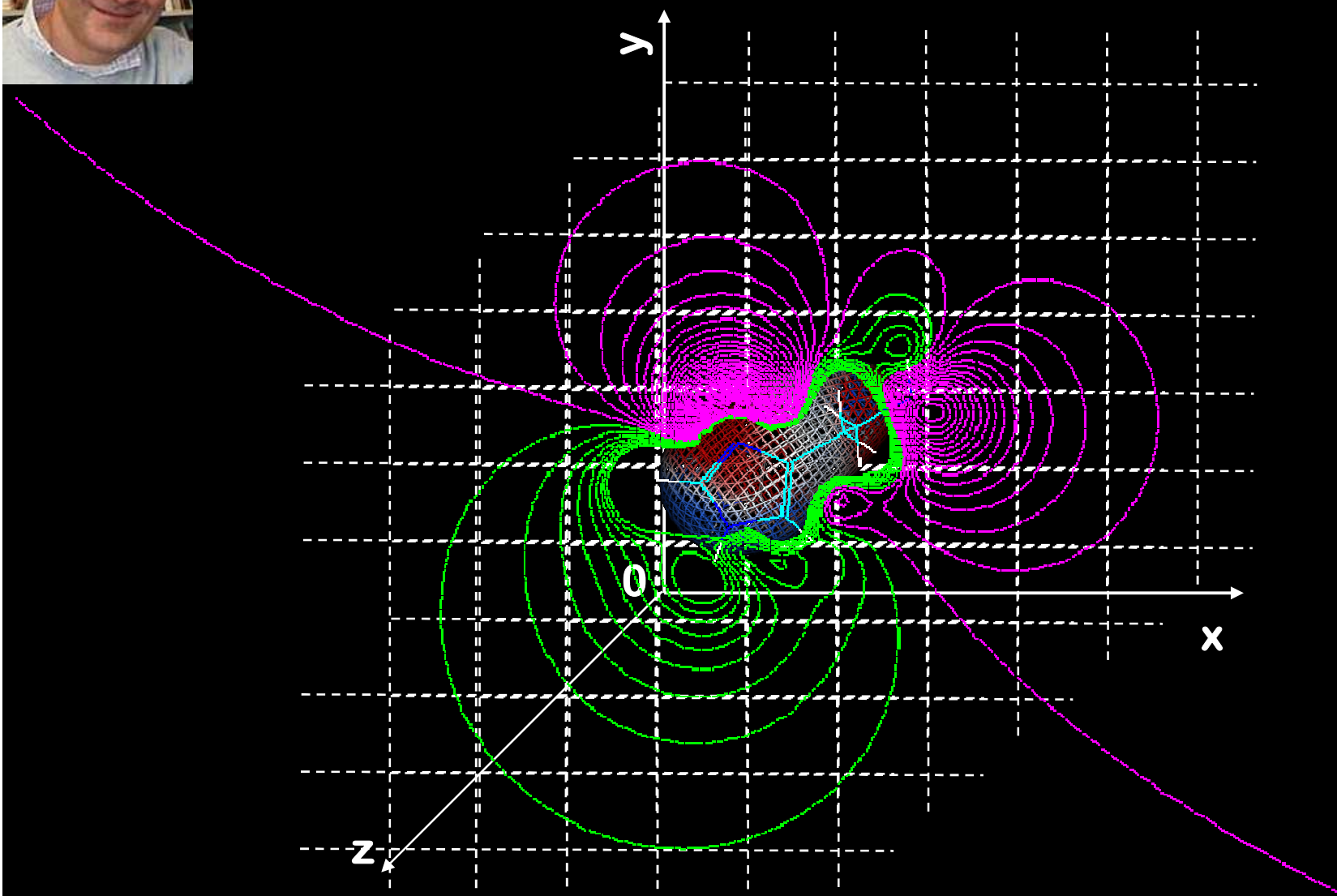
99.7

42.8





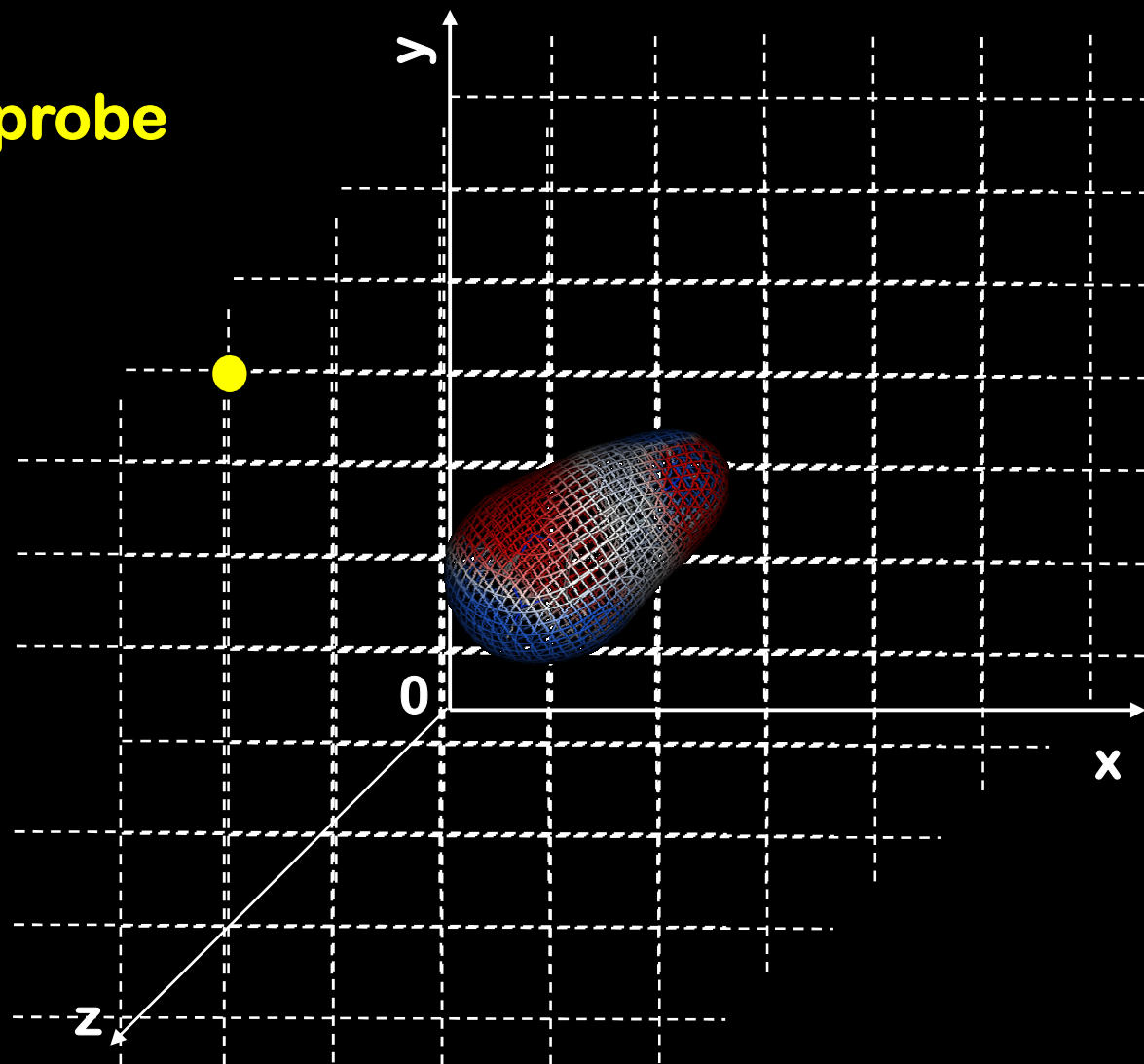
Beyond the molecular surface:





Molecular Fields: a possible molecular language?

Molecular probe





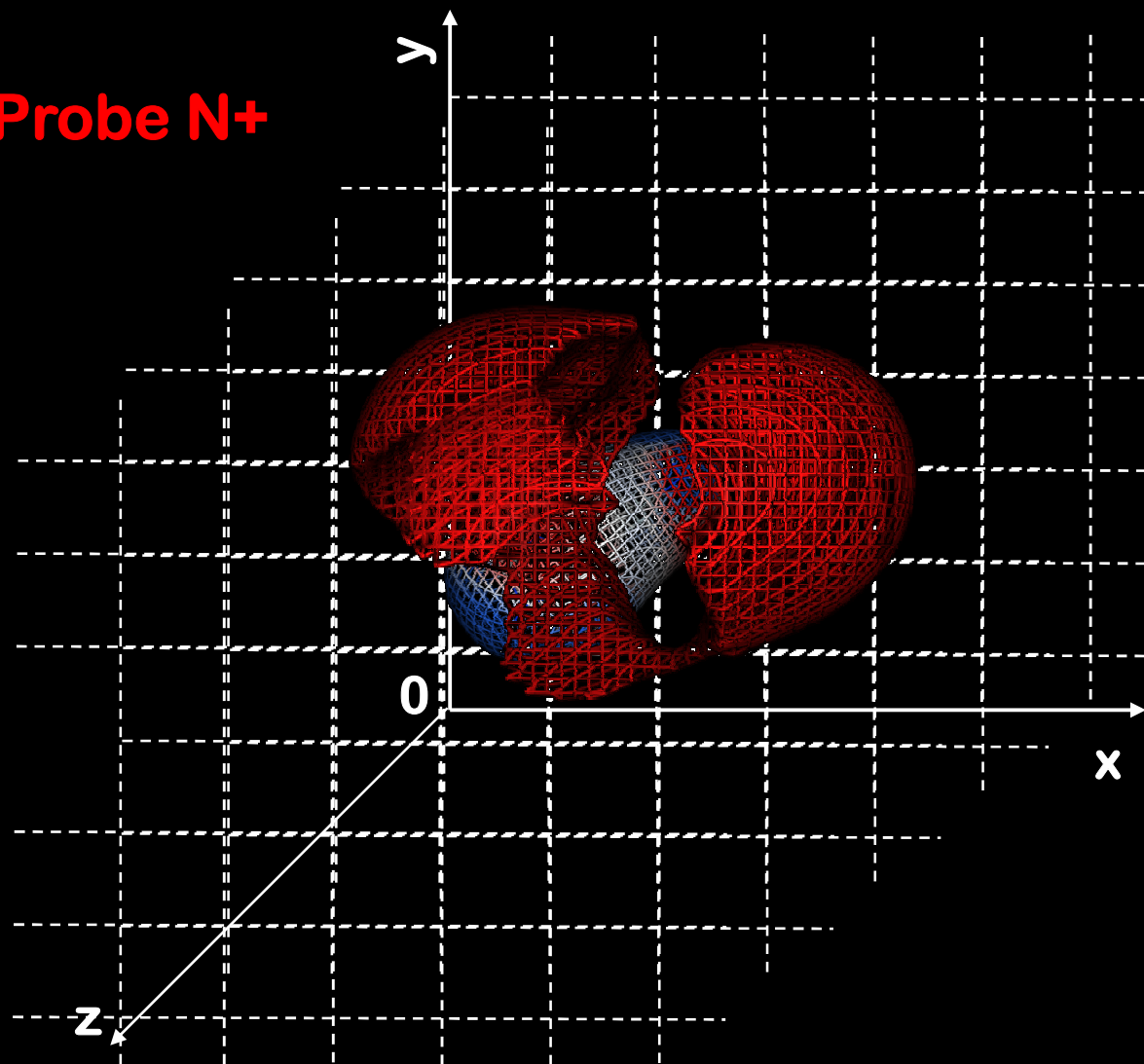
Molecular Fields: a possible molecular language?

Molecular Probe N+

3 kcal/mol

2 kcal/mol

1 kcal/mol





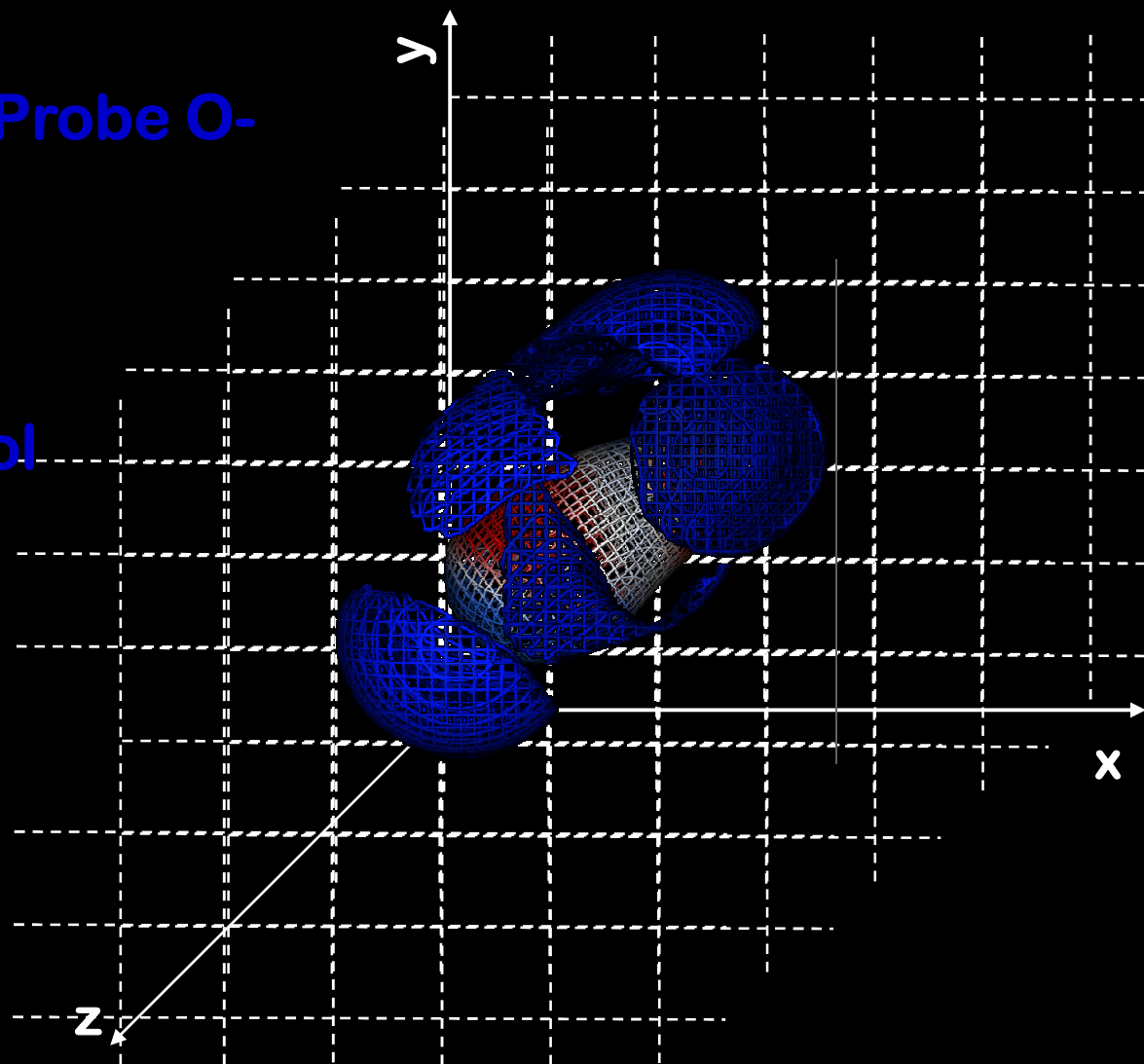
Molecular Fields: a possible molecular language?

Molecular Probe O-

3 kcal/mol

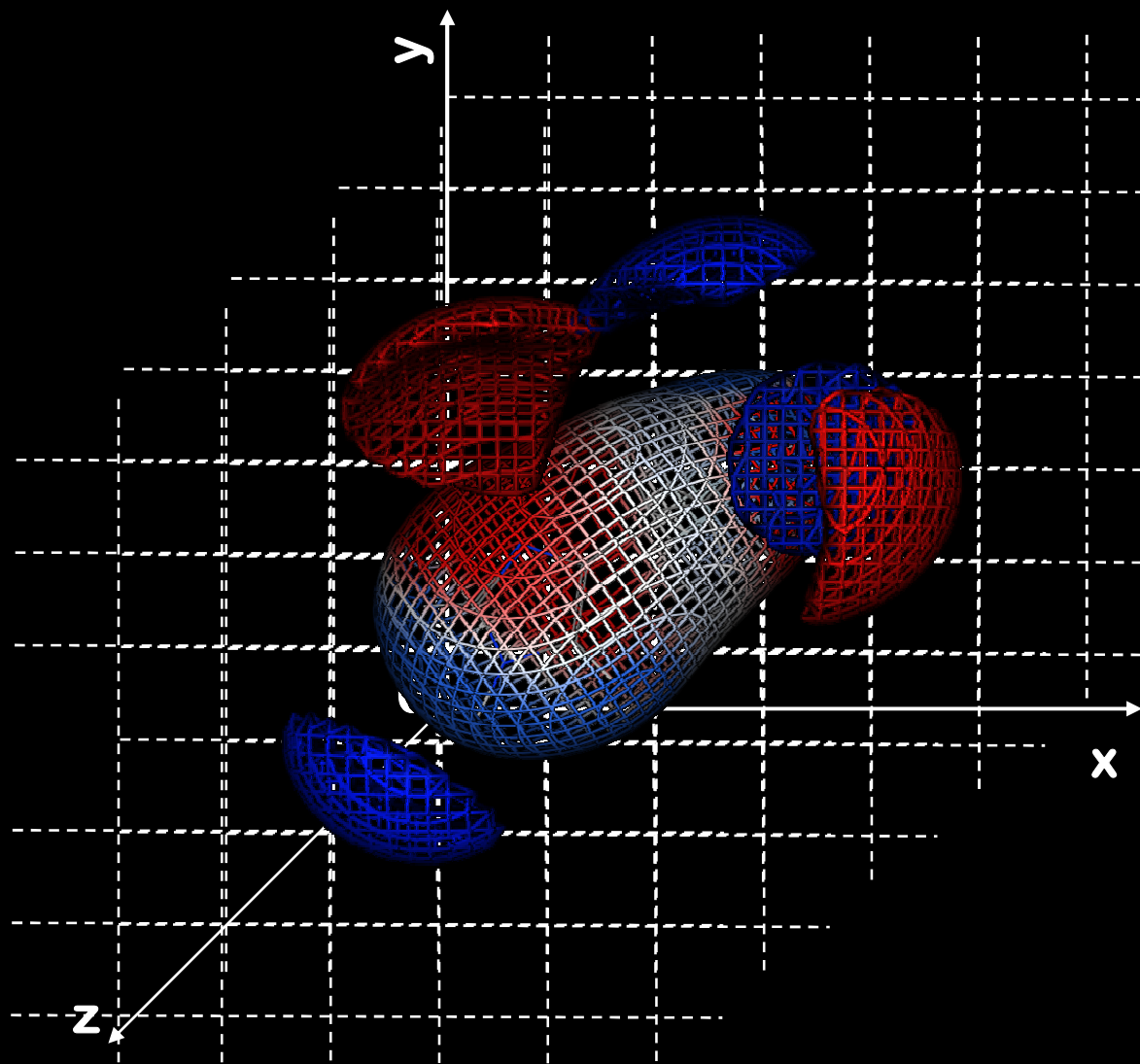
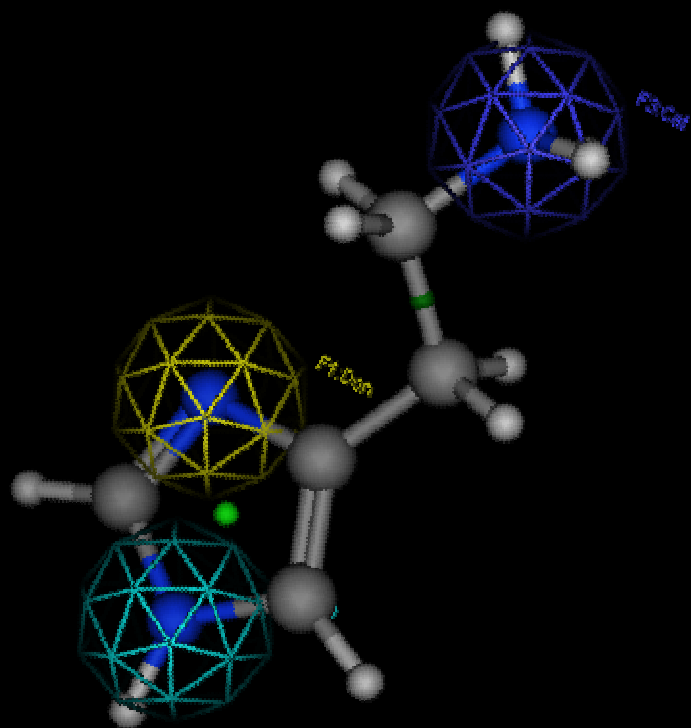
2 kcal/mol

1.5 kcal/mol



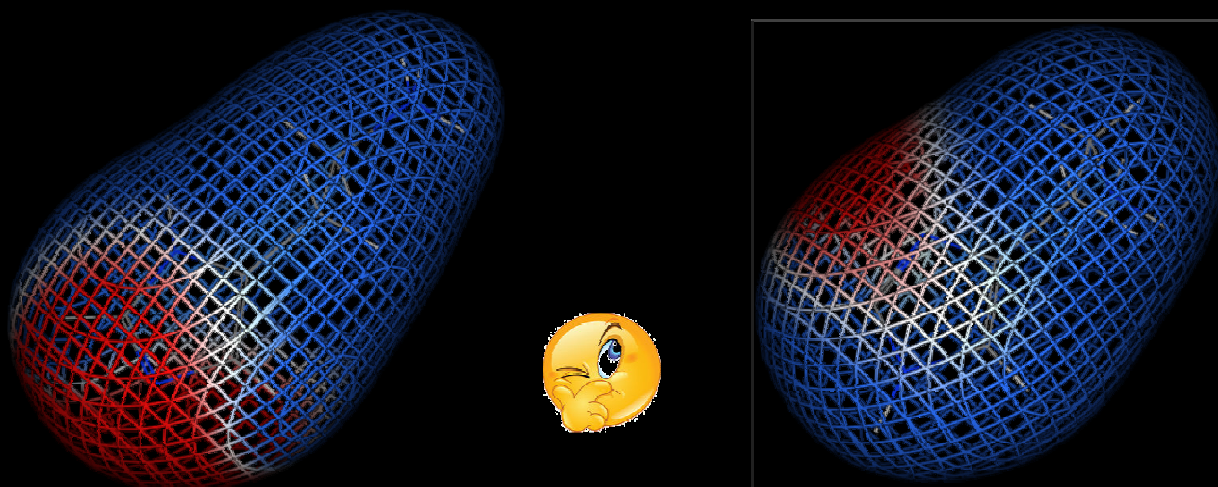


Molecular Fields: a new age view of pharmacophoric hypothesis ?





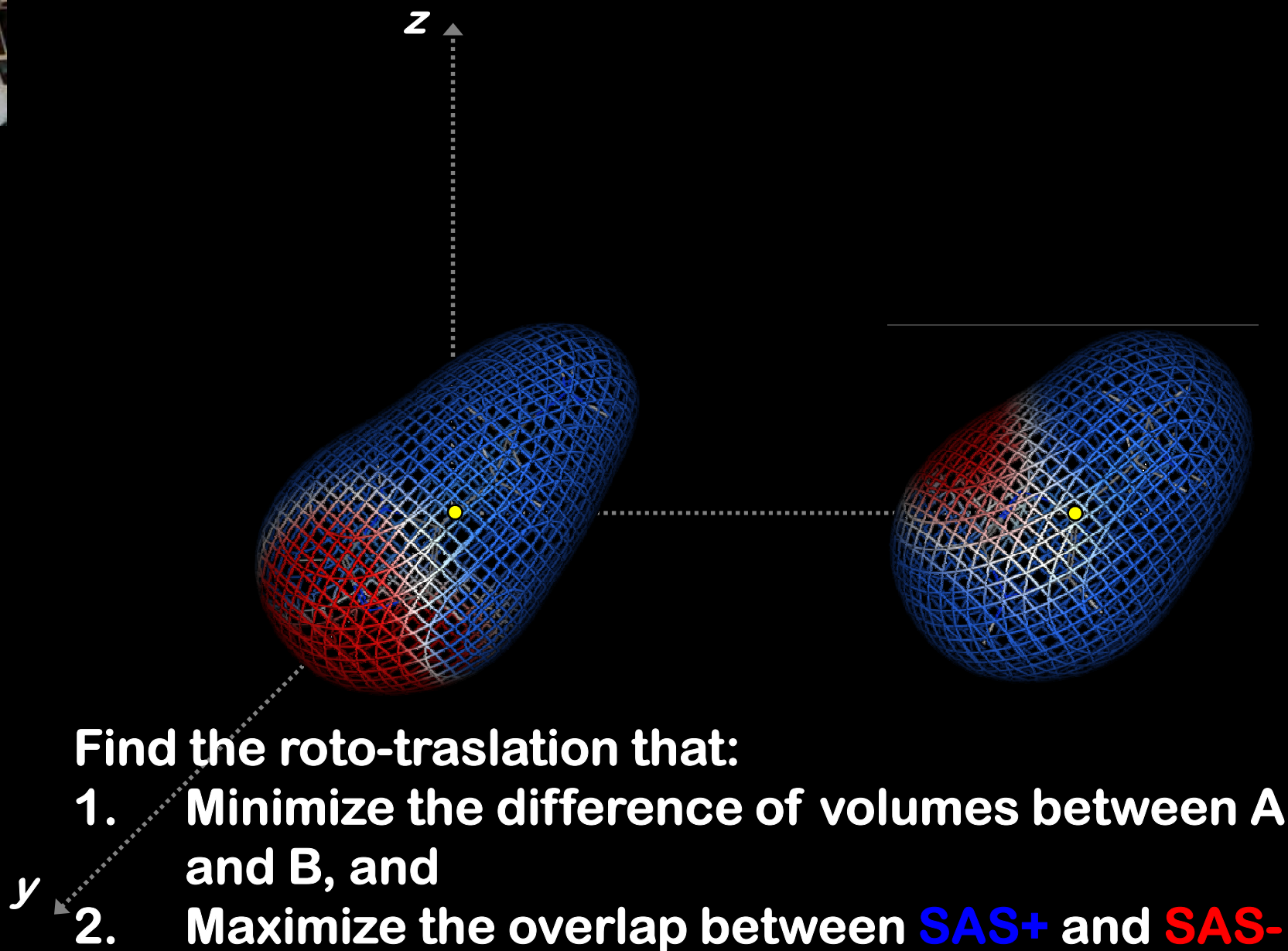
Before moving on, I need a good idea... how can we evaluate/measure the *similarity* between these two objects?

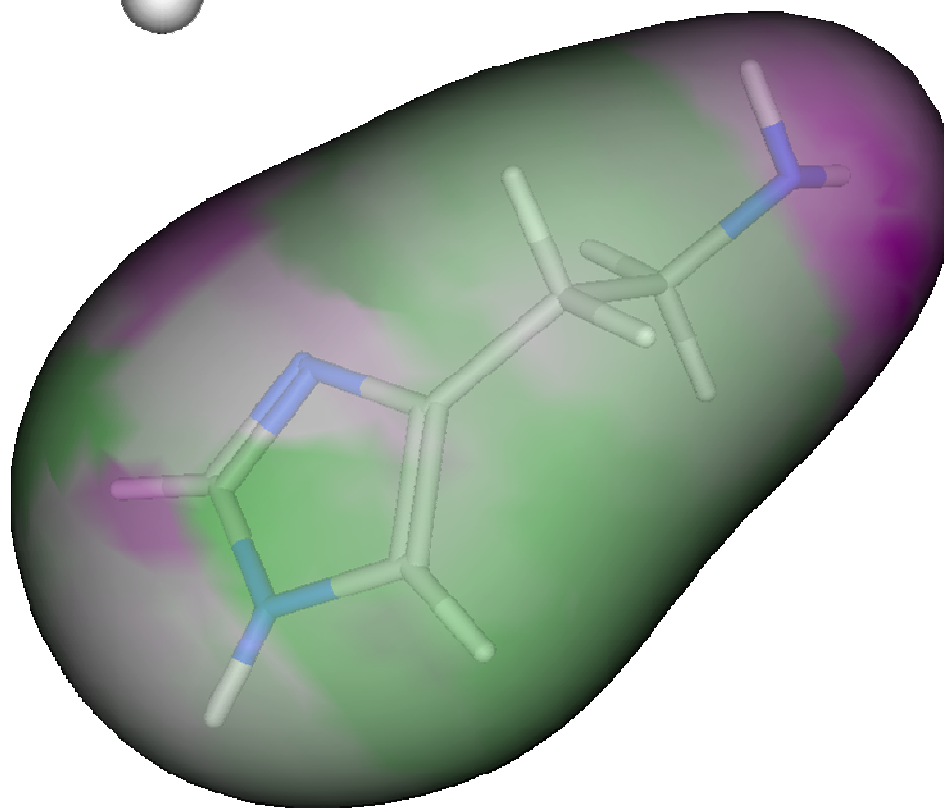


Try to answer: *when are they identical?*



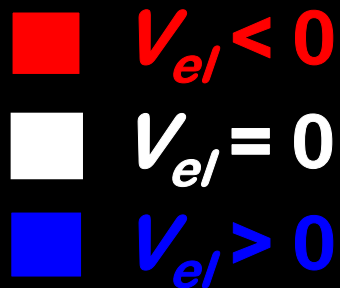
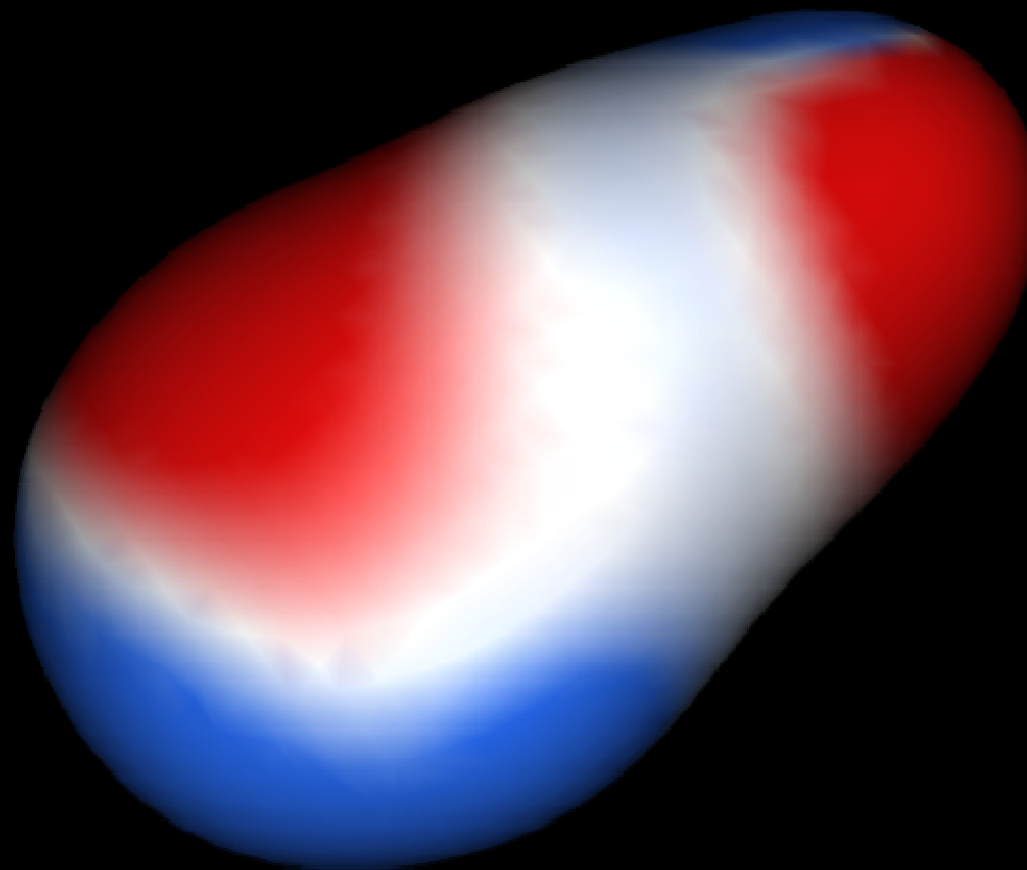
How you can do it?





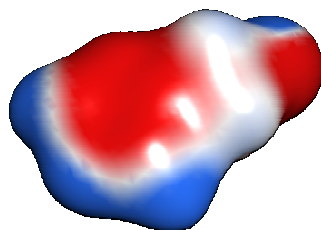
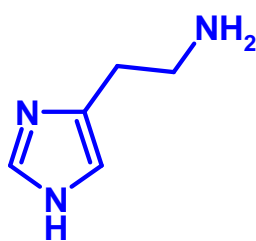


What is a plausible meaning of these “white” regions ?

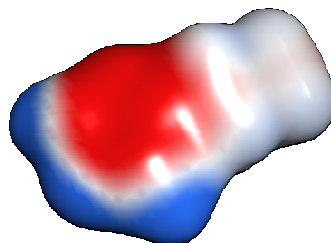
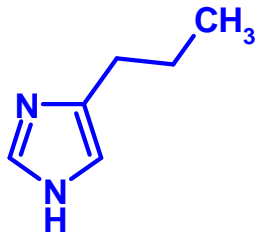




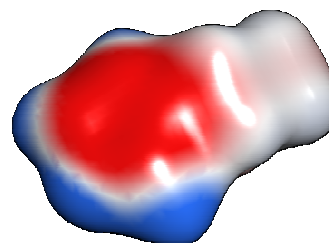
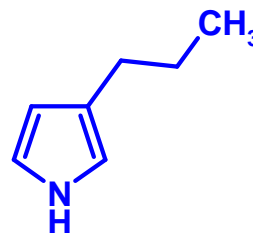
and this is understandable!



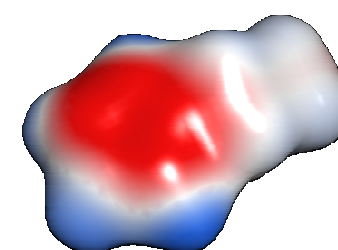
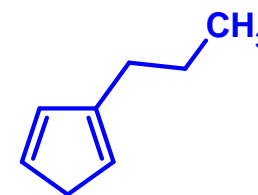
log P = -0.26



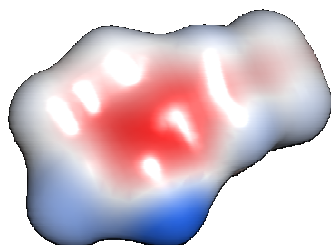
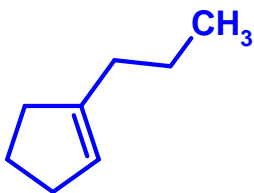
log P = 0.90



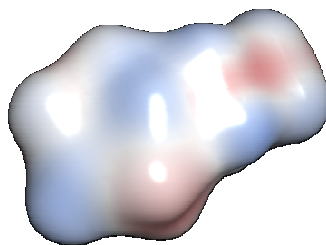
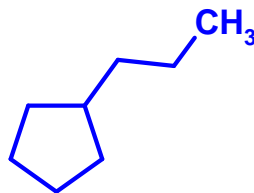
log P = 2.17



log P = 2.94



log P = 3.31

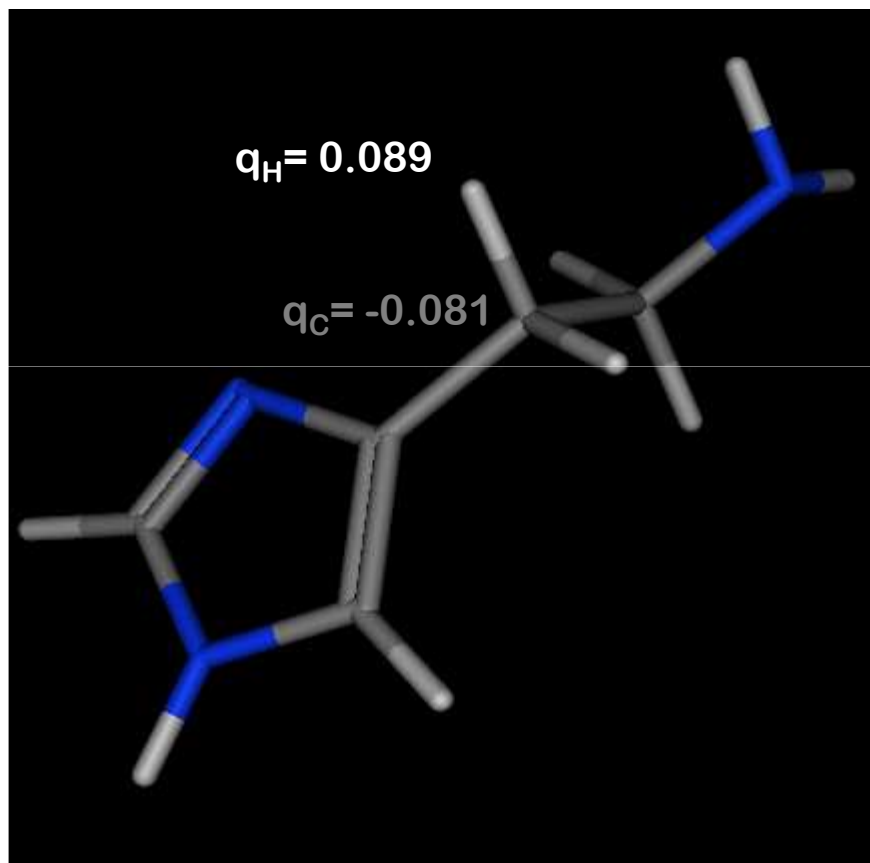


log P = 3.84





In first approximation we can make this simple assumption:



Regions of the molecular surface in proximity to bonds with low polarity ($\Delta EN \cong 0$) can mediate only weak interactions with our charged probe!

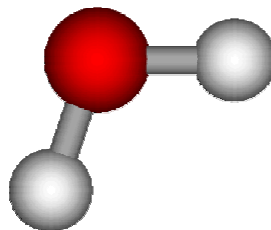


Back to our “white” potential surface:

In organic chemistry, we have a family of compounds characterized by bonds with $\Delta EN \cong 0$

HYDROCARBONS

and they are surely

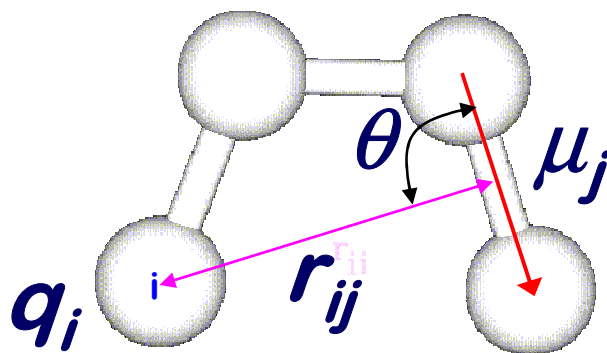


phobics!!!



Back for a moment to the real world: beyond to electrostatic interaction...

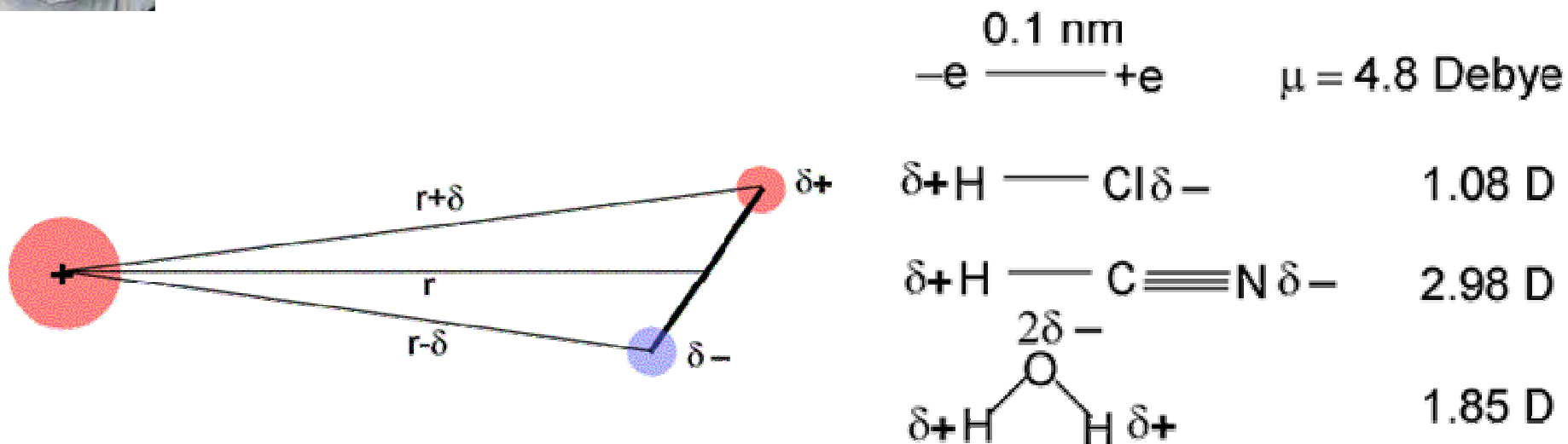
Charge-dipole interactions:



$$V(r, \theta) = k \frac{q_i \mu_j}{r_{ij}^2} \cdot \cos \theta$$



Charge-dipole interactions:

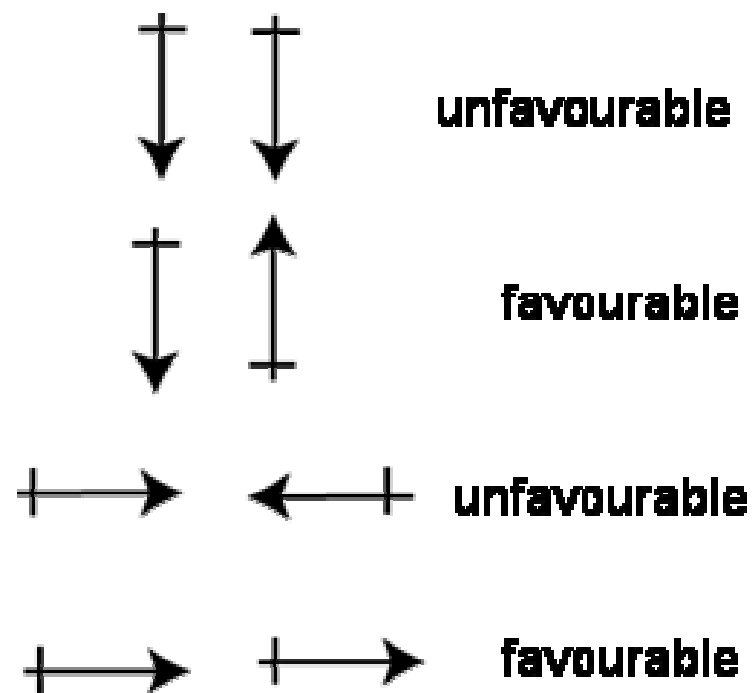
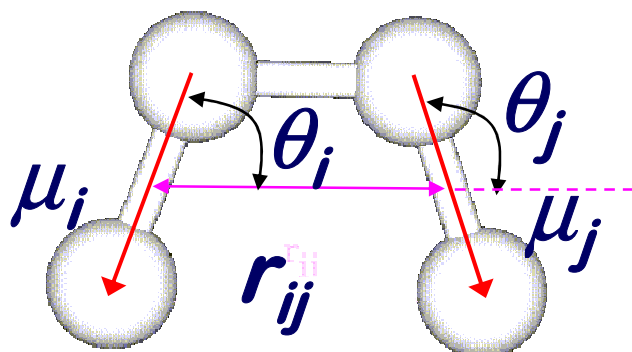


Formally, we can decompose the charge-dipole interaction in two charge-charge interactions...



And even worst:

dipole-dipole interactions



$$V(r, \theta) = k \frac{\mu_i \mu_j}{r_{ij}^3} \cdot (2 \cos \theta_i \cos \theta_j - \sin \theta_i \sin \theta_j)$$



And even even worst:

ion-dipole and dipole-dipole interactions are temperature dependent!!!

charge-dipole interactions:

$$V(r) = -\frac{1}{3} k^2 \frac{q_i^2 \mu_j^2}{k_B T r_{ij}^4}$$

dipole-dipole interactions:

$$V(r) = -\frac{2}{3} k^2 \frac{\mu_i^2 \mu_j^2}{k_B T r_{ij}^6}$$

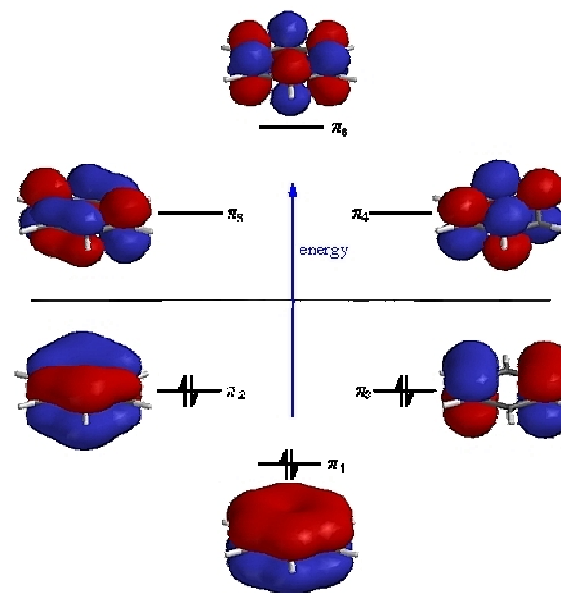
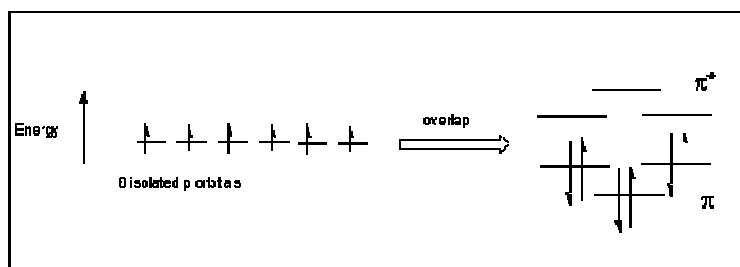
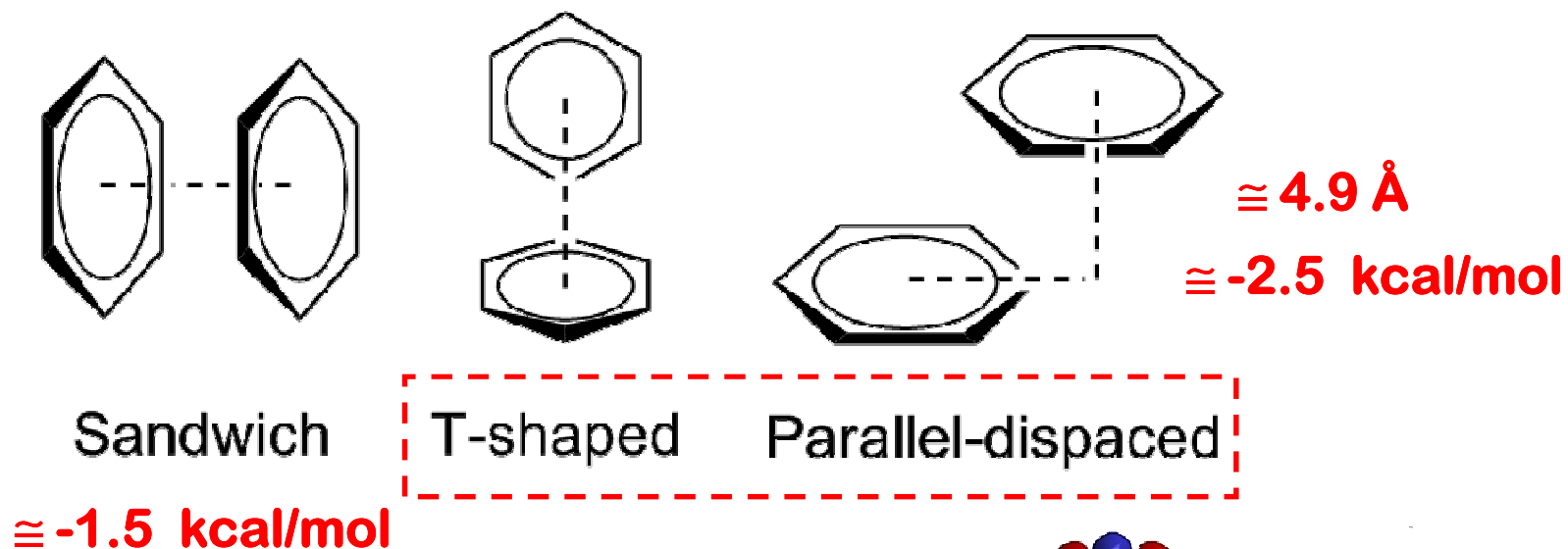


remember:

**no temperature, no time,
...no dipoles interactions
honest computation!!!**

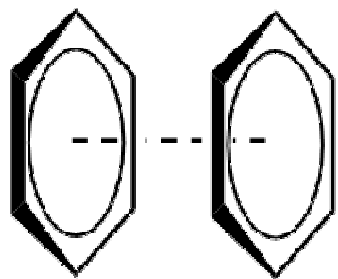


The mystery of π - π interactions:



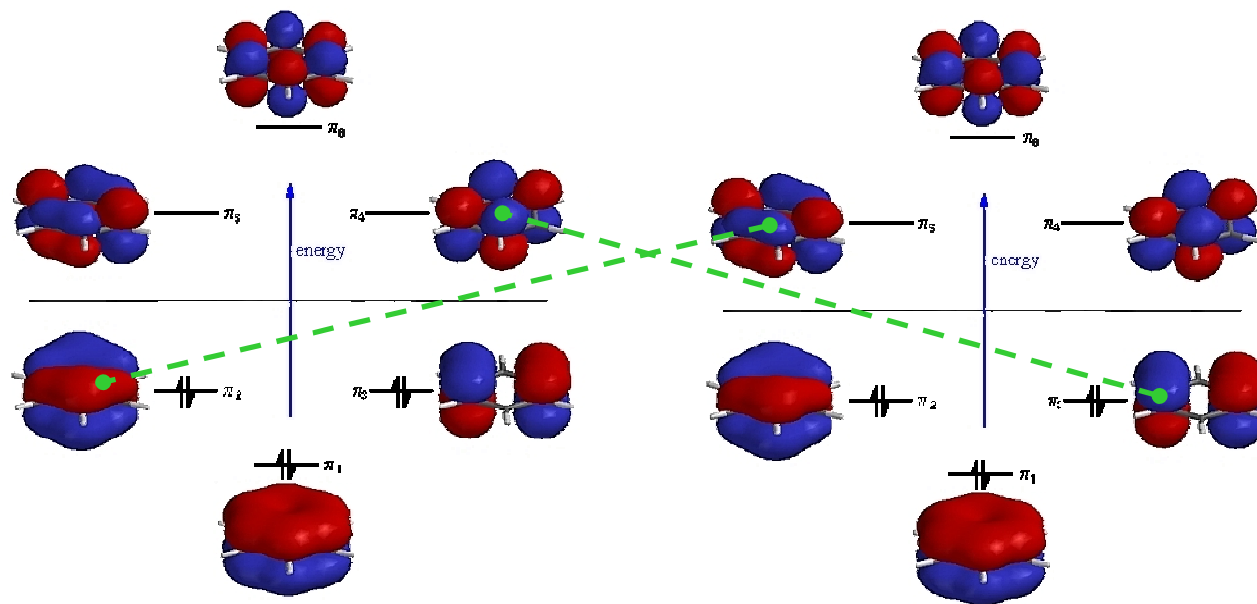


The mystery of π - π interactions:



Sandwich

$\cong -1.5$ kcal/mol



Not only electrostatic moves the molecular world!!



... in primis, ask to IUPAC!

hydrophobic interaction

The tendency of hydrocarbons (or of *lipophilic* hydrocarbon-like groups in solutes) to form *intermolecular* aggregates in an aqueous medium, and analogous intramolecular interactions. The name arises from the attribution of the phenomenon to the **apparent repulsion** between water and hydrocarbons. However, the phenomenon ought to be attributed to the effect of the hydrocarbon-like groups on the water-water interaction. The misleading alternative term 'hydrophobic bond' is discouraged.

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Yes, embarrassing!!!



.. this is the only sentence that we save!

hydrophobic interaction

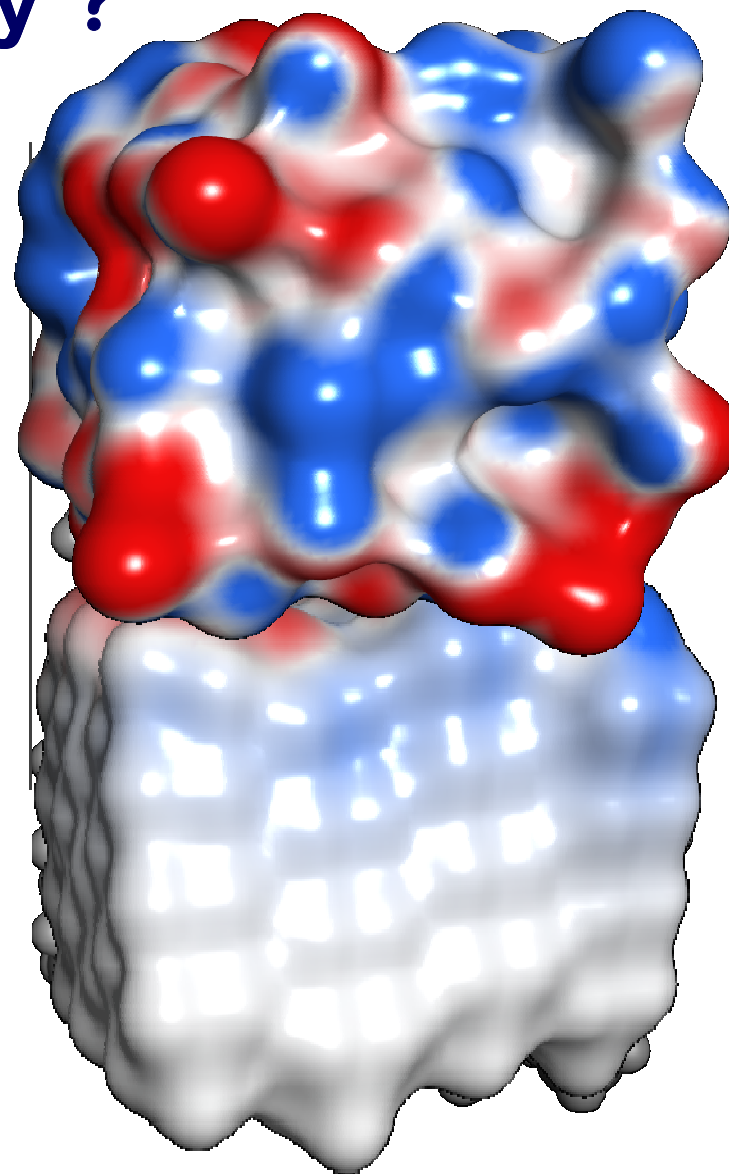
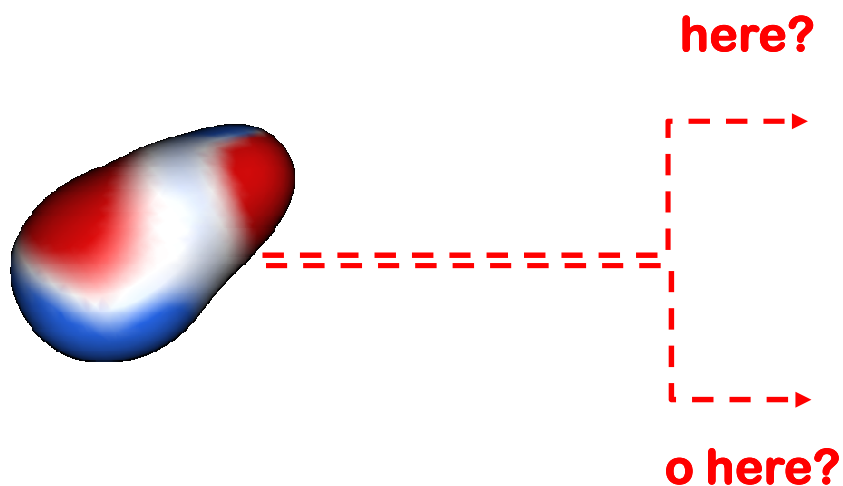
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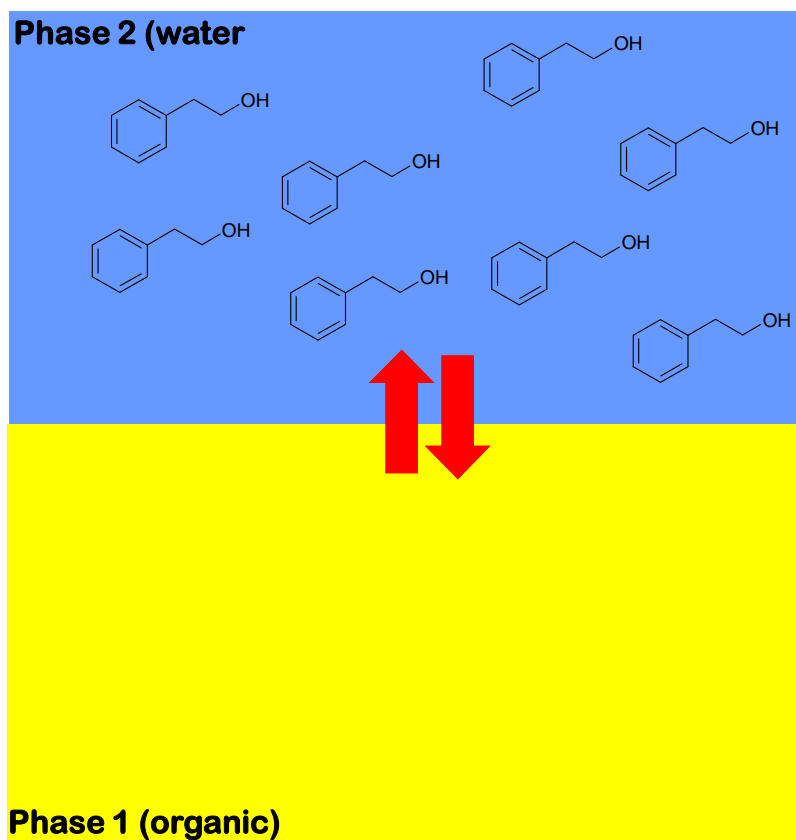


How we can address in the real world about phobicity ?



Hydrophobicity and partition coefficient

$$\mu_{(phase2)} = \mu_{(phase2)}^0 - RT \ln[C_{(phase2)}]$$



At the equilibrium:

$$\mu_{(phase1)} = \mu_{(phase2)}$$

$$\mu_{(phase1)}^0 - RT \ln[C_{(phase1)}] = \mu_{(phase2)}^0 - RT \ln[C_{(phase2)}]$$

$$\mu_{(phase1)}^0 - \mu_{(phase2)}^0 = RT \ln[C_{(phase1)}] - RT \ln[C_{(phase2)}]$$

$$\mu_{(phase1)}^0 - \mu_{(phase2)}^0 = RT \ln \left[\frac{C_{(phase1)}}{C_{(phase2)}} \right]$$

$$\left[\frac{C_{(phase1)}}{C_{(phase2)}} \right] = P \quad \text{Partition coefficient}$$

$$\mu_{(phase1)} = \mu_{(phase1)}^0 - RT \ln[C_{(phase1)}]$$



Hydrophobicity and partition coefficient

$$\left[\frac{C_{(phase1)}}{C_{(H_2O)}} \right] = P \quad \text{Partition coefficient}$$

We can define: “*hydrophobic*” a compound with $P > 1$;
 “*hydrophilic*” a compound with $P < 1$.

$$\log \left[\frac{C_{(phase1)}}{C_{(H_2O)}} \right] = \log P$$

We can define: “*hydrophobic*” a compound with $\log P > 0$;
 “*hydrophilic*” a compound with $\log P < 0$.





Just a bit of thermodynamics:



from the van't Hoff isotherm:

$$\Delta G = 2.303RT \log P$$

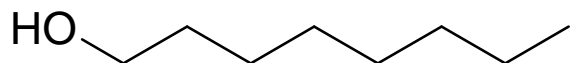
$$\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$$

$$\log P = -2.303 \frac{\Delta H}{RT} + 2.303 \frac{\Delta S}{R}$$



Hydrophobicity and partition coefficient

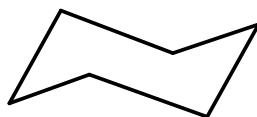
How we can choose the second phase:



***n*-octanol**

•“Similarity” with biological membrane;

- immiscible in water even if 27% of water dissolves in it... so the first region of hydration of the solute is preserved;
- UV transparent;
- Low vapor pressure.



cyclohexane

Immiscible in water and very low amount of water dissolves in it... so also the first region of hydration of the solute is lost.

The differences between the logP values in *n*-octanol and cyclohexane is a measure of the de-hydration energy of a solute.



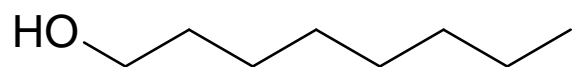


Do you see any similarity?

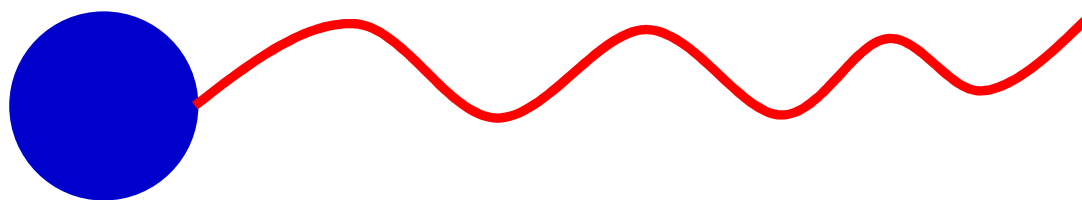
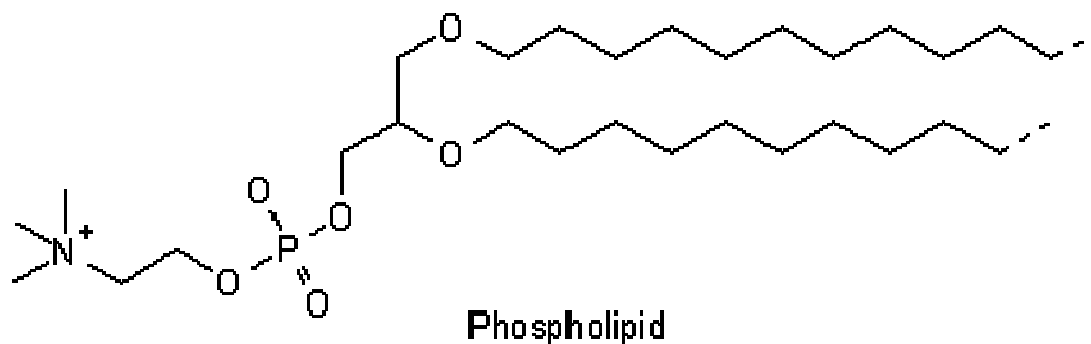


...in addition to this?

How we can choose the second phase:

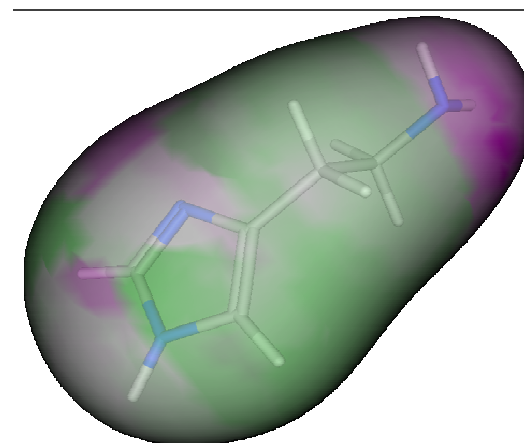
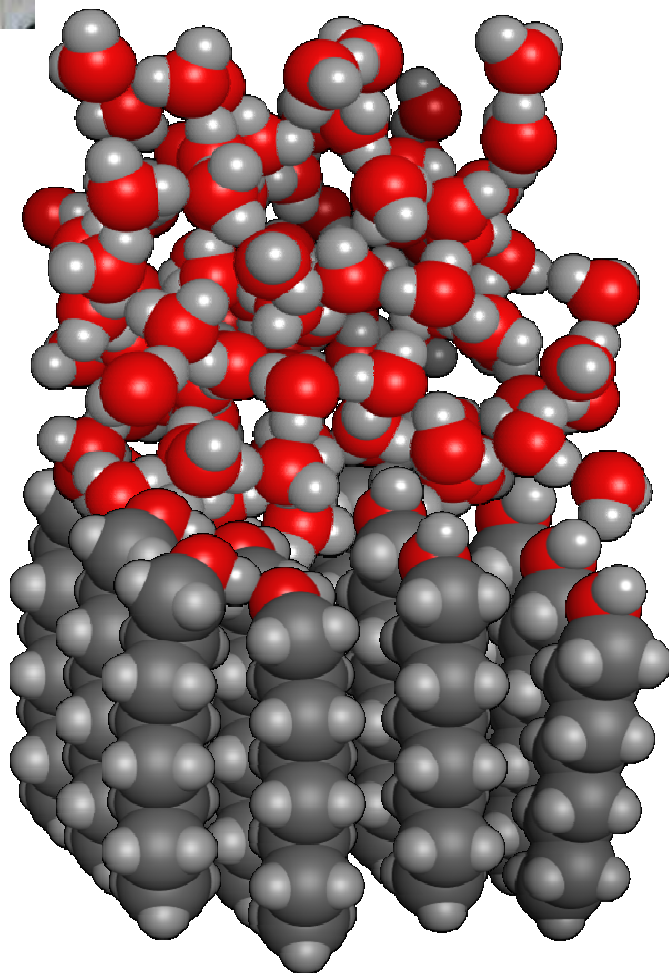


n-octanol • “Similarity” with biological membrane;





From thermodynamics to molecule:



The brilliant idea of Corwin Hansch!



The fragments method of Hansch-Fujita.

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SUBSTITUENT CONSTANT, π , FROM PARTITION COEFFICIENTS

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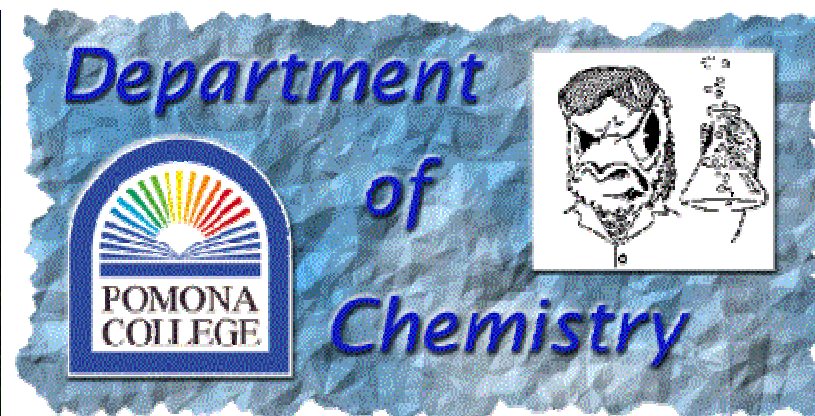
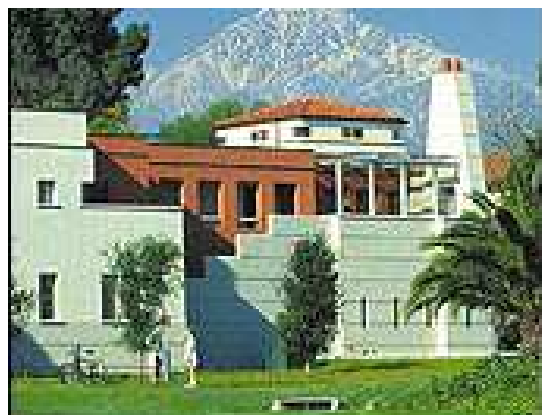
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A New Substituent Constant, π , Derived from Partition Coefficients

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The partition coefficients between 1-octanol and water have been determined for 203 mono- and disubstituted benzenes. From these values a substituent constant, π , has been calculated for 67 functional groups. The constant π is defined as: $\pi = \log P_X - \log P_H$ where P_X is the partition coefficient of a derivative and P_H is that of the parent compound. π has been derived for many of the functions from eight different systems: benzene, nitrobenzene, aniline, phenol, benzyl alcohol, benzoic acid, phenylacetic acid, and phenoxyacetic acid. It is found that, although π varies continuously for a given function depending on its electronic environment, the range over which it varies is not great. In certain of the systems, π -values are related by a simple linear expression.



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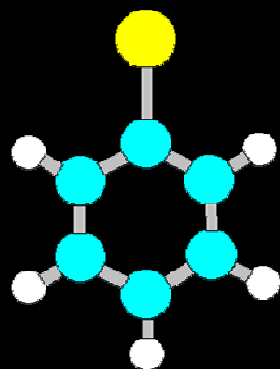
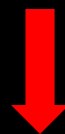
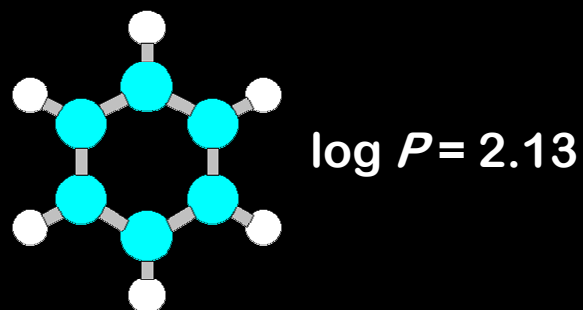
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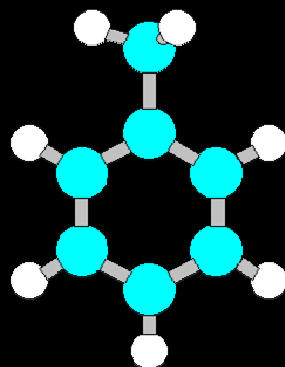
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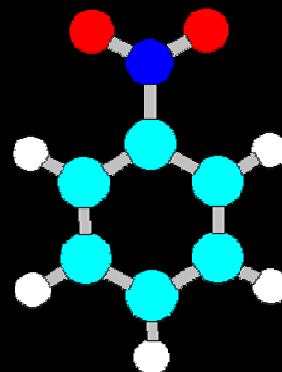
The hydrophobic constant of substituent, π



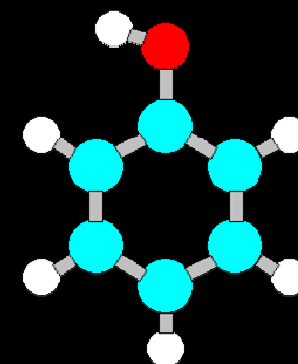
$\log P = 2.99$



$\log P = 2.69$



$\log P = 1.85$



$\log P = 1.48$

$$\pi_X = \log P_{C_6H_5X} - \log P_{C_6H_6}$$

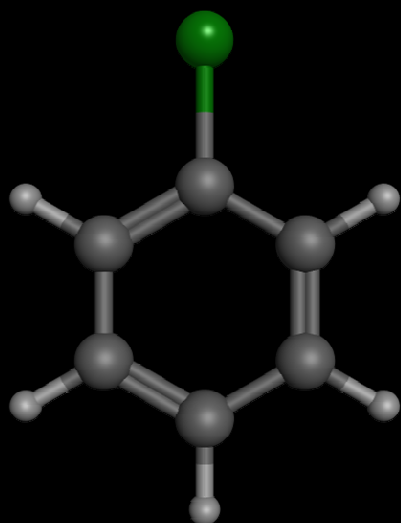
$$\pi_{Br} = 0.86$$

$$\pi_{CH_3} = 0.56$$

$$\pi_{NO_2} = -0.28$$

$$\pi_{OH} = -0.67$$

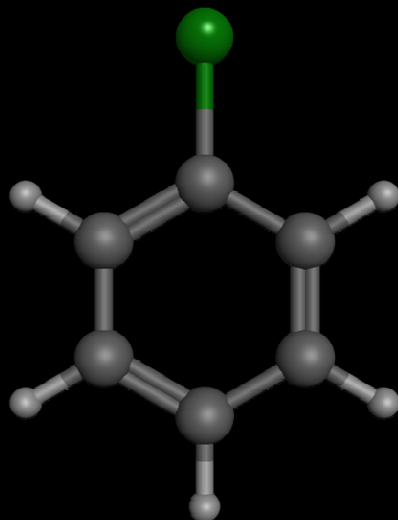
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Cl	0.71
Br	0.86
I	1.12
OH	-0.67
OCH ₃	-0.02
SCH ₃	0.61
CN	-0.57
COOH	-0.28
COOCH ₃	-0.01
COCH ₃	-0.55
NH ₂	-1.23
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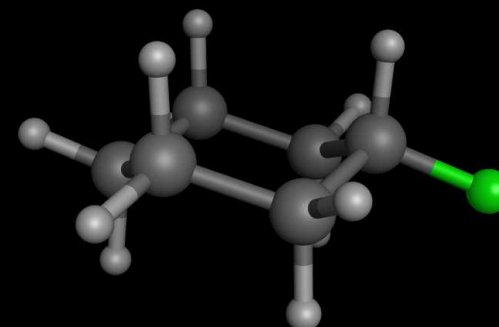


The hydrophobic constant of substituent, π



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 $\log P = 2.13$

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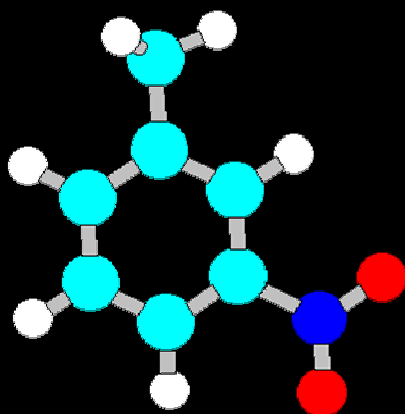


Ref. cyclohexane
 $\log P = 3.44$

The additive rule:



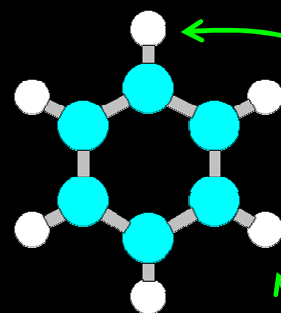
It works? Just check together:



$\log P: 2.45$

IMPRESSIVE!!!!

$\log P_{\text{calculated}} (\text{ClogP}):$



$$\log P_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_6} = 2.13$$

$$\pi_{\text{CH}_3} = 0.56$$

$$\pi_{\text{NO}_2} = -0.28$$

2.41

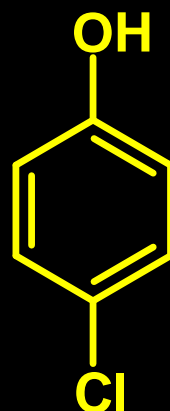


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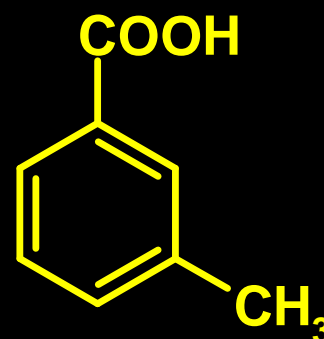
$\log P$ 1.80

$\text{Clog } P$ 1.61



$\log P$ 2.30

$\text{Clog } P$ 2.14



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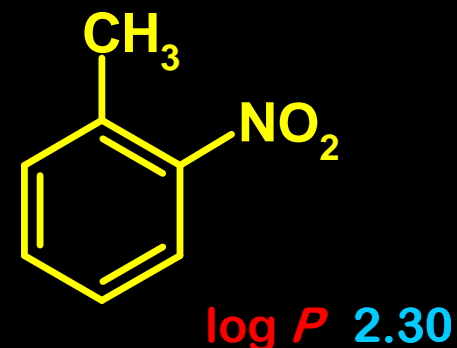
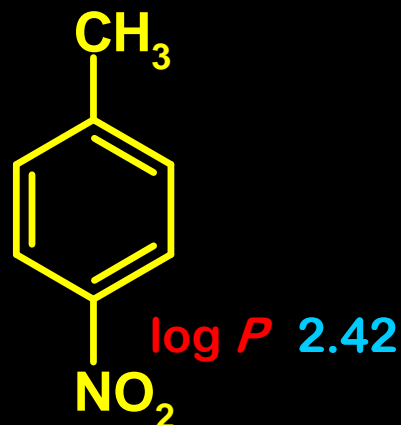
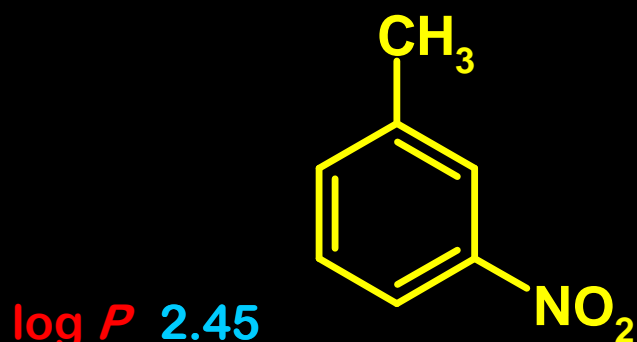
$\log P$ 2.40

$\text{Clog } P$ 2.38

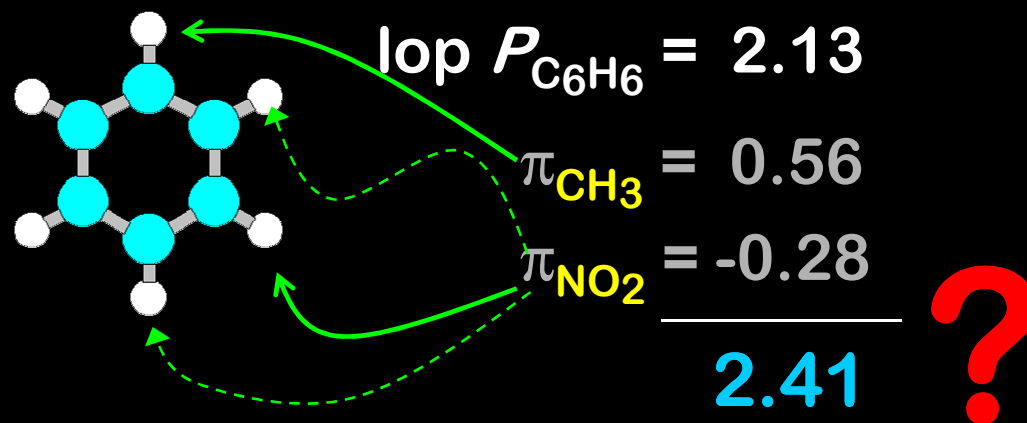
...not too bad!!!

The hydrophobic constant of substituent, π

But not so good...



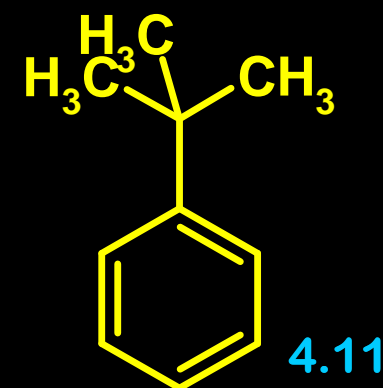
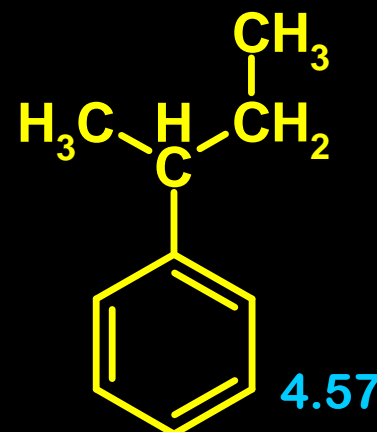
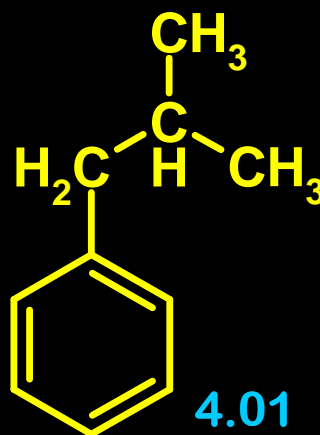
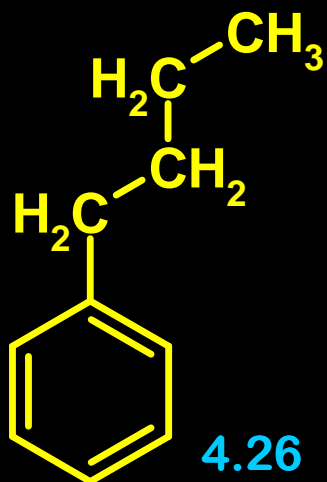
$\log P_{\text{calculated}}$ (ClogP):



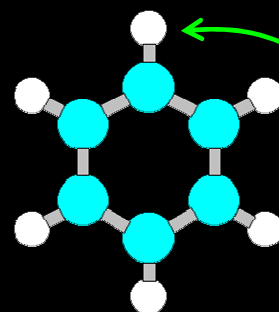


The hydrophobic constant of substituent, π

again...



$\log P_{\text{calculated}}$ (ClogP):



$$\log P_{\text{C}_6\text{H}_6} = 2.13$$

$$4 \times \pi_{\text{CH}_3} = 2.24$$

$$\hline 4.37$$

?



Corwin... we have a problem!

Here is how he fixed the problem... as an engineer usually done introduction the magic *correction factors*!!!

Remember : a *correction factor* is any mathematical adjustment made to a calculation to account for deviations in either the sample or the method of measurement.



The hydrophobic correction factors, $\Delta\pi$


- Branched carbon chain ($\Delta\pi = -0.20$);
- Double bond ($\Delta\pi = -0.30$);
- Intra-molecular H-bond ($\Delta\pi = 0.65$);
- Ring condensation ($\Delta\pi = -0.20$)
- ...

Finally the $\log P$ calculated by Hansch-Fujita:

$$\text{Clog } P = \log P_{\text{ref}} + \sum \pi_{\chi_i} + \sum \Delta\pi$$



Corwin... where is your problem?

$$\pi_H = 0$$


Is this true?

But how we can demonstrate this is not true?



From Hansch's π to Rekker's f ...

A second nasty problem arose between Hansch and me on the simplest conceivable molecule: H_2 .

We rejected the Hansch approach of the *substituent* constant (the lipophilicity value of a group or atom when it *substitutes* an H atom in a structure) and introduced our new concept, the hydrophobic *fragmental* constant: the *proper* lipophilicity contribution of a *constituent part* of a structure to the total lipophilicity.

Rekker, R., The Hydrophobic Fragmental Constant, Elsevier, Amsterdam (1977)



From Hansch's π to Rekker's f ...

The idea:

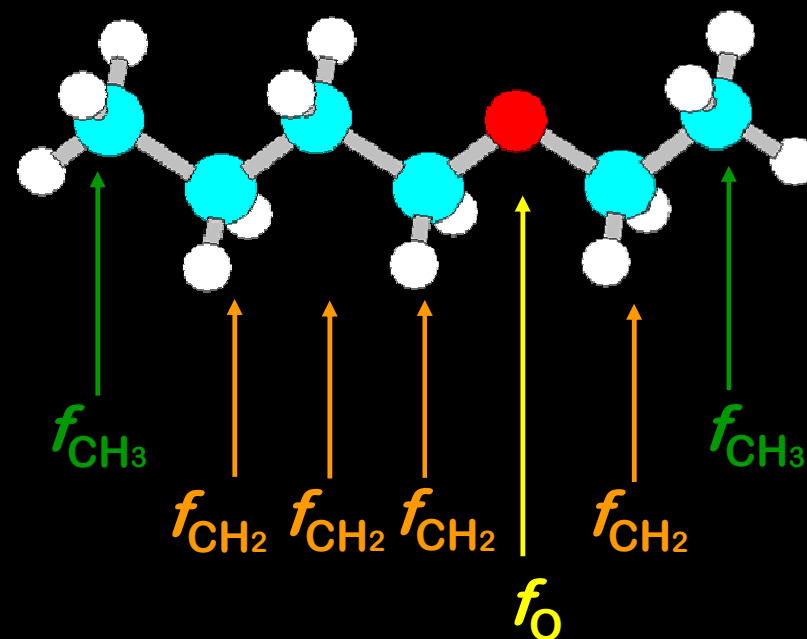
$$f_H = \frac{1}{2} \log P_{H2} = \frac{1}{2} 0.45 = 0.225$$

Clog P recalculated by Rekker:

$$\text{Clog } P = \sum a_x f_x + \sum \Delta\pi$$

Rekker, R., The Hydrophobic Fragmental Constant, Elsevier, Amsterdam (1977)

Substituent	f Aliphatic	f Aromatic
H	0.21	0.18
C		0.15
CH		0.24
CH ₂		0.53
CH ₃		0.70
C ₆ H ₃		1.43
C ₆ H ₄		1.69
C ₆ H ₅		1.89
F	-0.46	0.40
Cl	0.06	0.92
Br	0.27	1.13
I	0.59	1.45
O	-1.51	-0.43
OH	-1.27	-0.31
SH	0.00	0.62
CN	-1.01	-0.21
COOH	-0.95	-0.03
CONH ₂	-1.97	-1.11
NH ₂	-1.43	-0.85
NO ₂	-0.28	-0.85



Clog *P*: 2.01

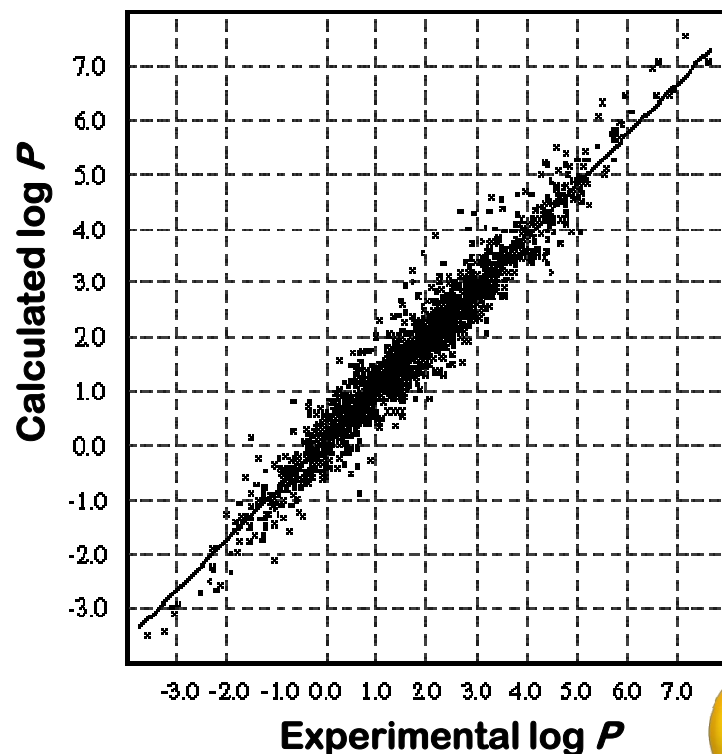
log *P*: 2.02



Nowadays, are these methods reliable?

... you decide!!!

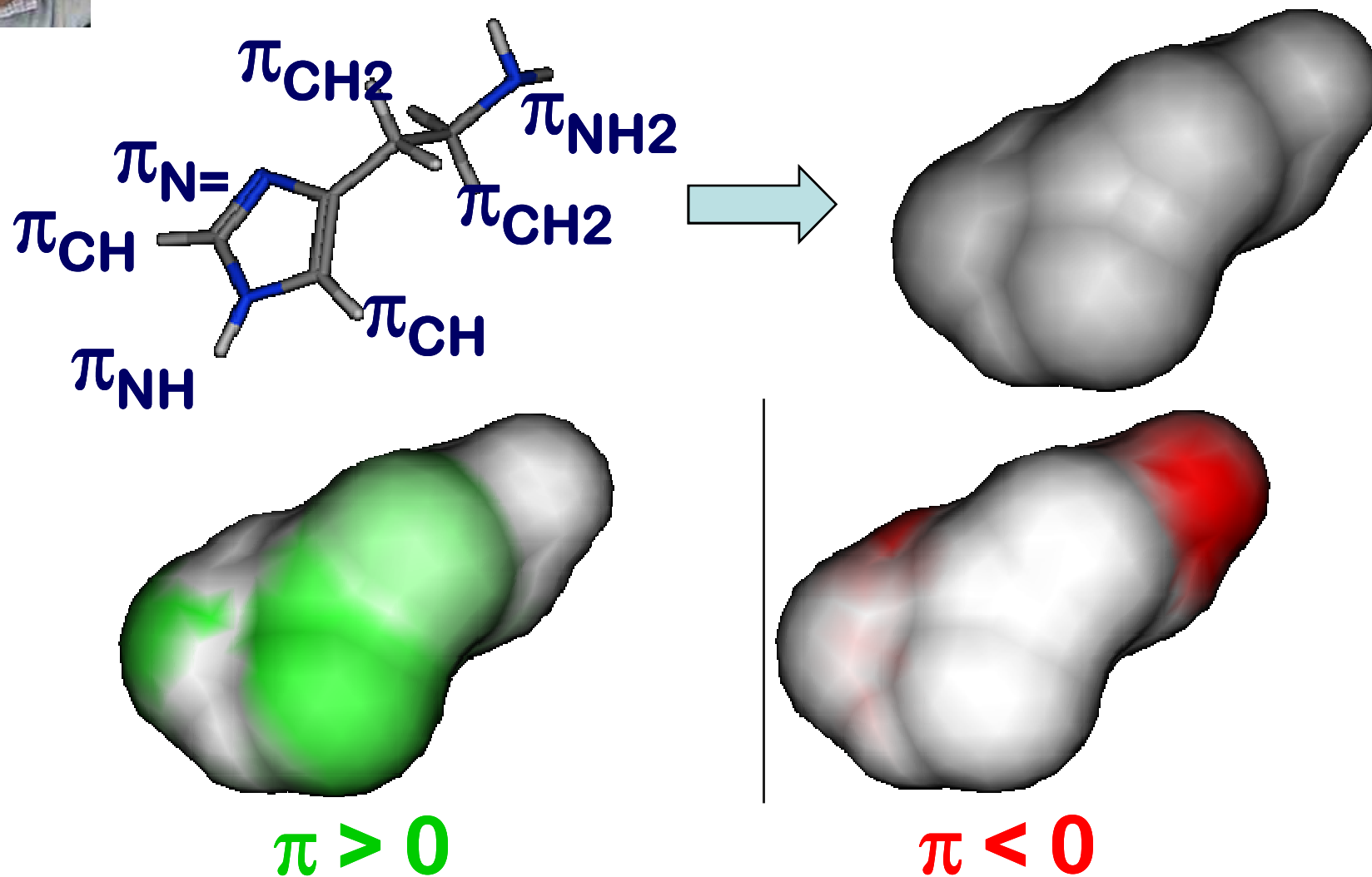
Training set referring 3600 log P values



ClogP... a wonderfully precious molecular descriptor!

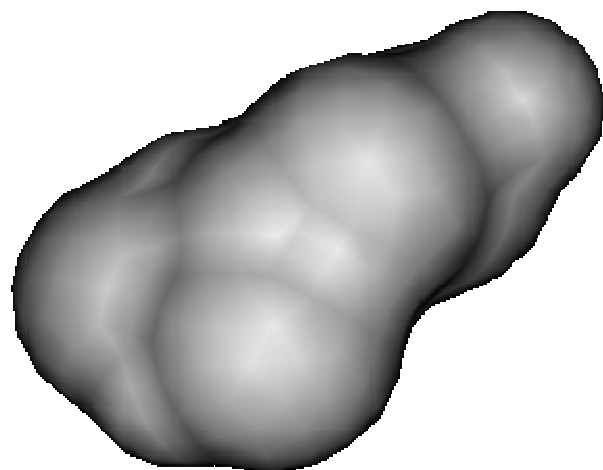


Back to our molecular surface:



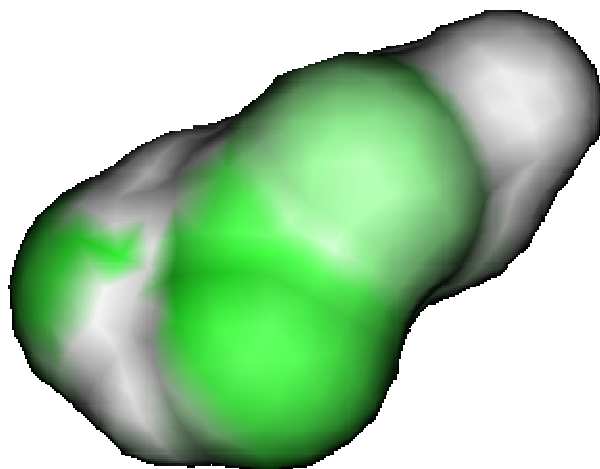


Back to our molecular surface:



$$ASA \cong 304 \text{ \AA}^2$$

$$\pi > 0$$



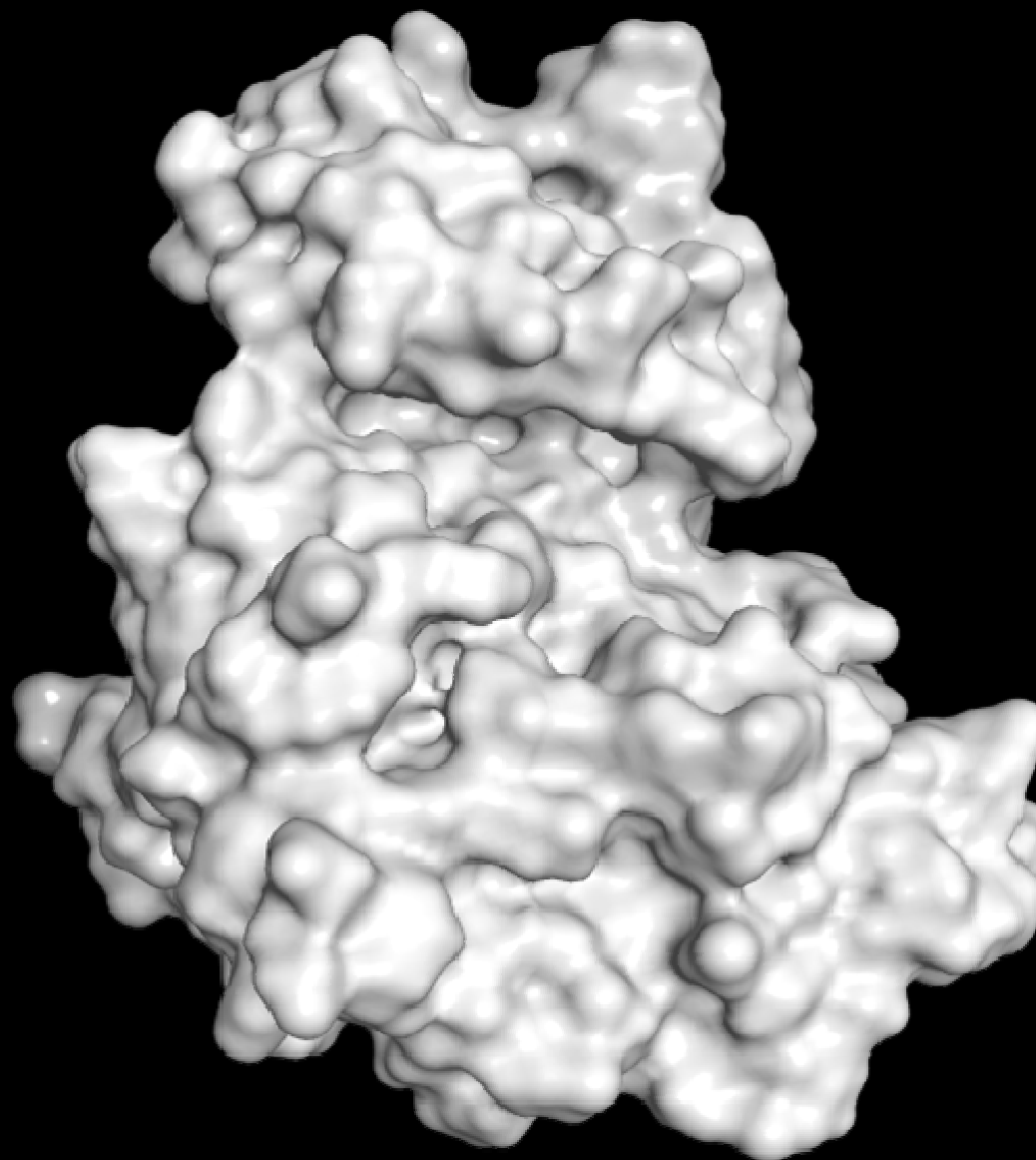
$$ASA_{\text{Hydrophobic}} \cong 160 \text{ \AA}^2$$

$$ASA_{\text{Polar}} \cong 144 \text{ \AA}^2$$

... another interesting molecular descriptor!

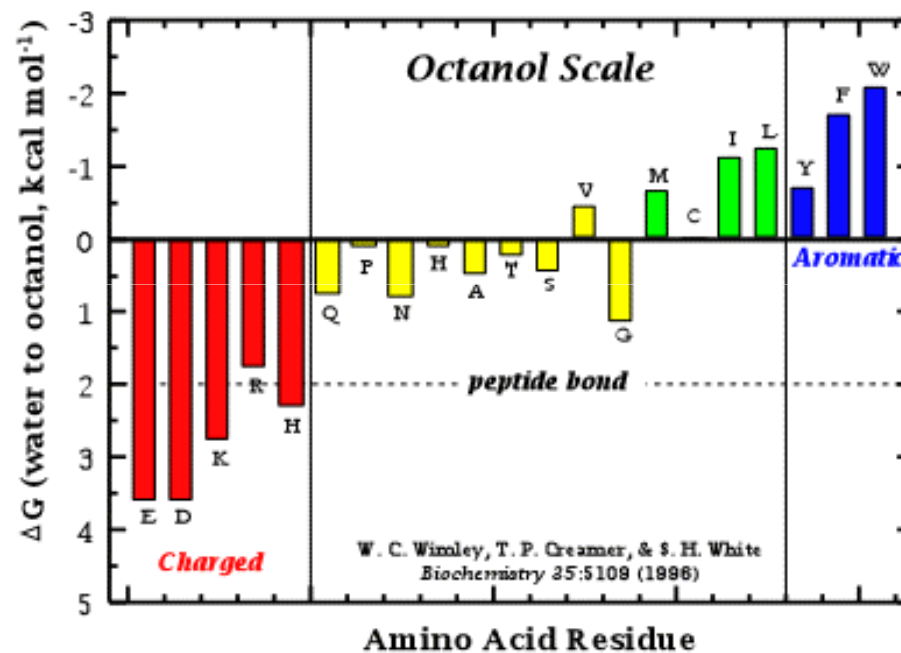
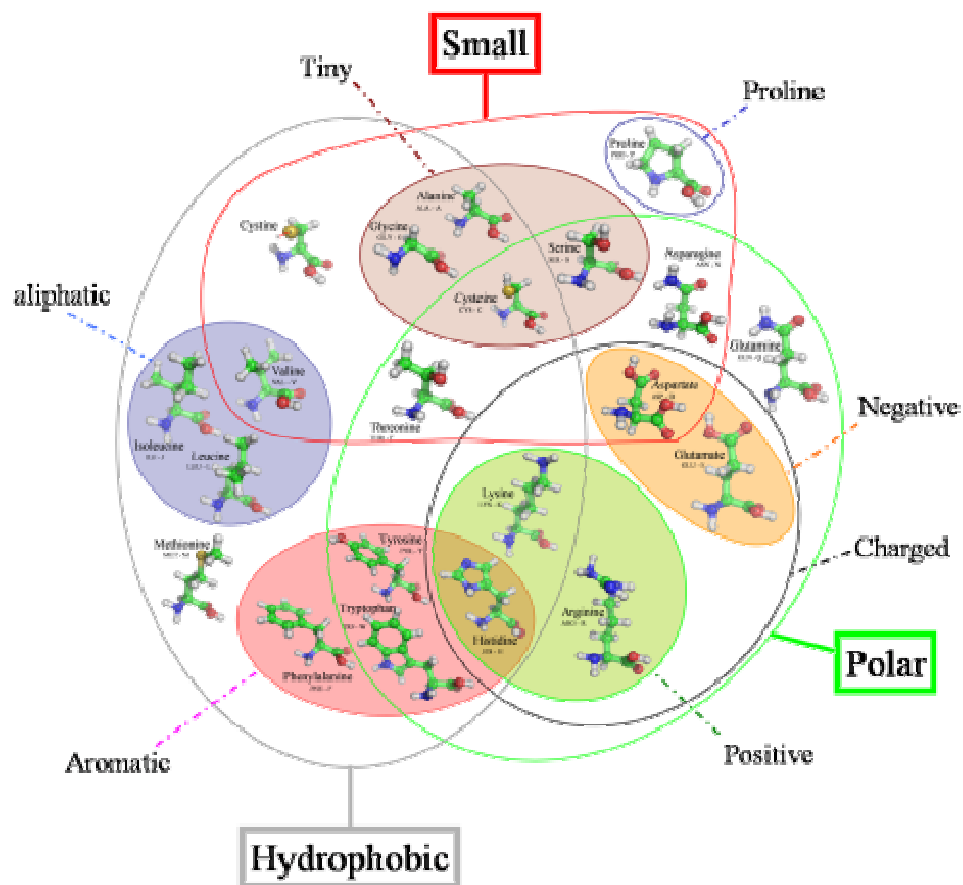


Back to our molecular surface:





Amino acids and hydrophobicity:





Back to our molecular surface:

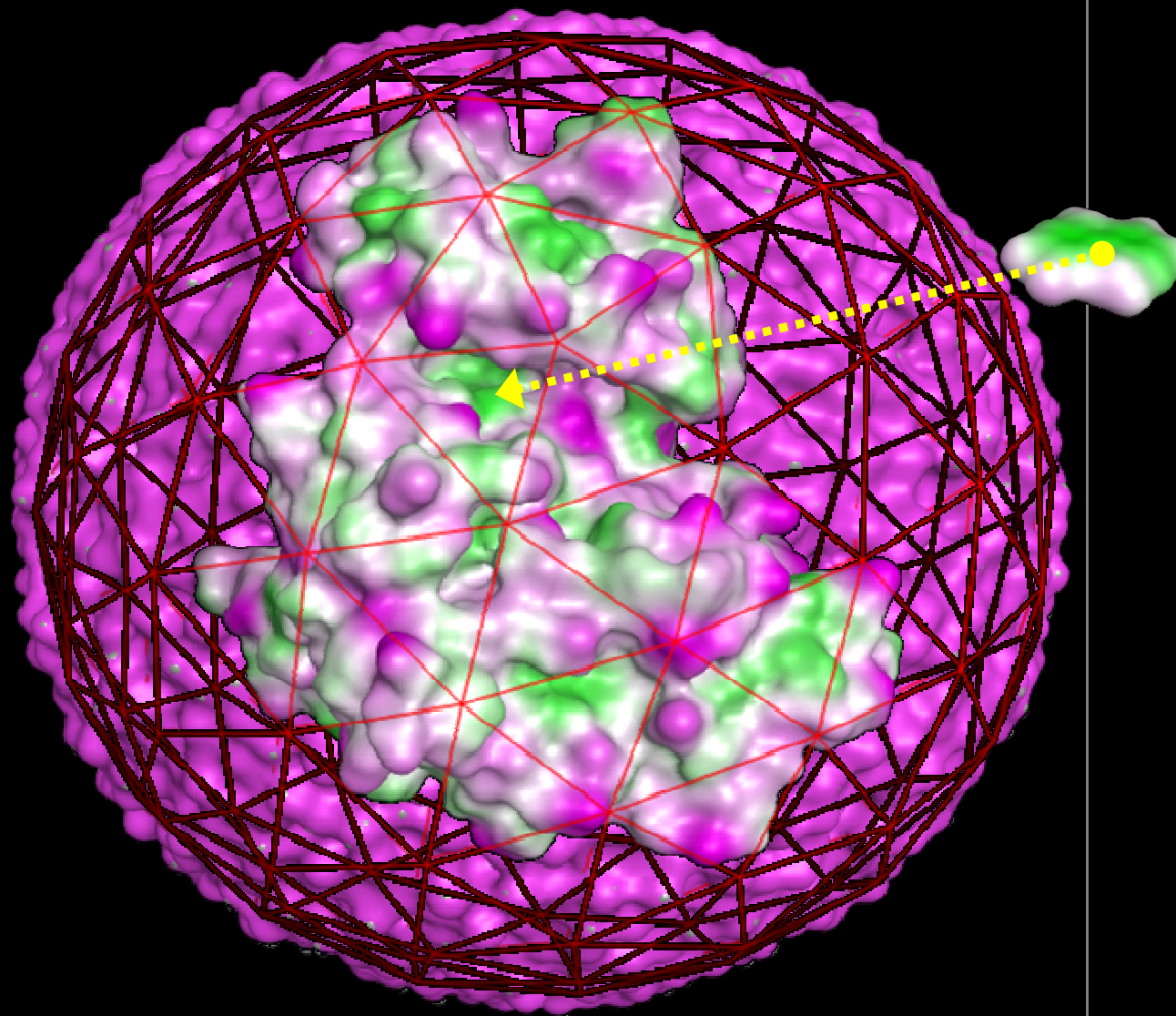


■ $\pi > 0$

■ $\pi < 0$



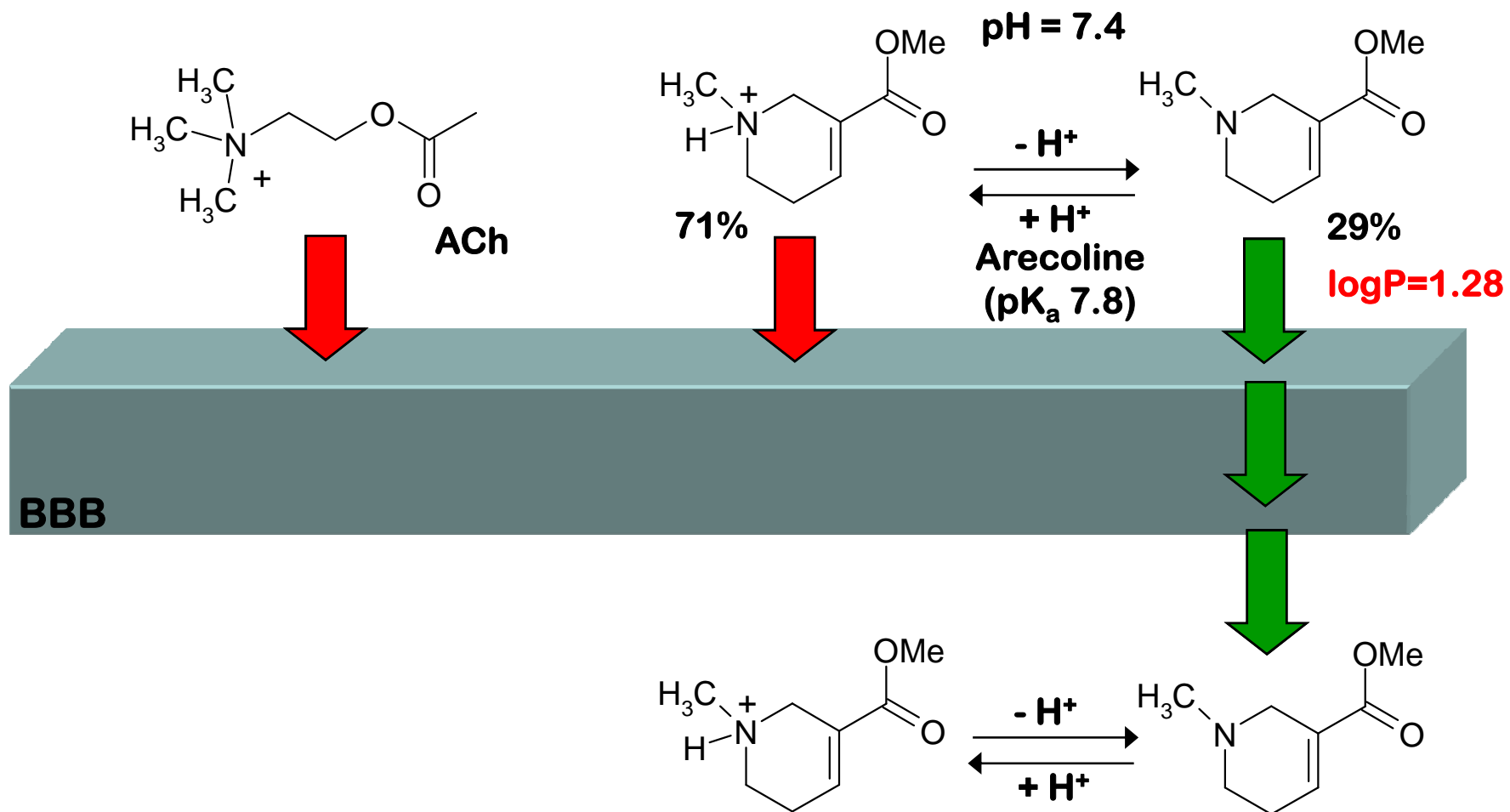
A wonderful strategy to tune the residence time of water molecules on the protein surface:



■ $\pi > 0$
■ $\pi < 0$



Don't forget this old scheme:



Partition (logP) vs. distribution (logD):

We can define “*distribution coefficient (D)*”:

$$\left[\frac{C_{(phase1)}}{C_{(H_2O)}^{neutral} + C_{(H_2O)}^{ionized}} \right] = D$$

and consequently the logD:

$$\log \left[\frac{C_{(phase1)}}{C_{(H_2O)}^{neutral} + C_{(H_2O)}^{ionized}} \right] = \log D$$

$$\log C_{(phase1)} - \log \left(C_{(H_2O)}^{neutral} + C_{(H_2O)}^{ionized} \right) = \log D$$

Partition (logP) vs. distribution (logD):

for a mono-protic acid:

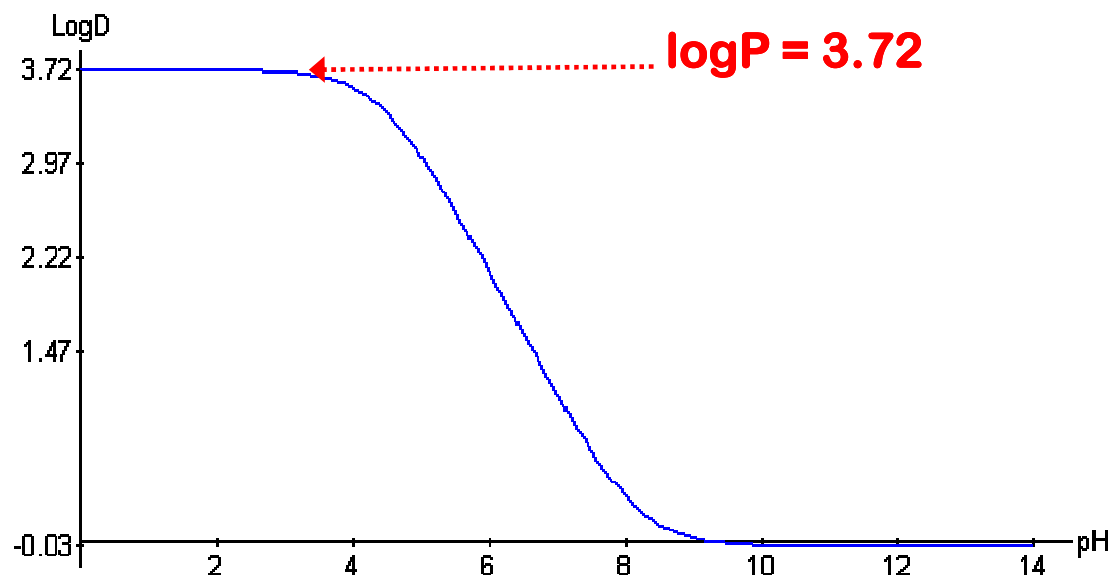
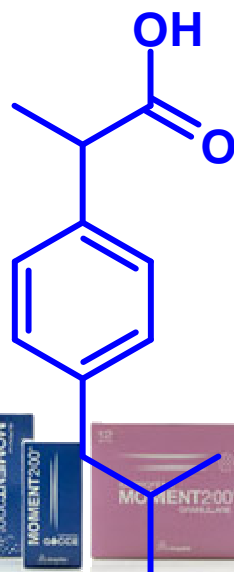
$$K_a = \frac{C_{(H_2O)}^{ionized} \times C_{(H_2O)}^{H^+}}{C_{(H_2O)}^{neutral}} \quad \text{e} \quad \frac{C_{(phase1)}}{C_{(H_2O)}^{neutral} + C_{(H_2O)}^{ionized}} = D$$

$$\log P - \log \left[1 + 10^{(pH - pK_a)} \right] = \log D$$

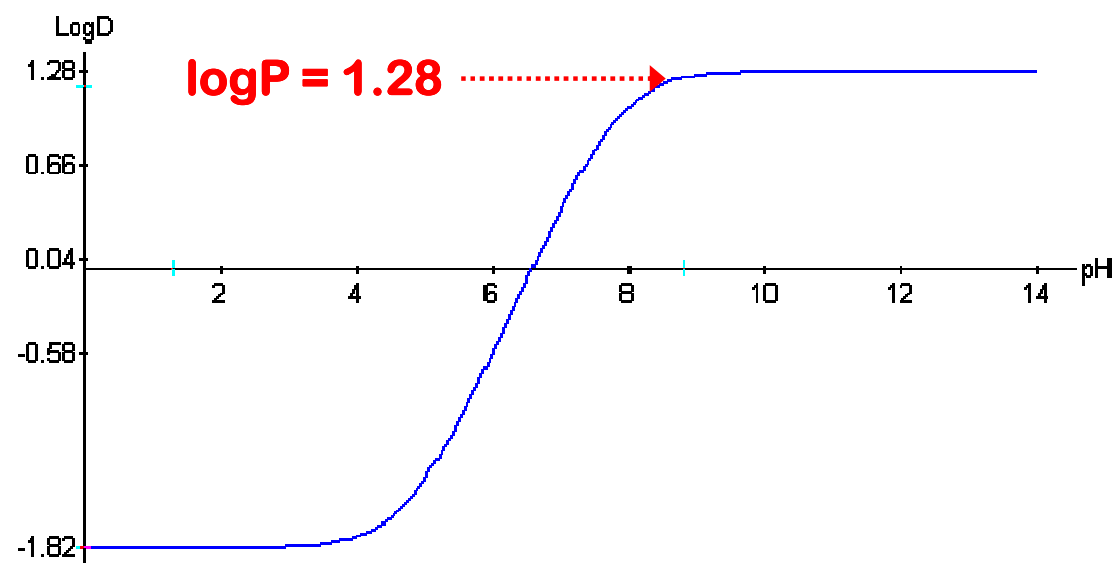
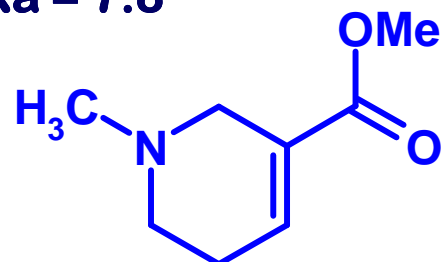
and for a mono-protic base:

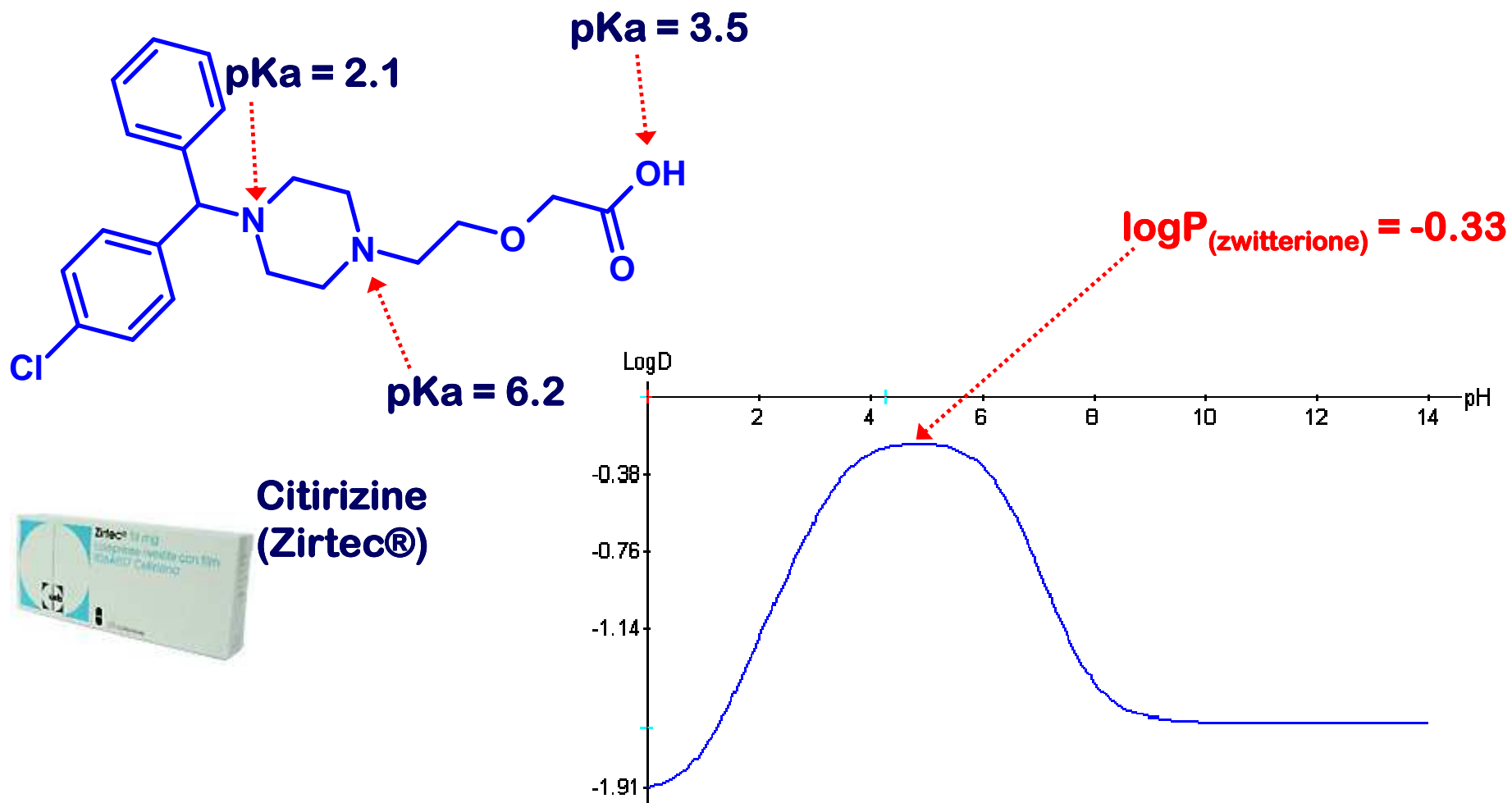
$$\log P - \log \left[1 + 10^{(pK_a - pH)} \right] = \log D$$

pKa = 4.4



pKa = 7.8





**Citirizine
(Zirtec®)**



A short summary of useful molecular descriptors described until now:

Sterimol

Molecular Volume

Accessible Surface Area

Accessible Surface Area – Negatively Charged

Accessible Surface Area – Positively Charged

Accessible Surface Area – Hydrophobic

Accessible Surface Area – Polar

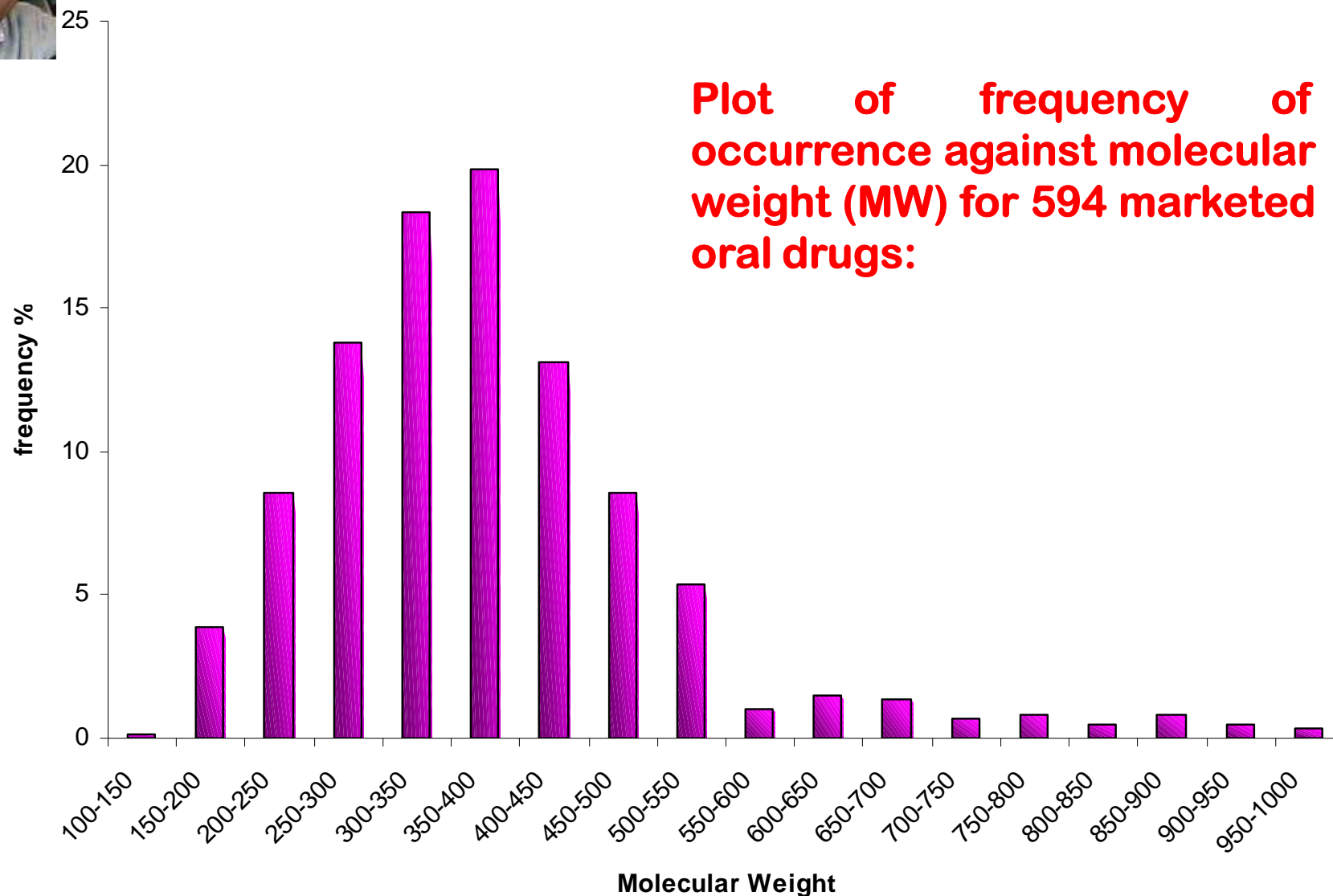
Hydrophobic substituent parameter (π)

ClogP

ClogD plot



ClogP... the largely used molecular descriptor together with MW:





Lipinski's "Rule of Five"

Poor absorption or permeation, if ...

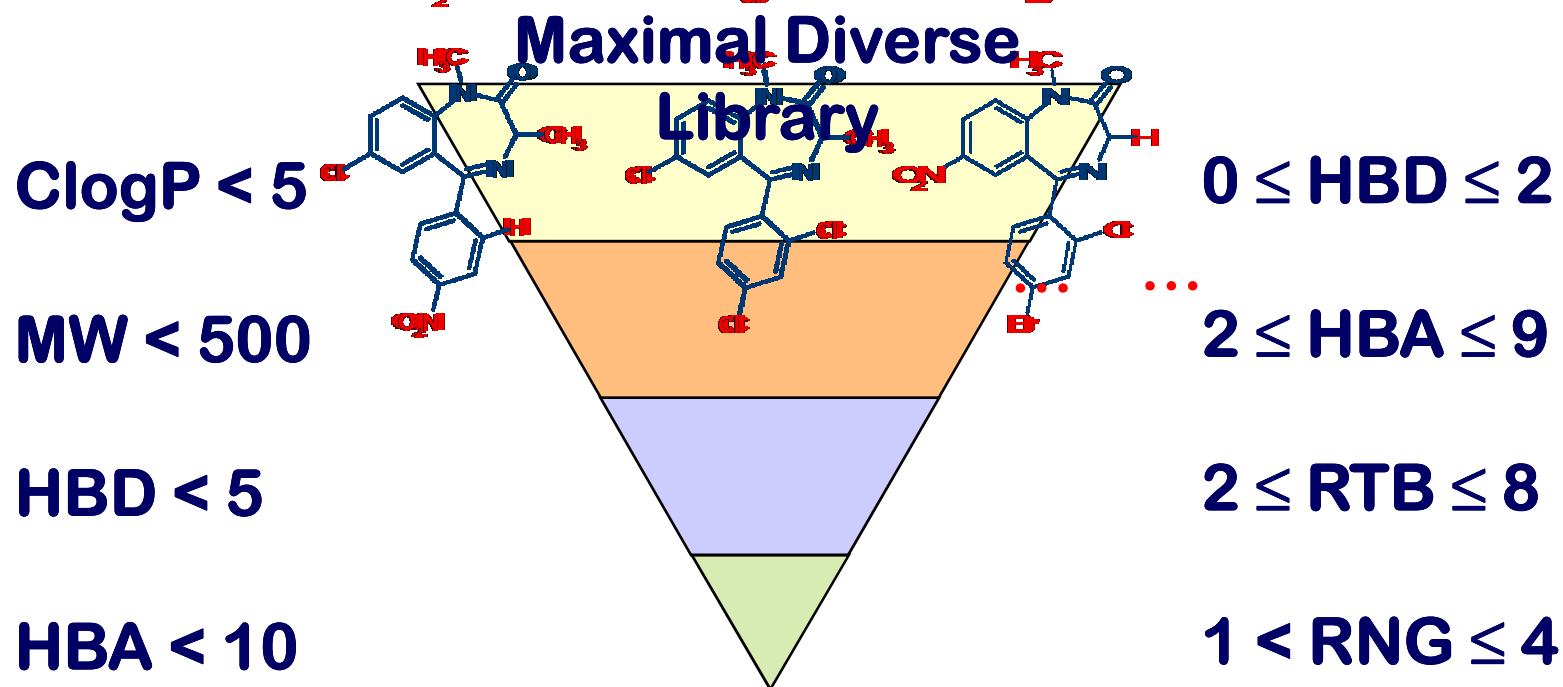
- Number of H-bond donors > 5 (OH & NH)
- Number of H-bond acceptors > 10 (O & N)
- Molecular weight > 500
- $\log P > 5$

Lipinski et al., Adv. Drug Deliv. 23 (1997) 3.

N.B. Like all rules they are there to be broken and a number of exceptions exist. I have personally worked on a couple of well-absorbed drugs which broke this rule but as a general guide it works well. Remember that you may have charge in your molecule so that LogD(7.4) or LogD(5.5) is really the important parameter rather than Log P. Keeping LogD(7.4) around 2 seem generally good advice. Manipulating the pKa can be a way of improving a molecule.

Focused libraries: filtering approach

Lipinski rules and/or drug-likeness properties funnel



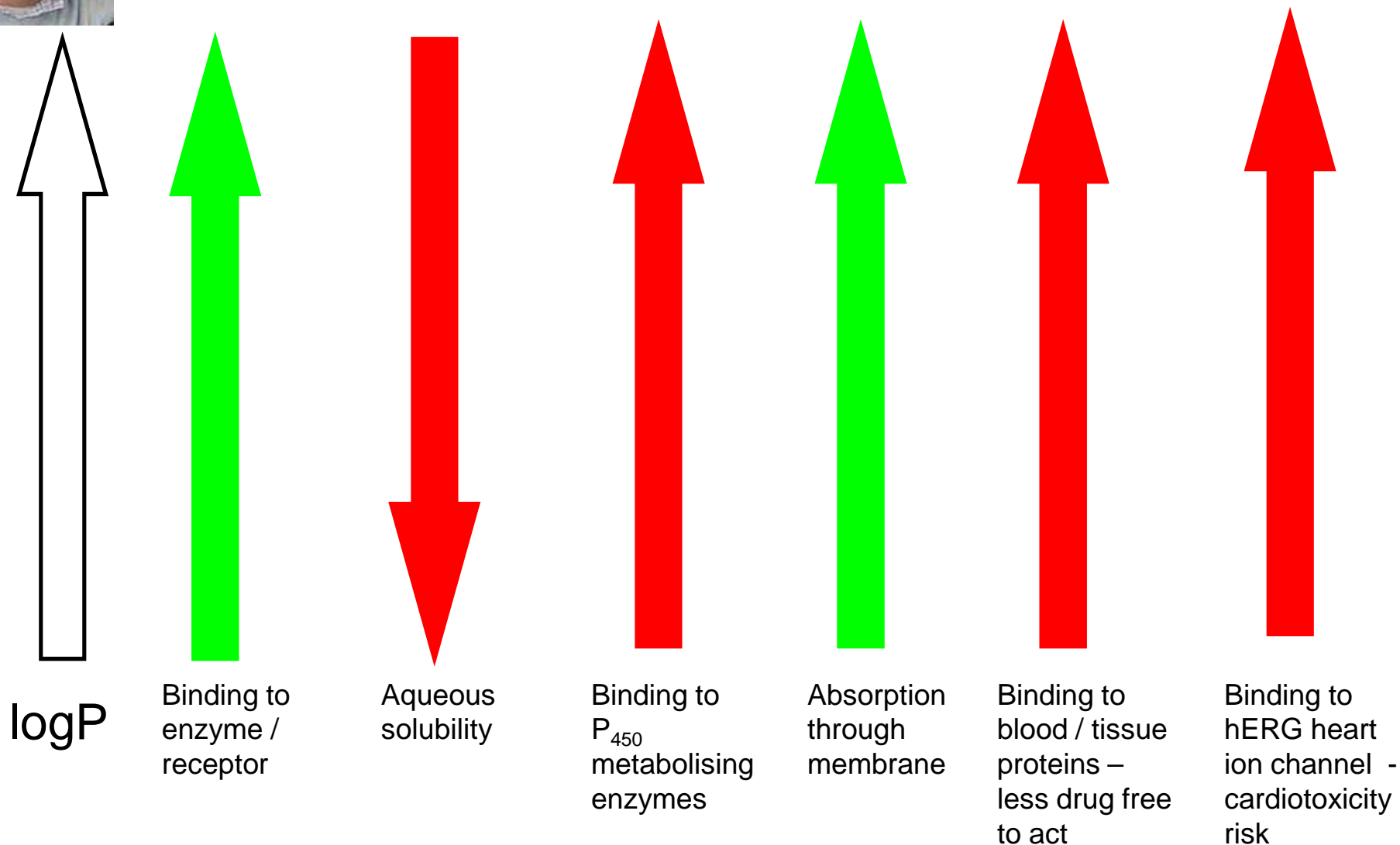
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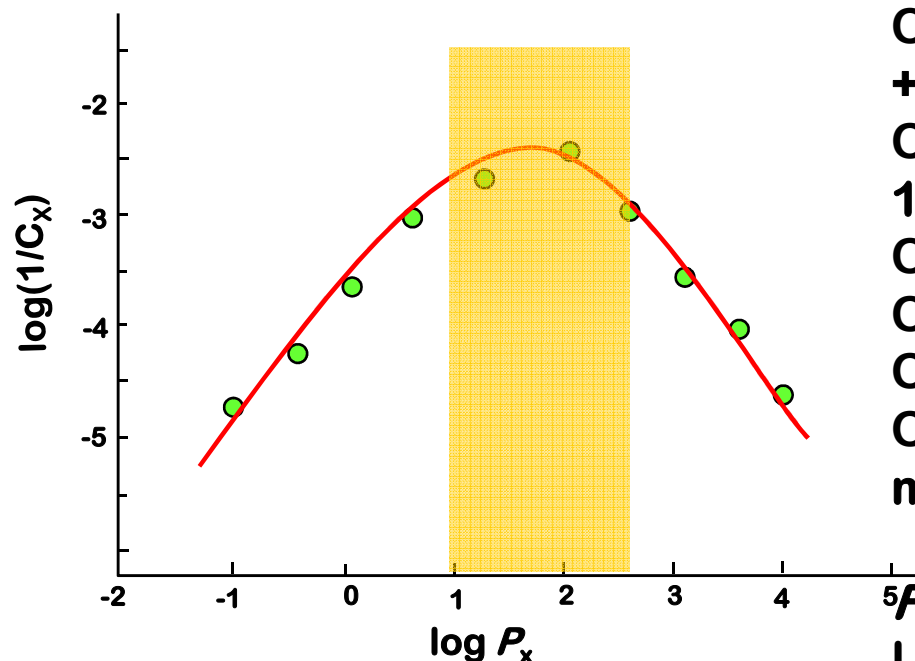
Focused Library



But remember: logP needs to be optimized!!!



Optimum logP (o ClogP!!)...



Studies have found: (bear in mind these may not apply to your class of chemicals)

Optimum CNS penetration around $\log P = 2 \pm 0.7$ (Hansch)

Optimum Oral absorption around $\log P = 1.8$

Optimum Intestinal absorption $\log P = 1.35$

Optimum Colonic absorption $\log P = 1.32$

Optimum Sub lingual absorption $\log P = 1-5$

Optimum Percutaneous $\log P = 2.6$ (& low mw)

Formulation and dosing forms:

Low Log P (below 0) Injectable

Medium (0-3) Oral

High (3-4) Transdermal

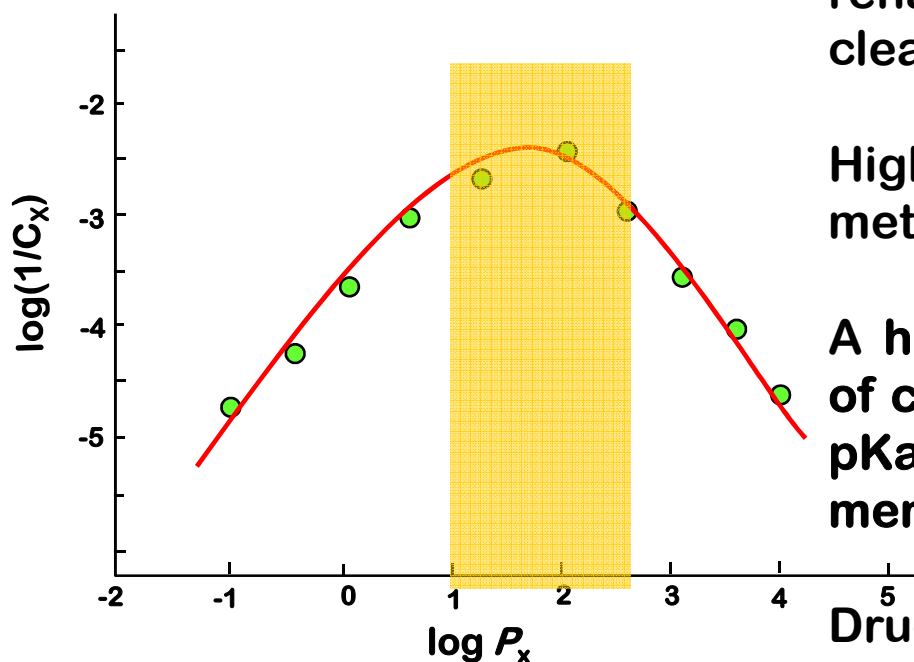
Very High (4-7) Toxic build up in fatty tissues

Drug Clearance and Toxicity

Increasing LogD(7.4) above 0 will decrease renal clearance and increase metabolic clearance.

High LogD(7.4) compounds will tend to be metabolised by P450 enzymes in the liver.

A high degree of ionization keeps drugs out of cells and decreases systemic toxicity.
pKa in range 6 to 8 is advantageous for membrane penetration.



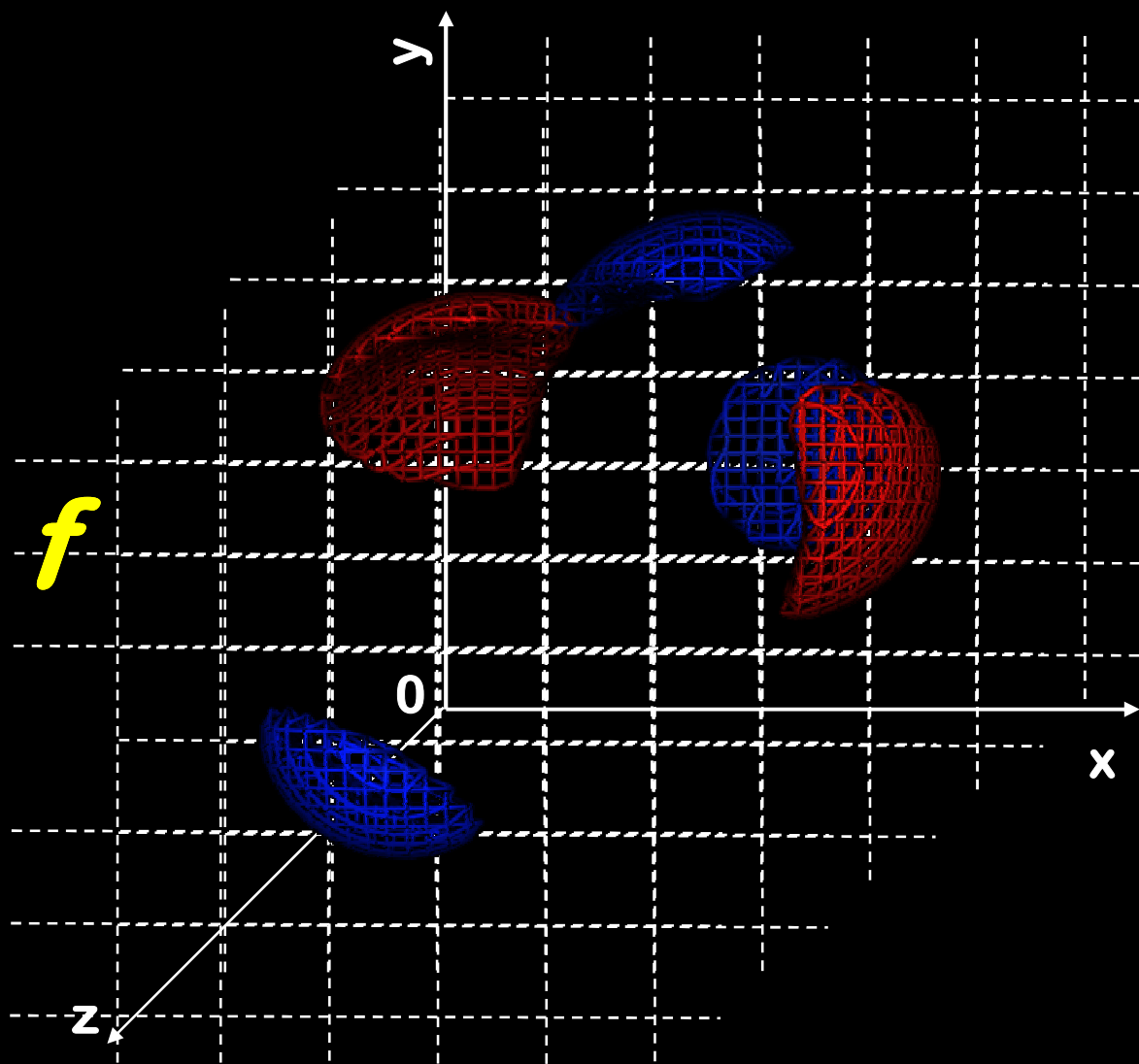
Drugs should be designed with the lowest possible logP, to reduce toxicity, non-specific binding, increase ease of formulation and bioavailability. Drugs should also be as low mw as possible to lower the risk of allergic reactions. (See [principle of minimum hydrophobicity](#))





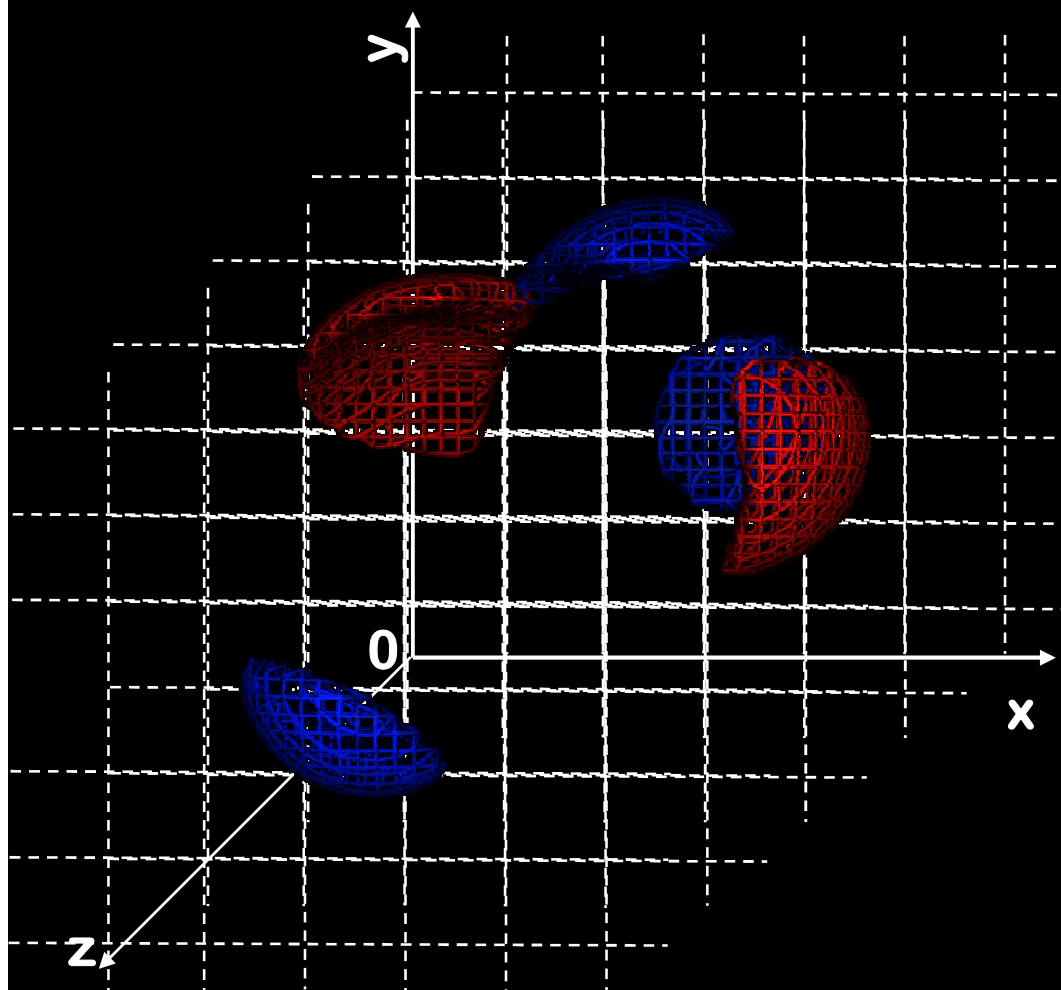
e quindi i *campi molecolari* come una nuova collezione di descrittori molecolari:

$$\log 1/[D_{\text{eff}}] = f$$





CoMFA (Comparative Molecular Fields Analysis): un interessante strumento QSAR... da maneggiare con cautela!



1. I campi molecolari sono conformazione dipendenti;
2. I campi molecolari sono descrittori 3D esterni, quindi per una comparazione è necessario pre-allineare le strutture molecolari;
3. i campi molecolari sono costituiti da migliaia di valori di potenziale di campo



quel bel ragazzo di Hammett... e le sue σ



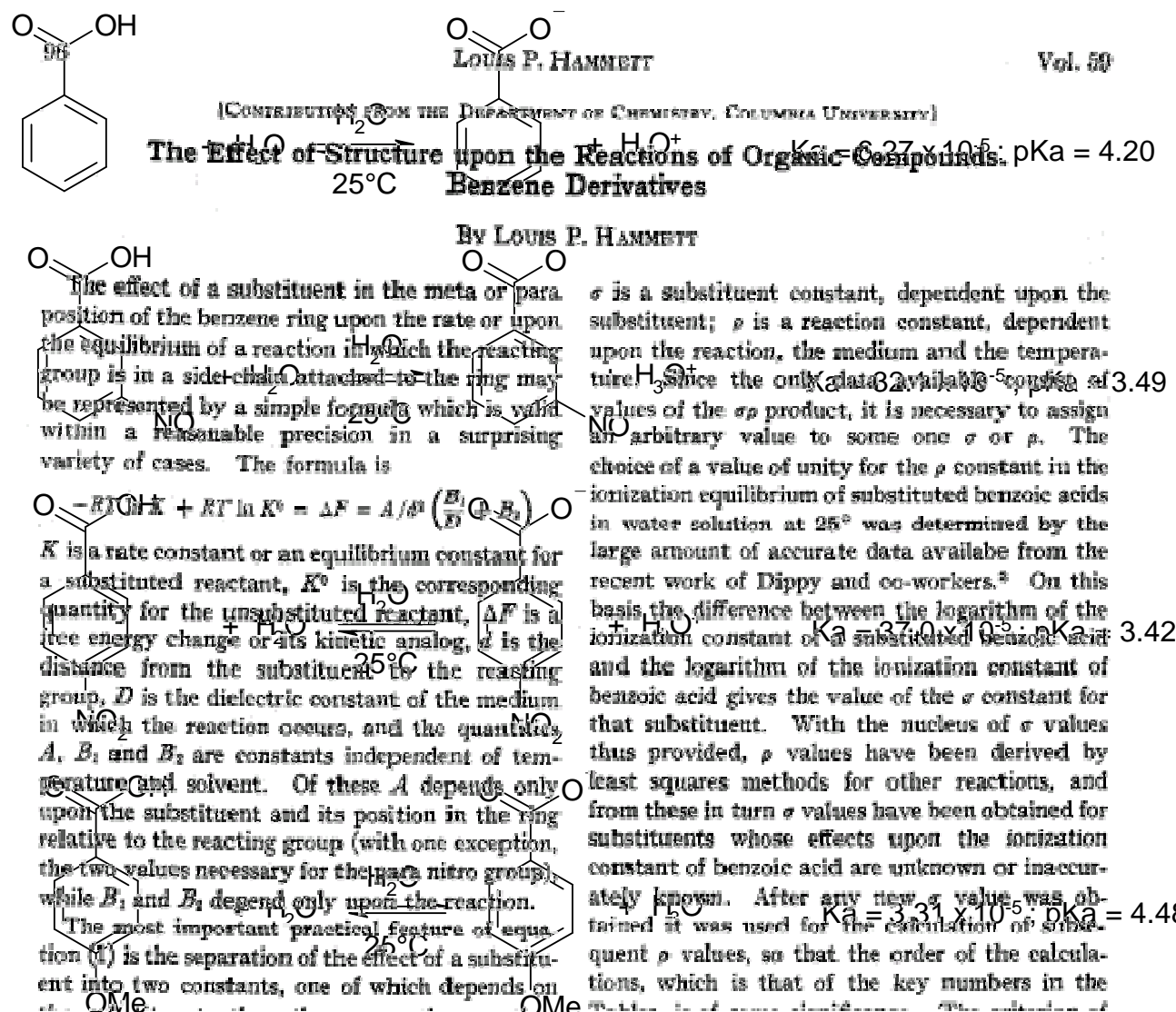
Louis Plack Hammett (April 7, 1894 — February 9, 1987)

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Physical Organic Chemistry.
New York; McGraw-Hill.



Dagli arbori della chimica fisica organica... ad una interessante applicazione in chimica farmaceutica.



L.P. Hammett, *The Effect of Structure upon the Reactions of Organic Compounds. Benzene Derivatives*. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1937, 59, 96-103.



Effetto elettronico del sostituito e costante σ :

pKa per alcuni acidi benzoici sostituiti (H₂O, 25°C)
e corrispondenti valori di σ dei sostituenti.

$$\sigma_x = pKa(C_6H_5COOH) - pKa(XC_6H_4COOH)$$

$$\sigma_x = \log \frac{Ka(XC_6H_4COOH)}{Ka(C_6H_5COOH)}$$

Sostituente X	pKa (XC ₆ H ₄ COOH)	σ_x
H	4.20	0
<i>m</i> -OCH ₃	4.09	0.11
<i>m</i> -F	3.86	0.34
<i>m</i> -NO ₂	3.49	0.71
<i>p</i> -NO ₂	3.42	0.78
<i>p</i> -CH ₃	4.37	-0.17
<i>p</i> -OCH ₃	4.48	-0.28

Sostituente	σ_m	σ_p
NO ₂	0.71	0.78
CN	0.61	0.70
CF ₃	0.43	0.54
CH ₃ COO	0.39	0.31
Br	0.39	0.23
CH ₃ CO	0.38	0.48
CO ₂ C ₂ H ₅	0.37	0.45
Cl	0.37	0.22
CHO	0.36	0.44
CO ₂ H	0.35	0.44
I	0.35	0.28
F	0.34	0.06
C≡CH	0.20	0.23
SCH ₃	0.15	≈ 0
OH	0.13	-0.38
OCH ₃	0.11	-0.28
C ₆ H ₅	0.05	≈ 0
H	0	0
CH ₃	-0.06	-0.17
C ₂ H ₅	-0.07	-0.15
CH(CH ₃) ₂	-0.07	-0.15
C(CH ₃) ₃	-0.10	-0.20
N(CH ₃) ₂	-0.15	-0.63
NH ₂	-0.16	-0.57

Teoria dell'effetto dei sostituenti

Effetto di risonanza (π -p o π - π):

+R donazione elettronica verso il centro di reazione

(-OCH₃, -OH, -NR₂)

-R richiamo elettronico centro di reazione

(-NO₂, -CN, -COCH₃)

orto, para > meta

Effetto induttivo

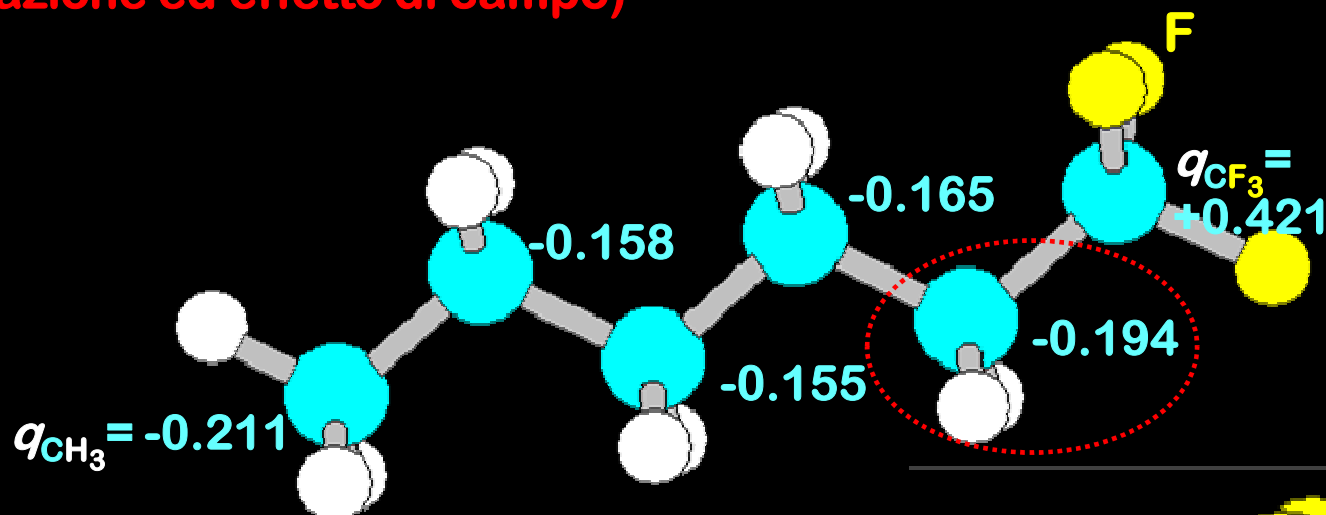
(polarizzazione ed effetto di campo)

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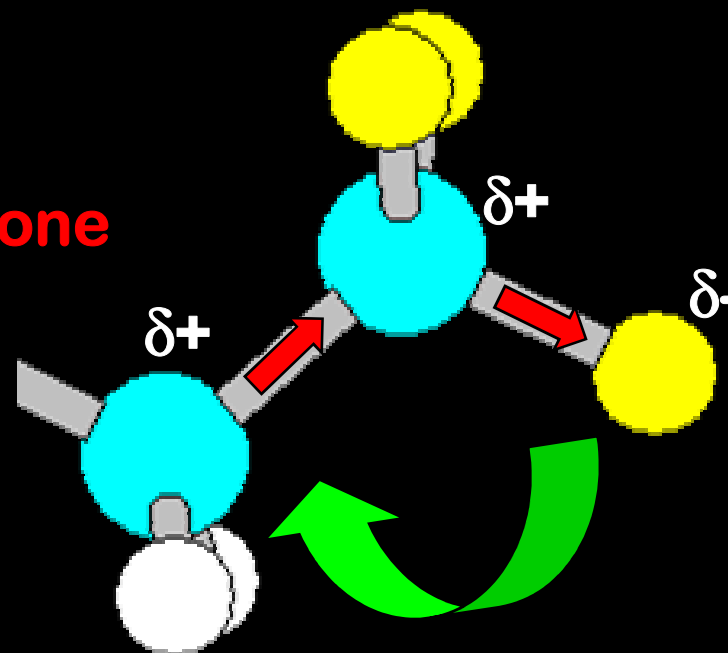
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orto > meta > para

Effetto induttivo (polarizzazione ed effetto di campo)



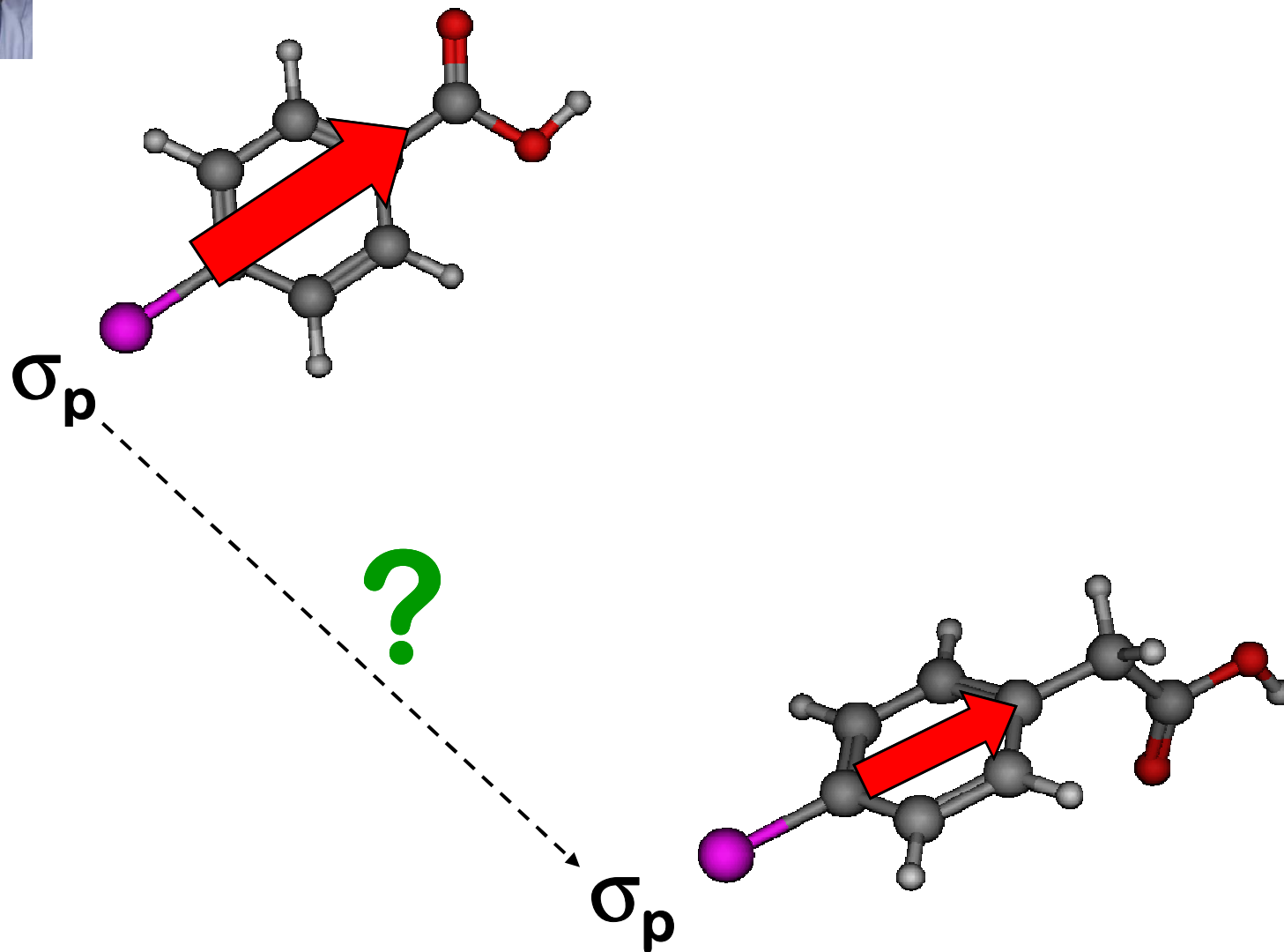
➔ **Effetto di polarizzazione**



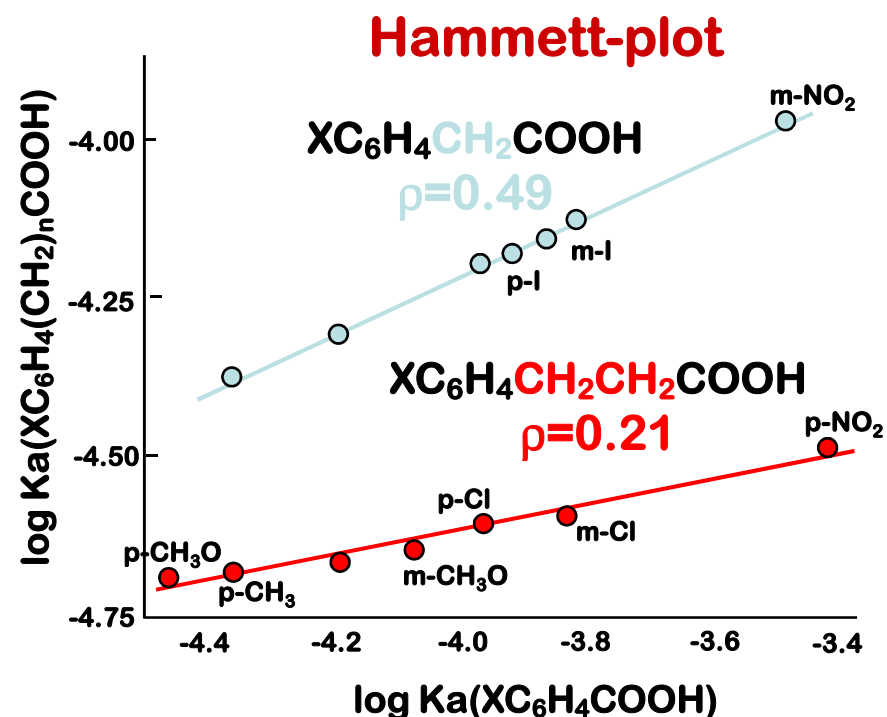
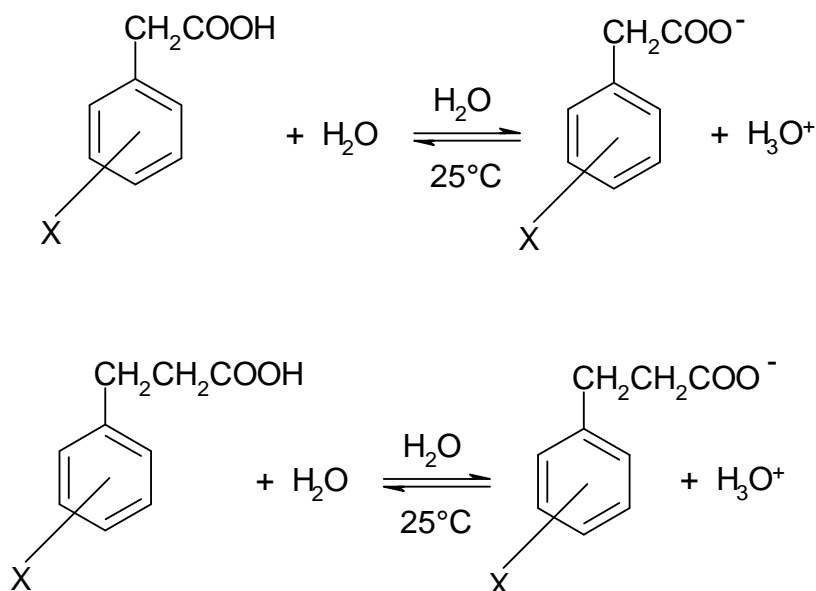
➔ **Effetto di campo**



ma sigma (σ) è davvero una proprietà invariante del sostituyente?



Applicazione della costante σ : dissociazione di acidi *ortho*-benzoici



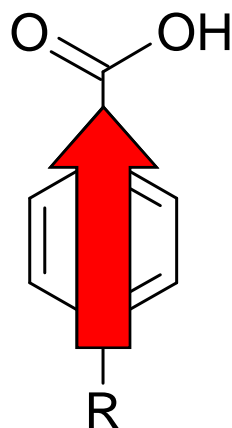
$$\log \frac{\text{Ka(XC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{COOH)}}{\text{Ka(C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{COOH)}} = \rho \log \frac{\text{Ka(XC}_6\text{H}_4\text{COOH)}}{\text{Ka(C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COOH)}}$$

$$\log \frac{\text{Ka(XC}_6\text{H}_4\text{CH}_2\text{COOH)}}{\text{Ka(C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{COOH)}} = \rho \sigma_X$$

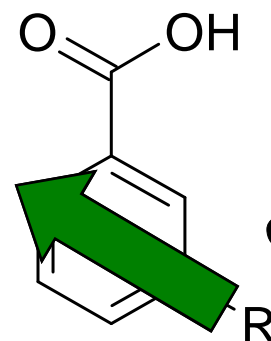
Effetto elettronico del sostituente e costante σ :

Ma Hammett, di quale effetto elettronico stava disquisendo mentre definiva la sua costante σ ?

$$\sigma_x = \log \frac{K_a(XC_6H_4COOH)}{K_a(C_6H_5COOH)}$$



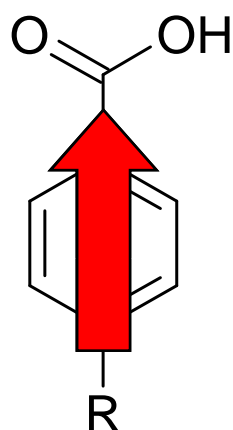
$$\sigma_p = \sigma_I + \sigma_R$$



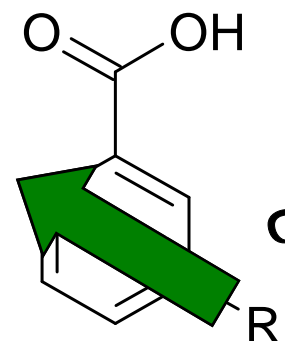
$$\sigma_m = \sigma_I + \alpha\sigma_R$$

Effetto elettronico del sostituito e costante σ :

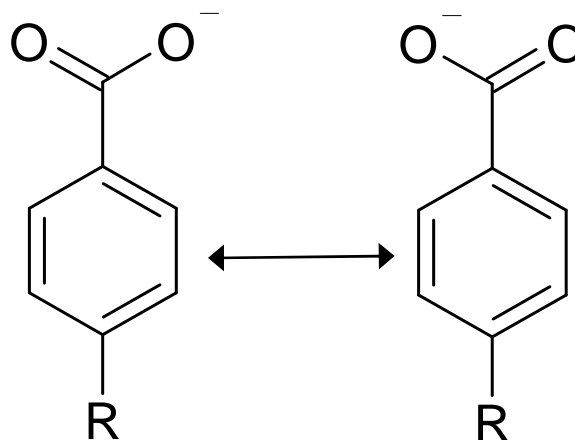
Ma è vera risonanza quella pesata dalla costante σ di Hammett?



$$\sigma_p = \sigma_I + \sigma_R$$



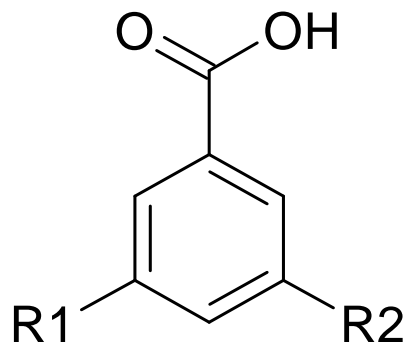
$$\sigma_m = \sigma_I + \alpha\sigma_R$$





Virtualizzazione del calcolo delle costanti di dissociazione acido-base:

Regola dell'additività:

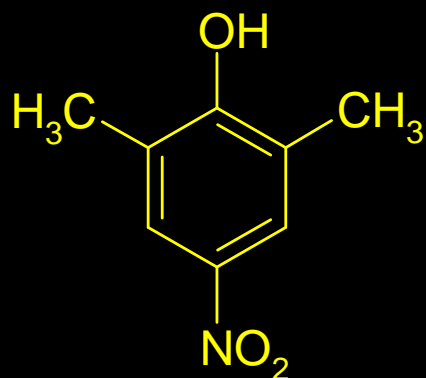


$$C \log K_a = \log K_{a_{\text{rif}}} + \sum \sigma_{Ri}$$

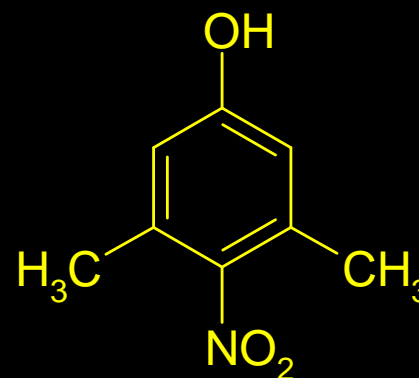
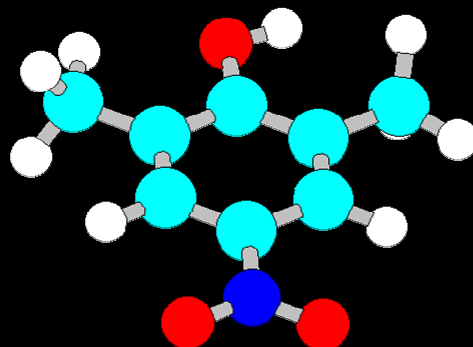
Regola della costitutività:

$$C \log K_a = \log K_{a_{\text{rif}}} + \sum \sigma_{Ri} + \sum \Delta\sigma_{Ri}$$

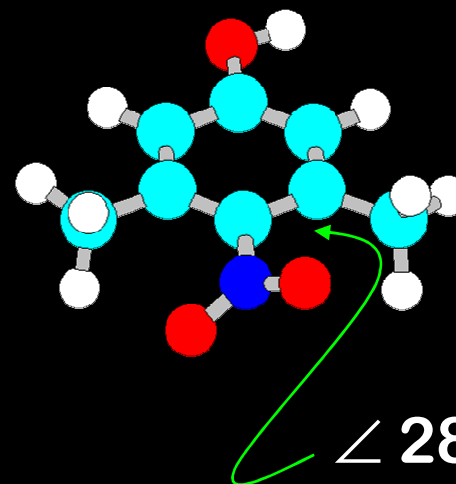
Inibizione Sterica della Risonanza



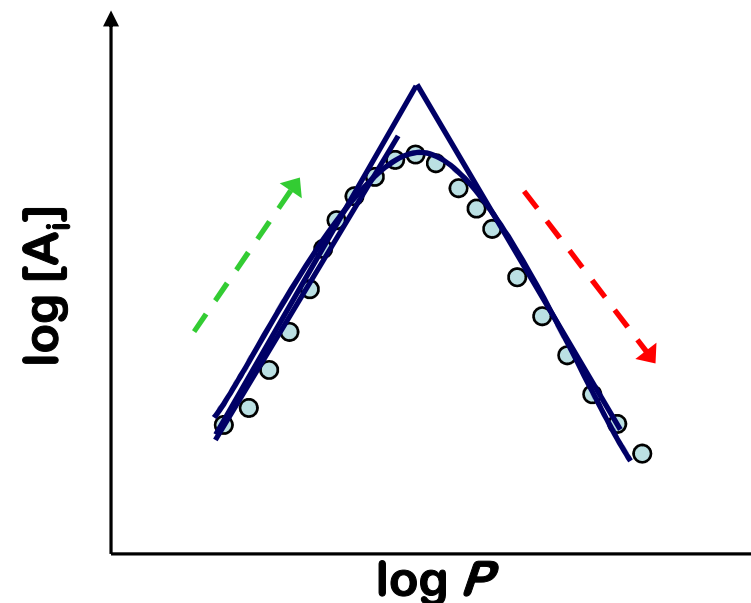
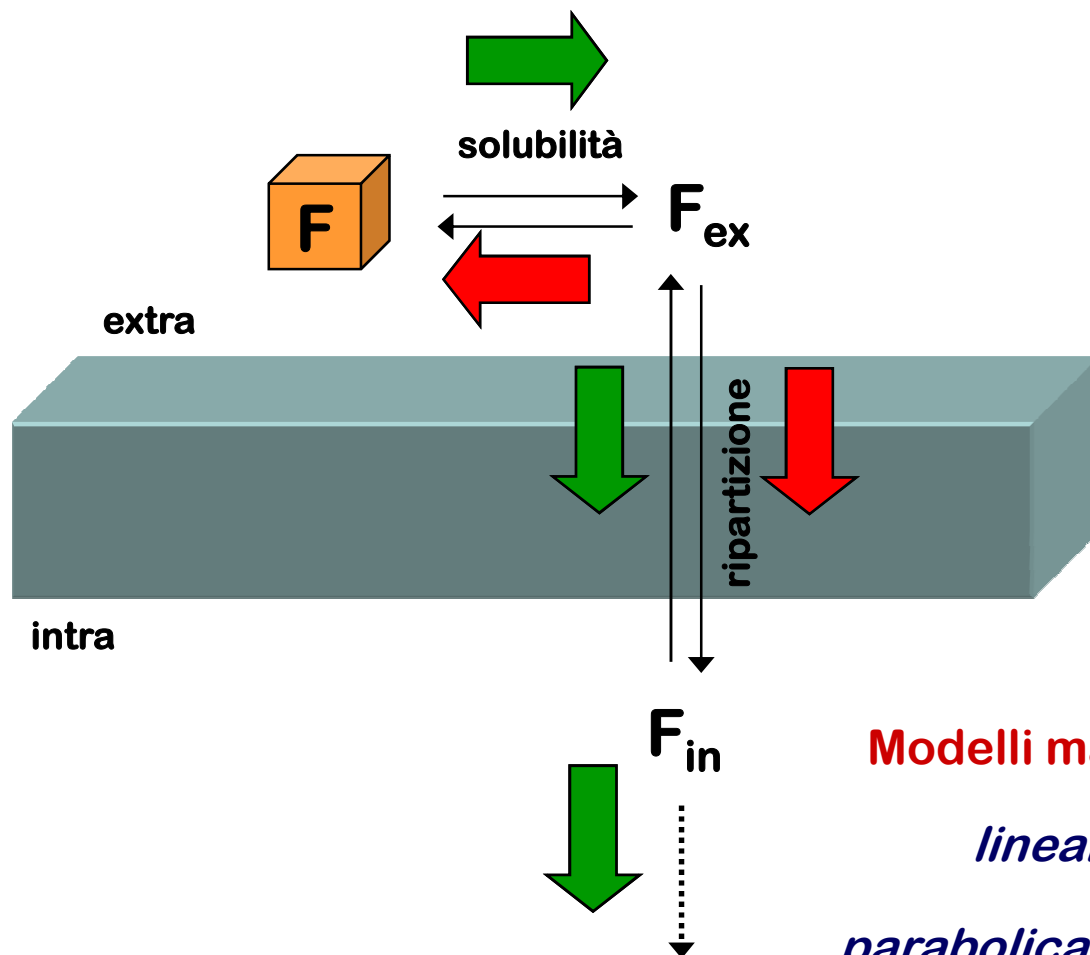
$\text{pK}_a = 7.16$



$\text{pK}_a = 8.24$



Farmacocinetica e logP (o ClogP!!)



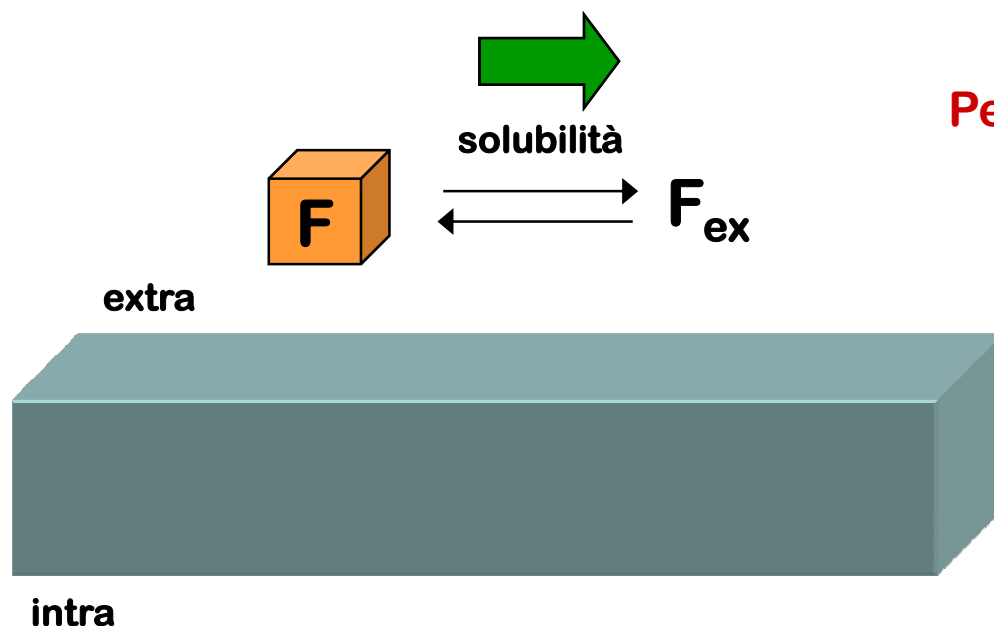
Modelli matematici:

lineare: $\log [A_i] = a \log P + c$

parabolica: $\log [A_i] = -a (\log P)^2 + b \log P + c$

bilineare: $\log [A_i] = a \log P - b \log (\beta P + 1) + c$

logP (o ClogP!!) e... solubilità!



Per composti liquidi immiscibili in acqua:

la solubilità in acqua è direttamente correlata al log P.

Per composti solidi :

la solubilità in acqua dipende anche dall'energia richiesta per disgregare la struttura cristallina o amorfa.

$$\log P = -0.89 (\log S) - 0.015 MP + 6.5$$

dove “S” è la solubilità in acqua espressa in $\mu\text{moli/lit}$ ed “MP” è il punto di fusione del composto solido. Di conseguenza, ci possono essere composti con più alti valori di logP che sono comunque più solubili in virtù del loro basso punto di fusione e viceversa. Così come, il medesimo composto (con il medesimo log P) può avere solubilità diverse in funzione di un diverso stato di aggregazione in fase solida (amorfo vs cristallino, polimorfismi....).

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