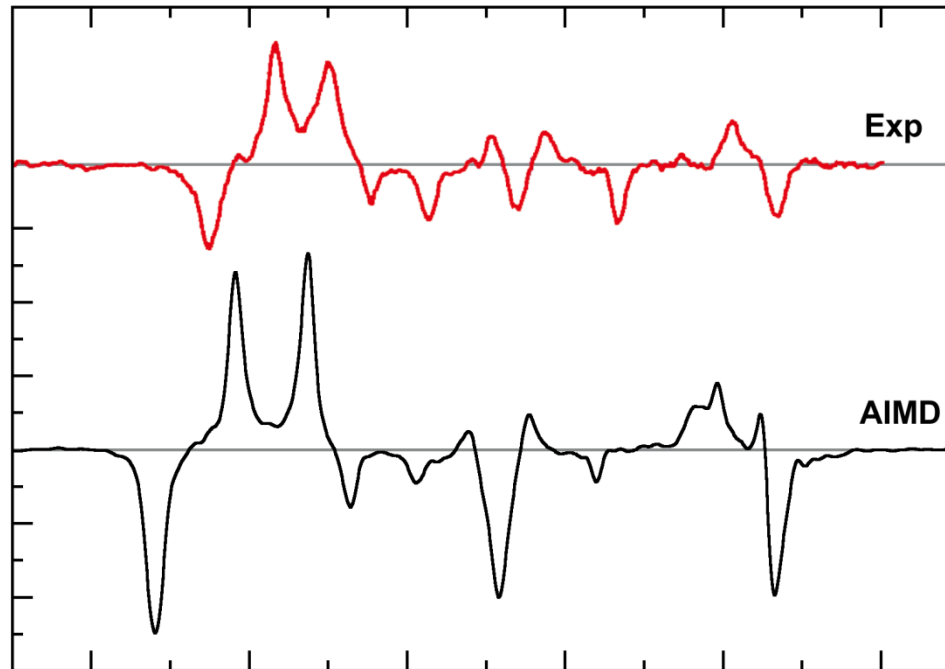


Predicting Vibrational Spectra of Periodic Bulk Phase Systems



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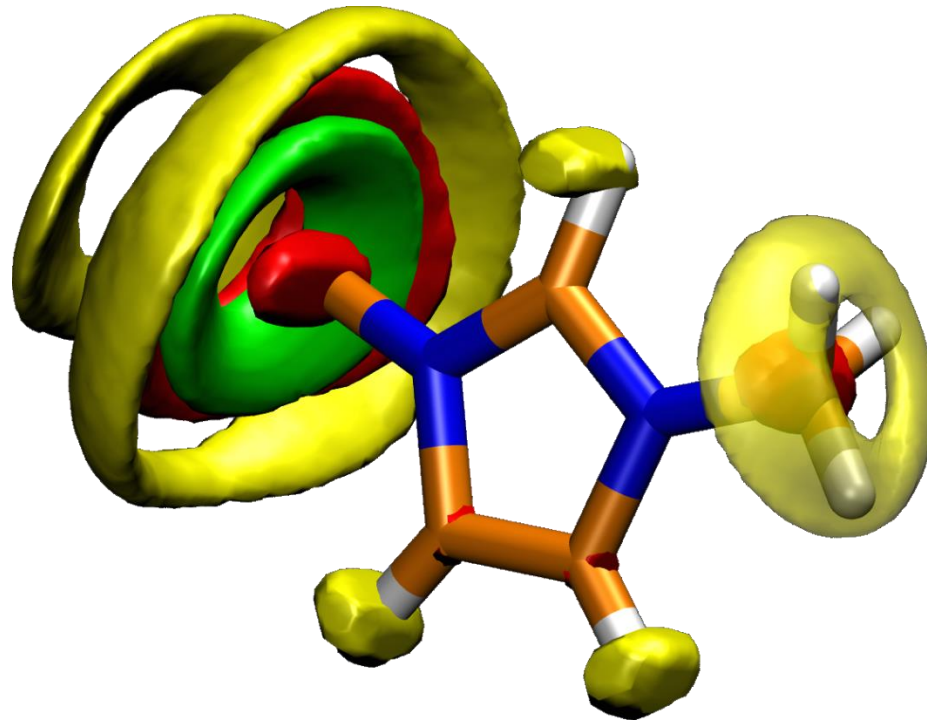
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Outline

- 1.) Short Introduction to TRAVIS**
- 2.) Computing Vibrational Spectra**
(IR, Raman, VCD, ROA)
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TRAVIS

A free Analyzer and Visualizer
for MC and MD Trajectories

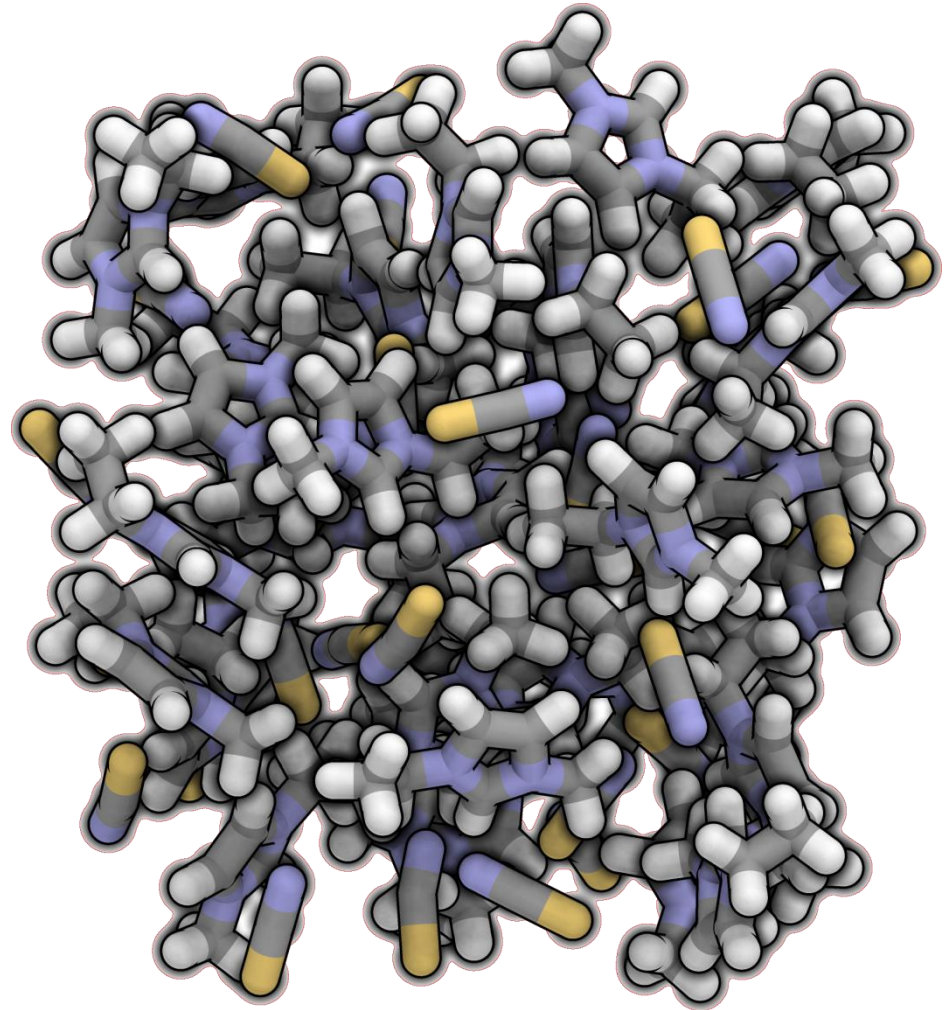


<http://www.travis-analyzer.de>

Analyzing Trajectories

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

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



Mappings for the reduction of dimensionality are required.

Introducing TRAVIS

- Program package for doing these analyses
- Open-source free software; licensed under GNU GPL 3
- \approx 260 000 lines of C++ code
- Platform independent (Windows / Linux / Mac)
- Published in 2011, cited more than 400 times since then:

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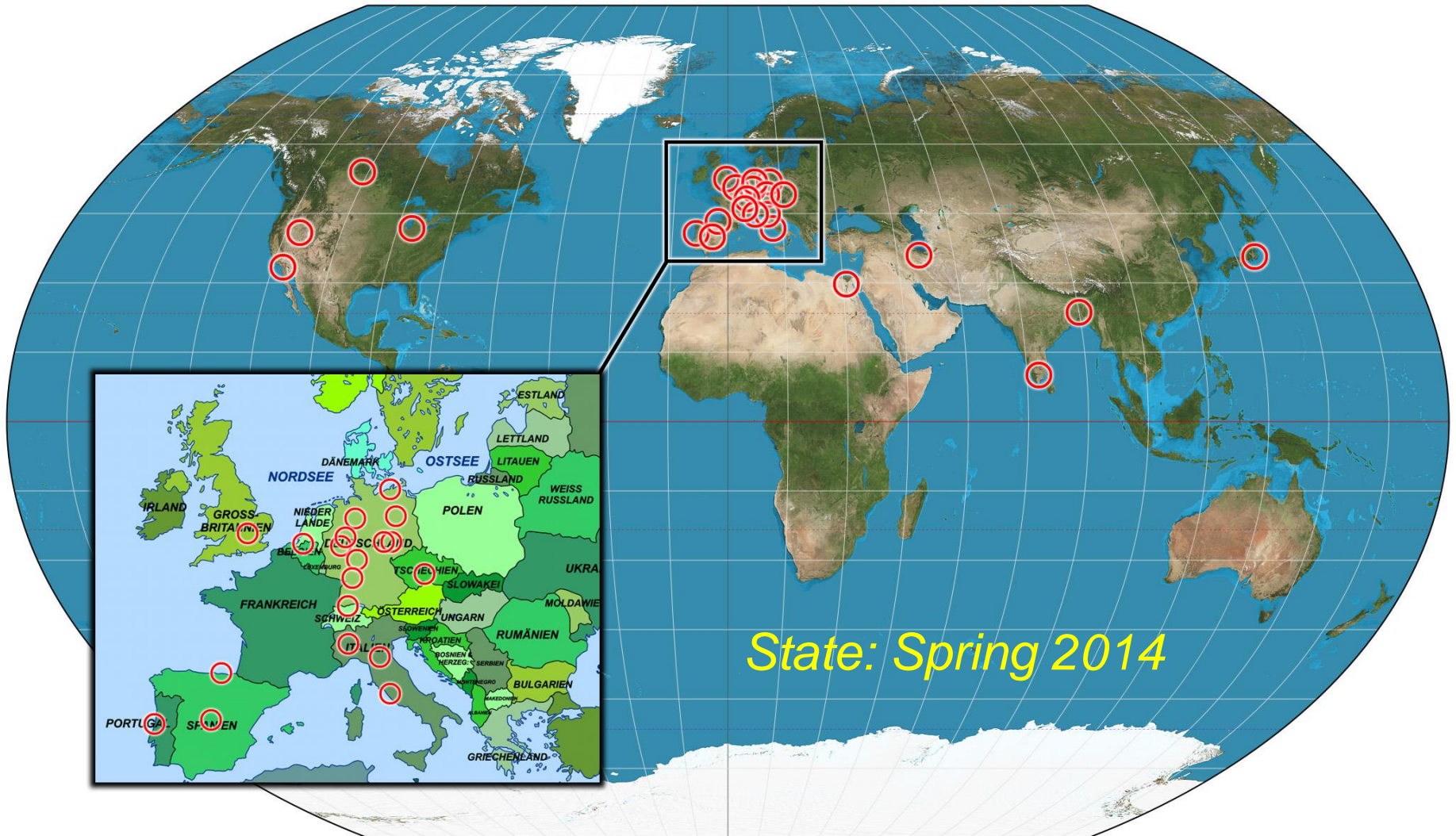
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Introducing TRAVIS

Several dozen working groups around the world use TRAVIS

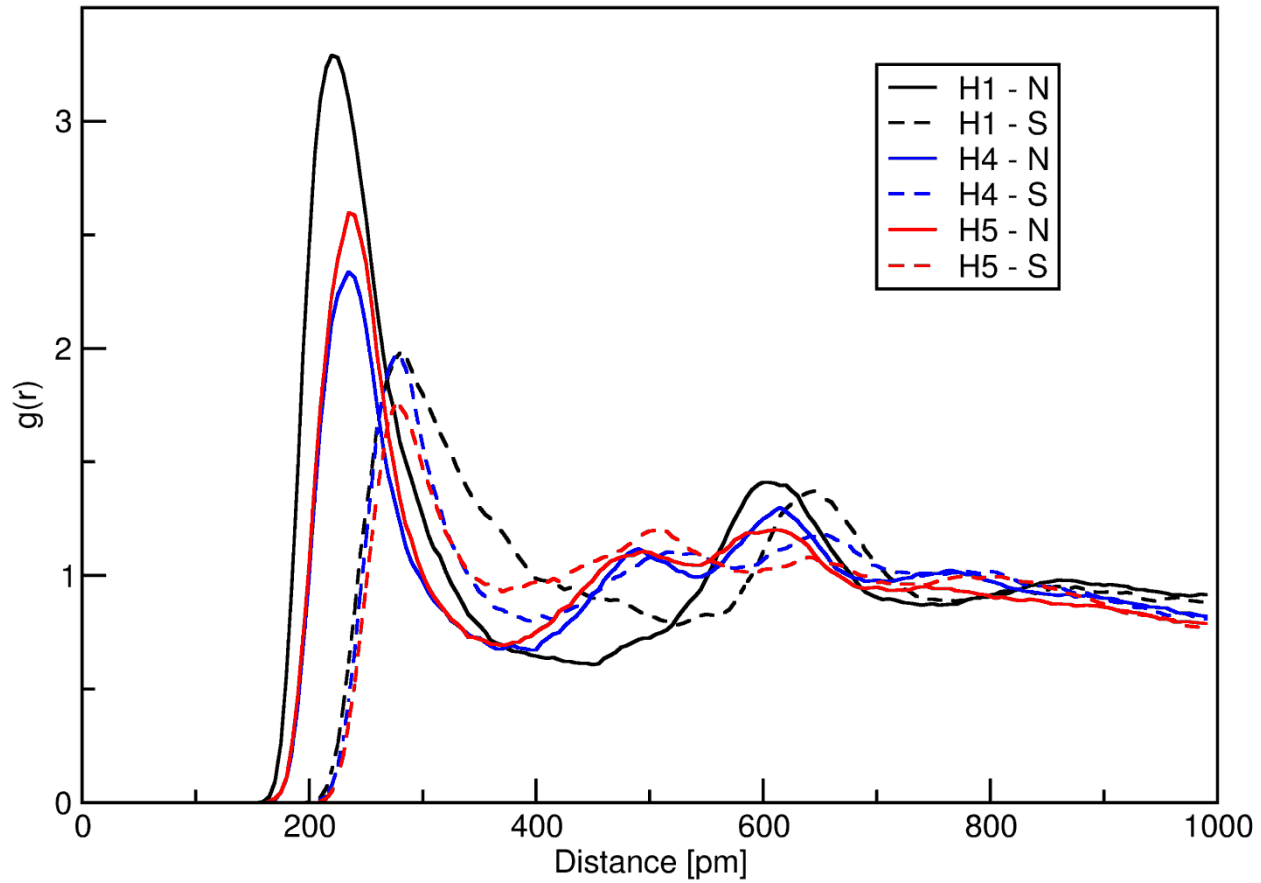
(I only know of the groups which had problems 😊)



General Features

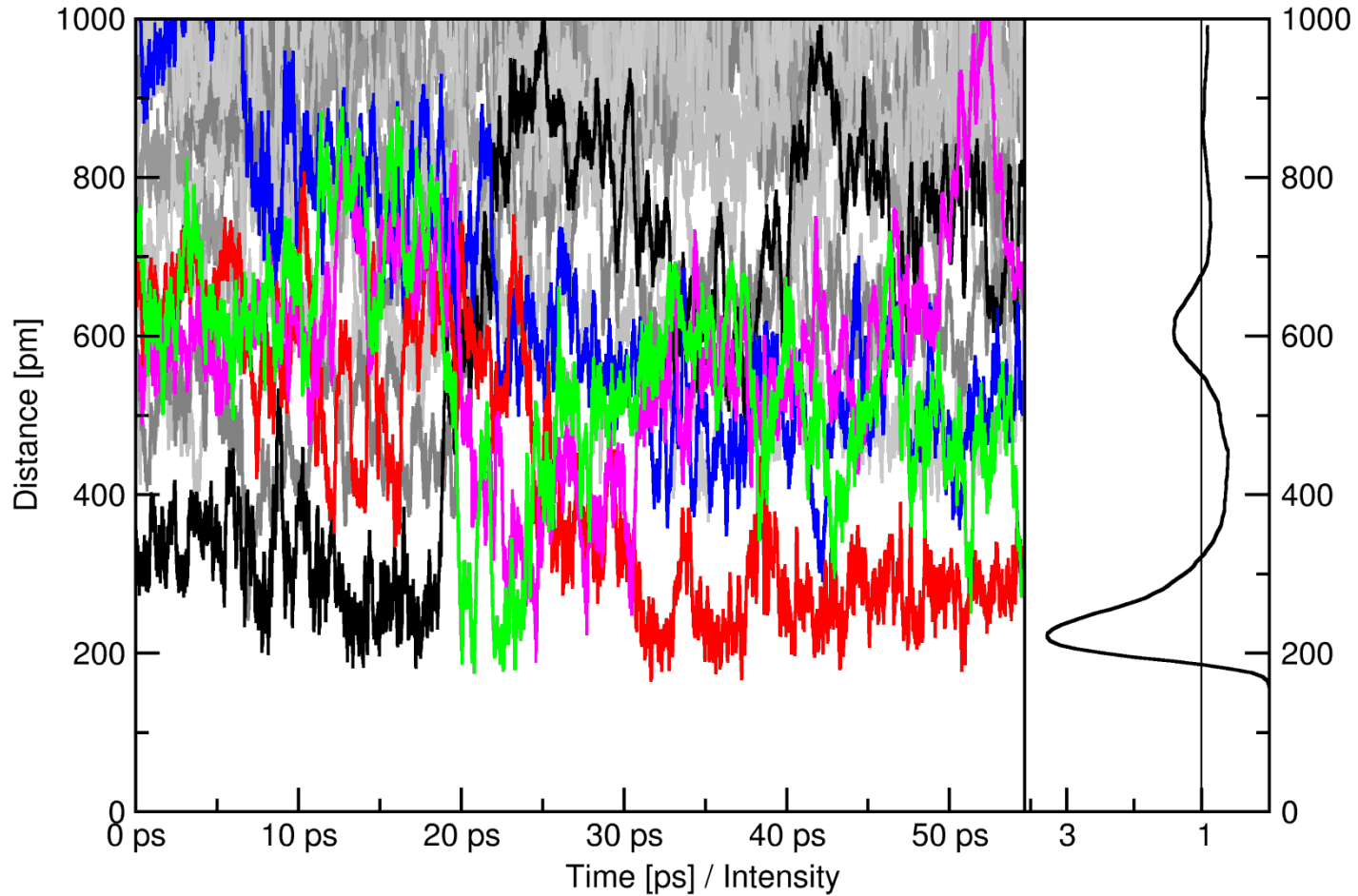
- Interactive text mode user interface (asks questions), but also scripting support
- Reads many popular trajectory file formats (xyz, pdb, mol2, AMBER, LAMMPS, DLPOLY)
- No limits on system size (works well with $> 10^5$ atoms)
- Support for periodic boundaries and changing cell vector (*e.g.*, from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

Structural Analyses



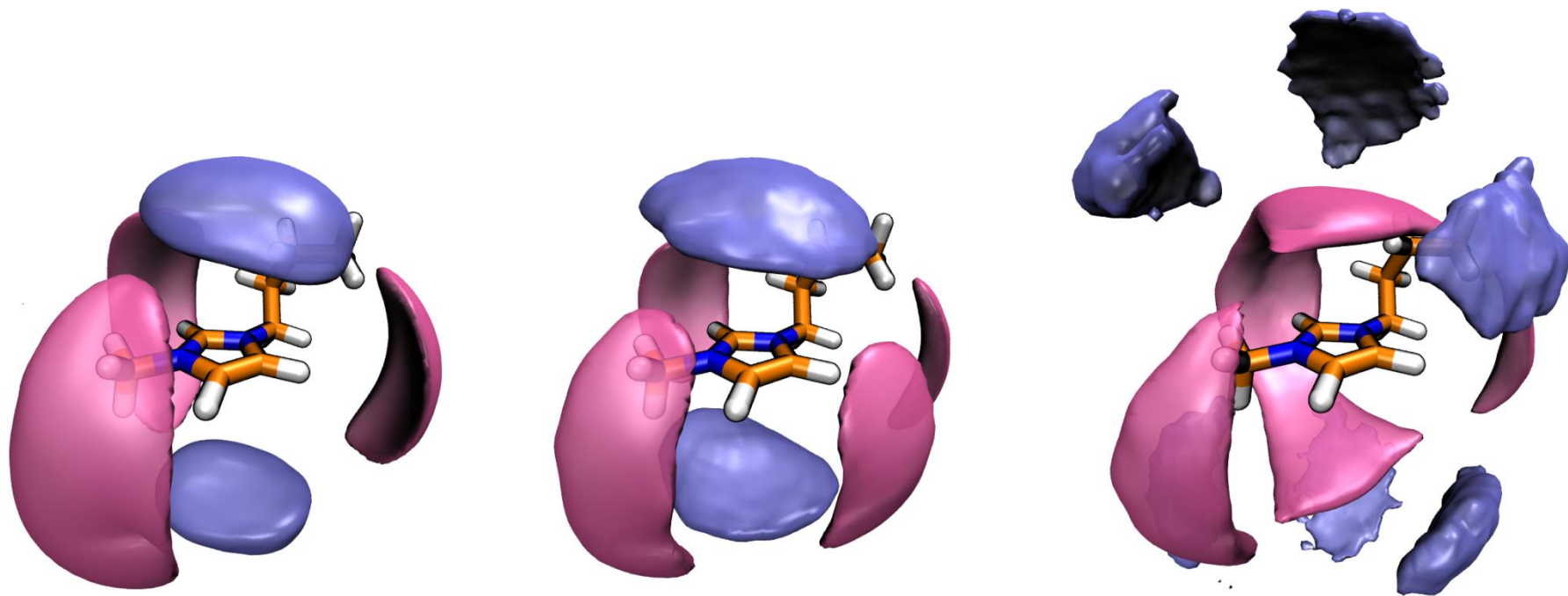
Radial Pair Distribution Functions

Structural Analyses



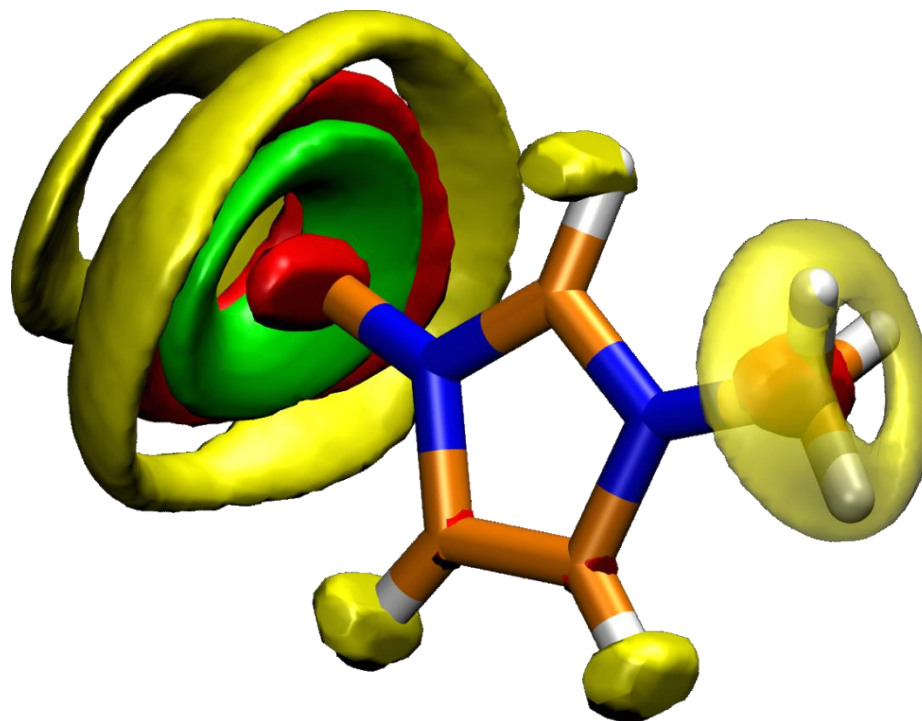
Temporal Distance Development and distribution

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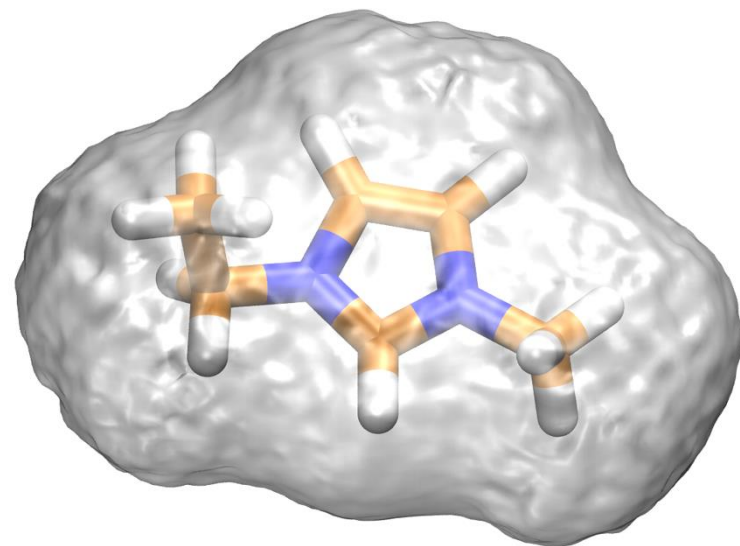
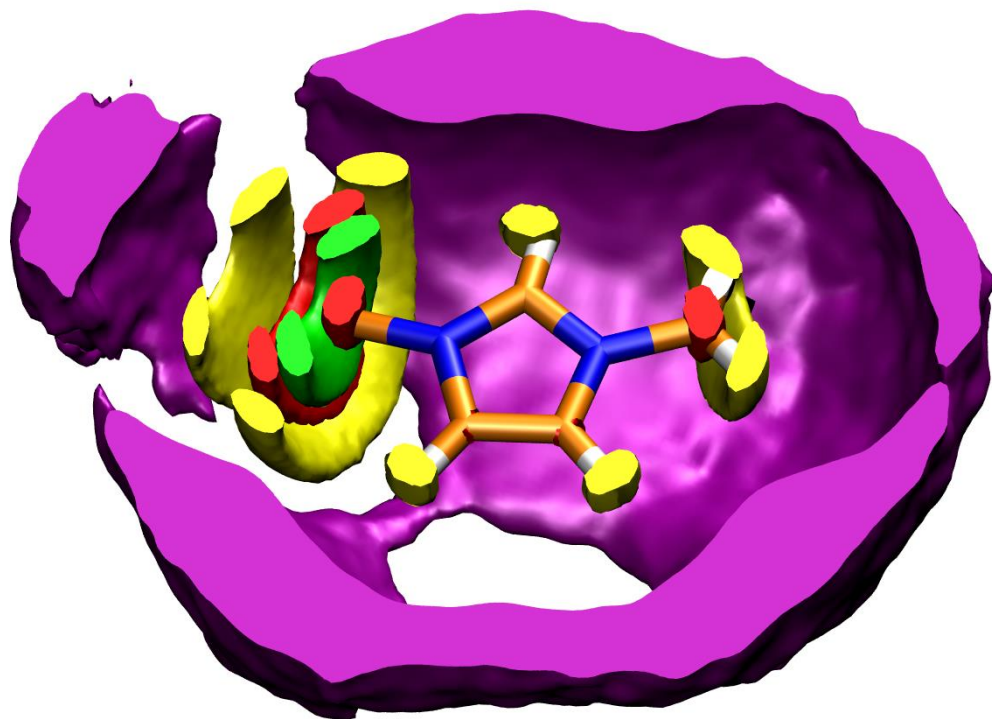
Spatial Distribution Functions

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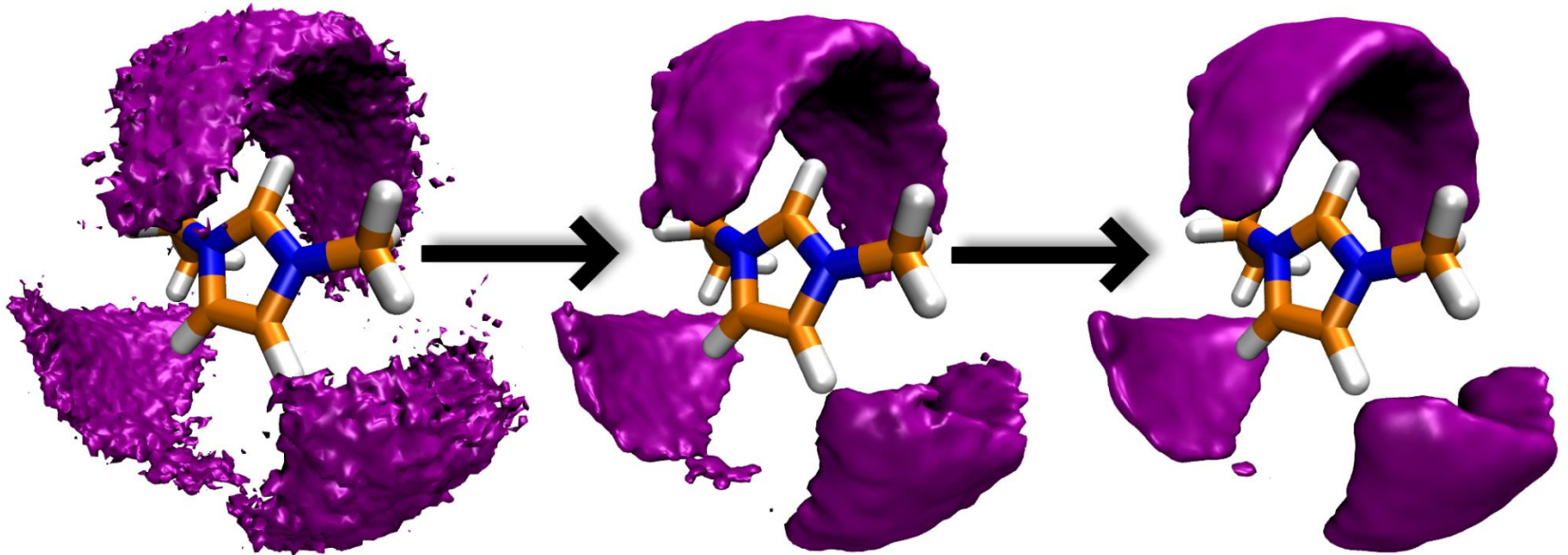
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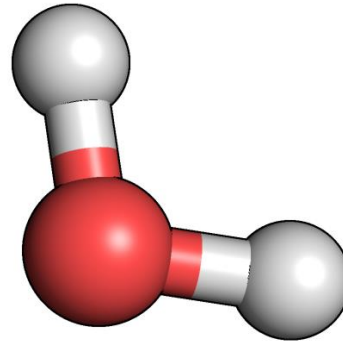
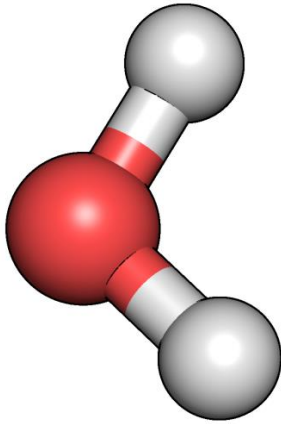
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Smoothing of Spatial Distribution Functions

Combined Distribution Functions

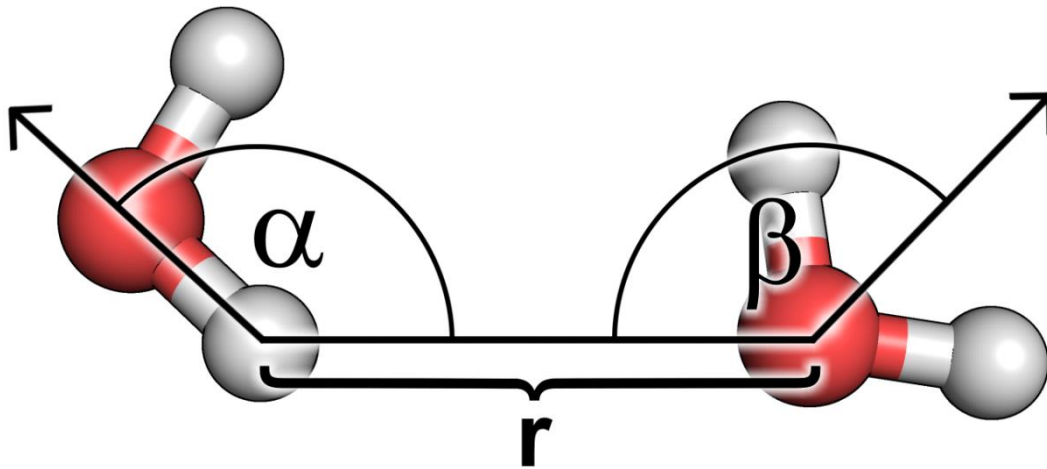
- One example for a new feature that did not appear in literature before
- Consider these 2 water molecules



- Define a distance and two angles

Combined Distribution Functions

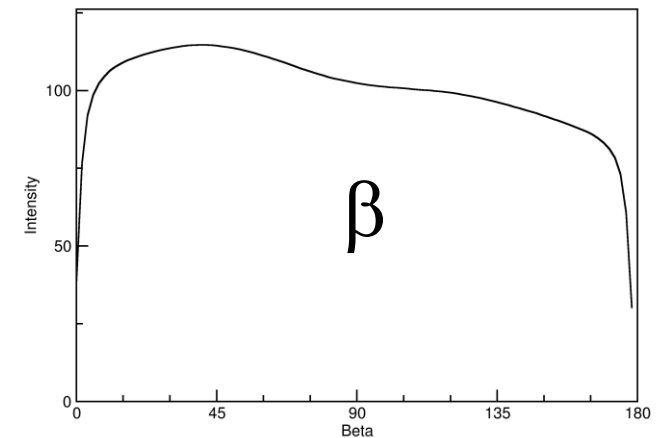
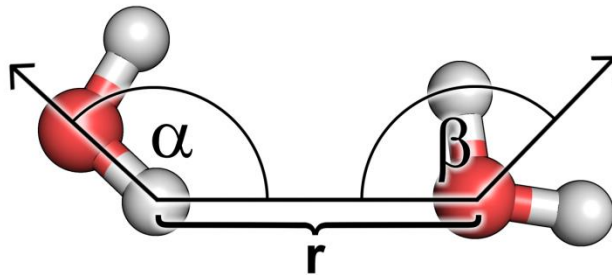
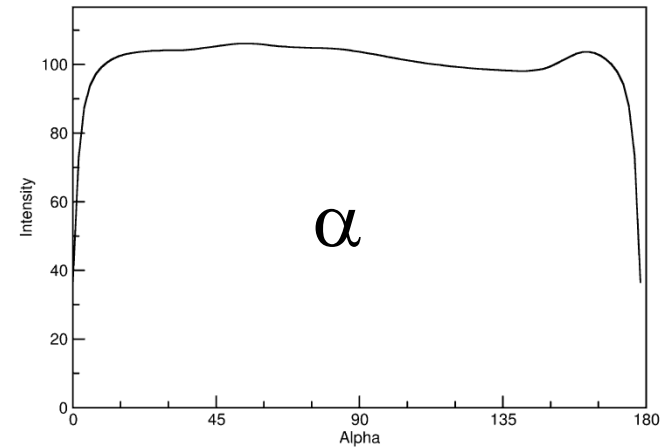
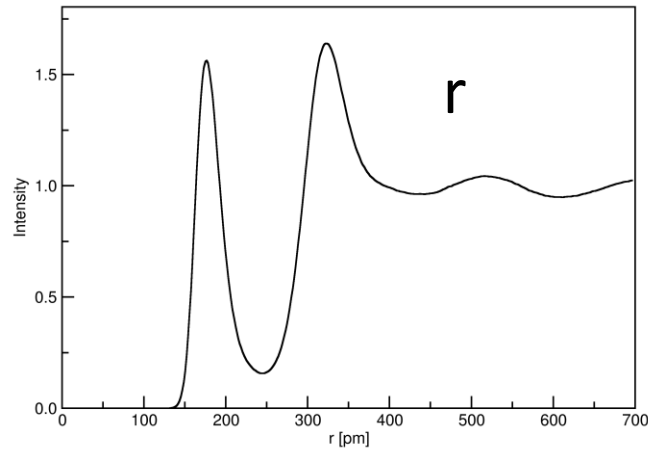
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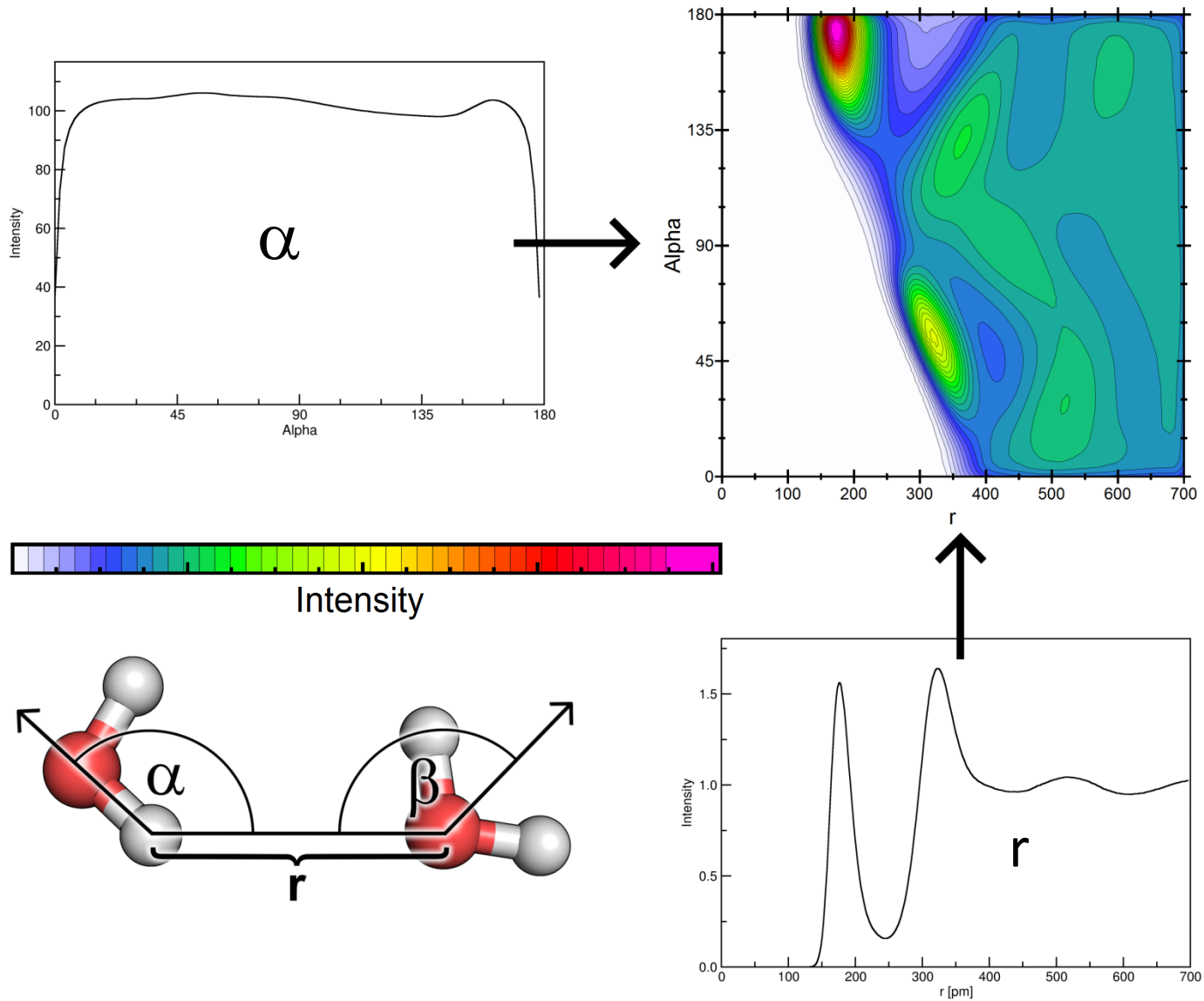
- Plot distribution functions for these 3 quantities



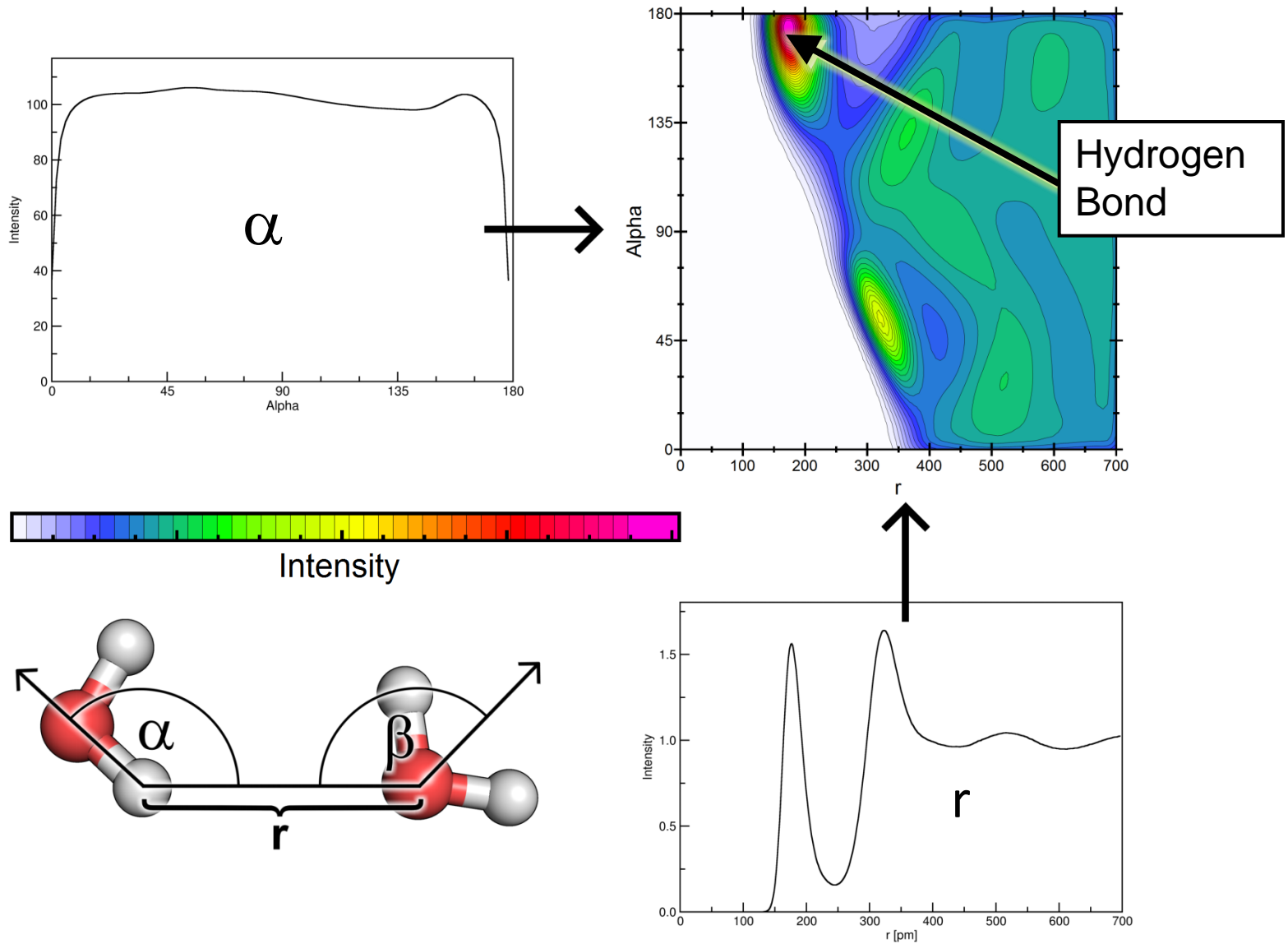
Combined Distribution Functions

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

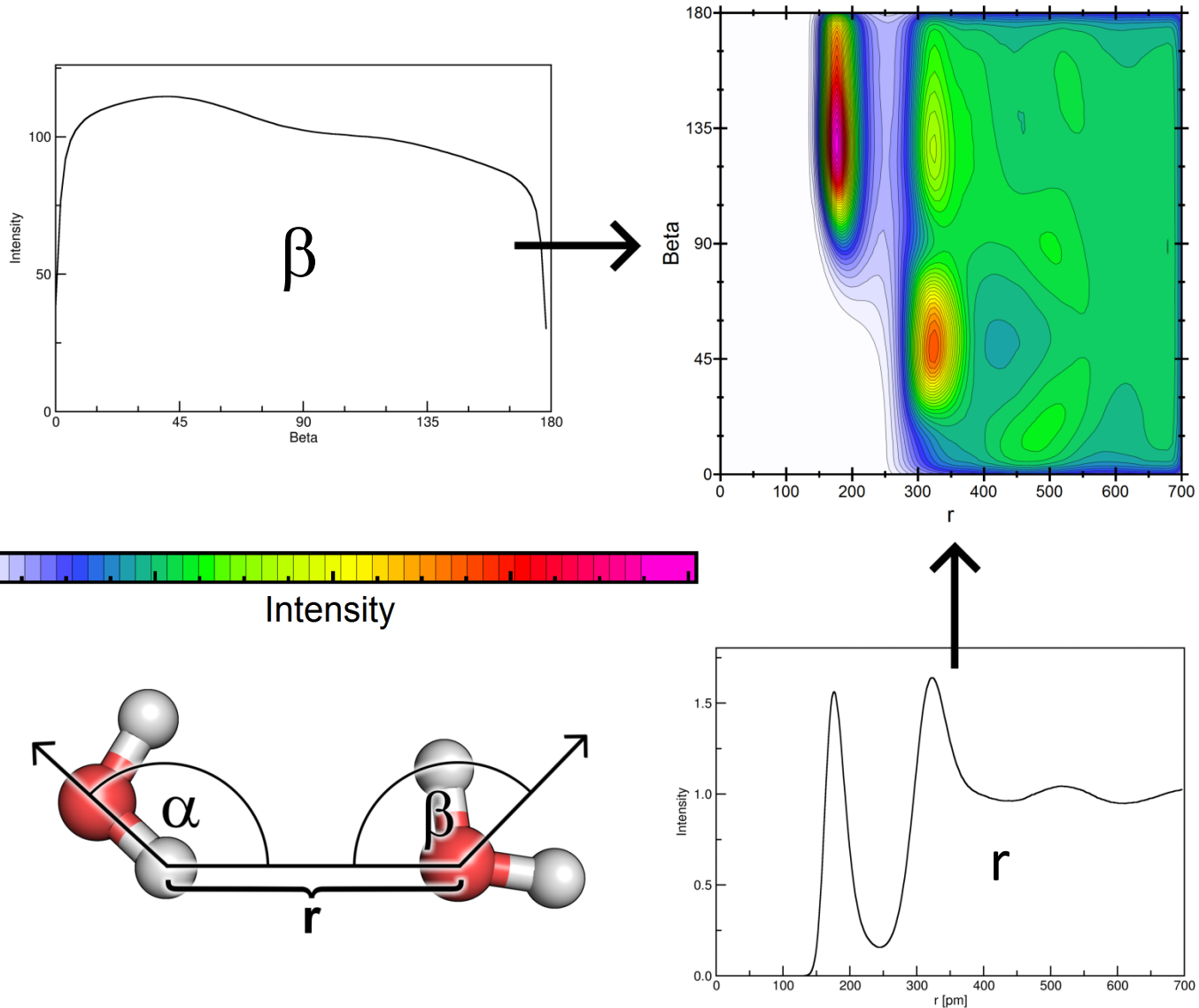
Combined Distribution Functions



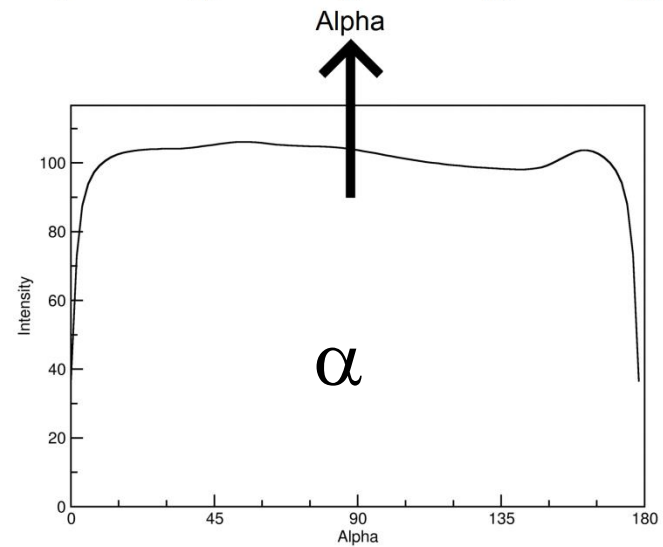
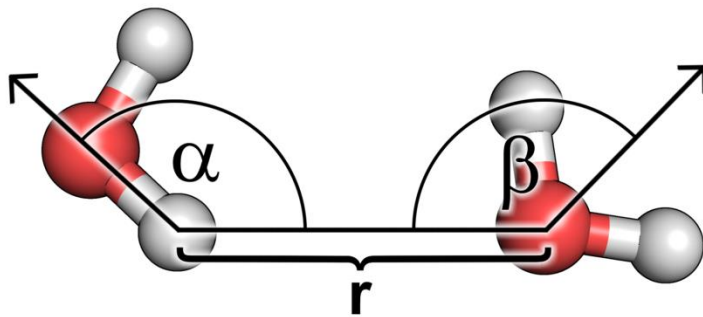
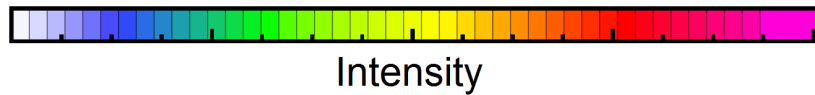
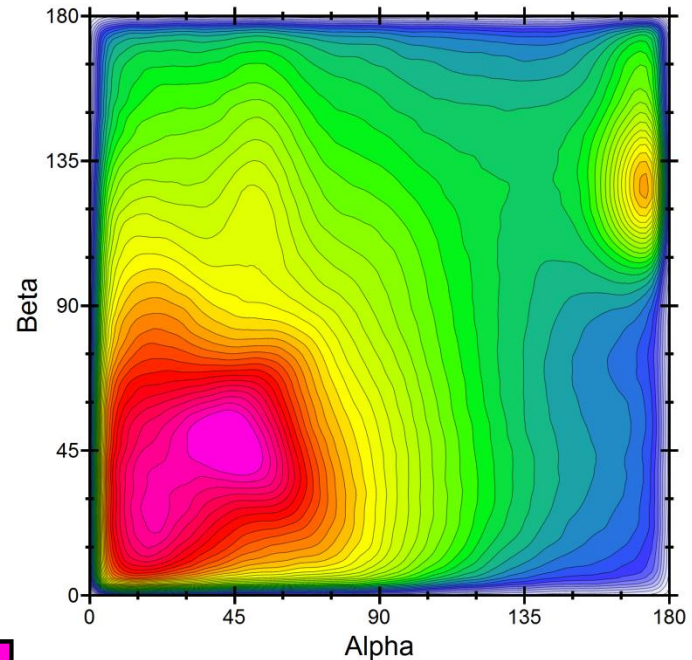
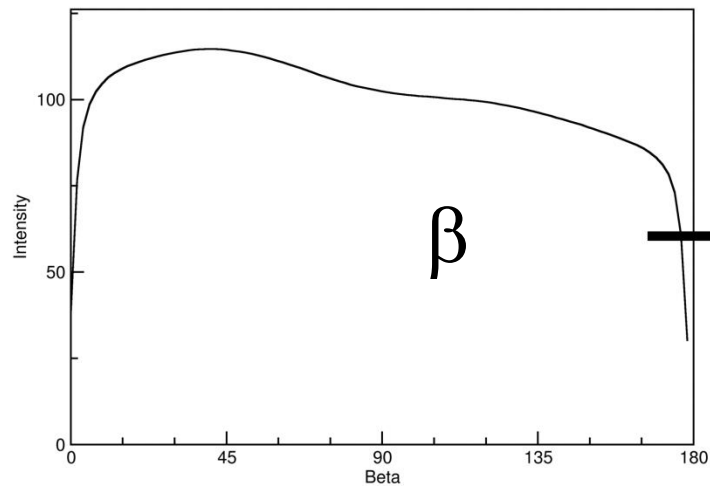
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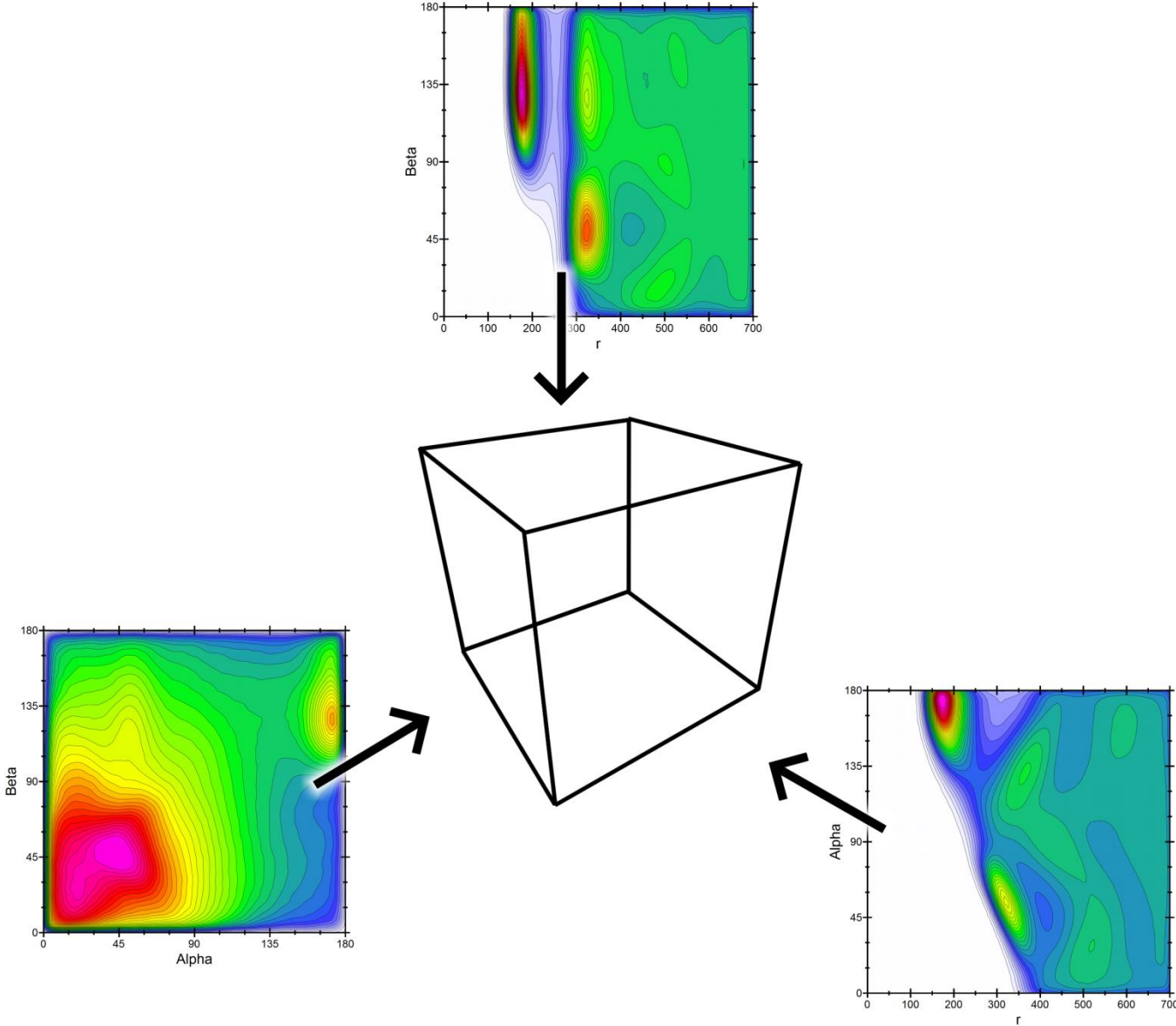
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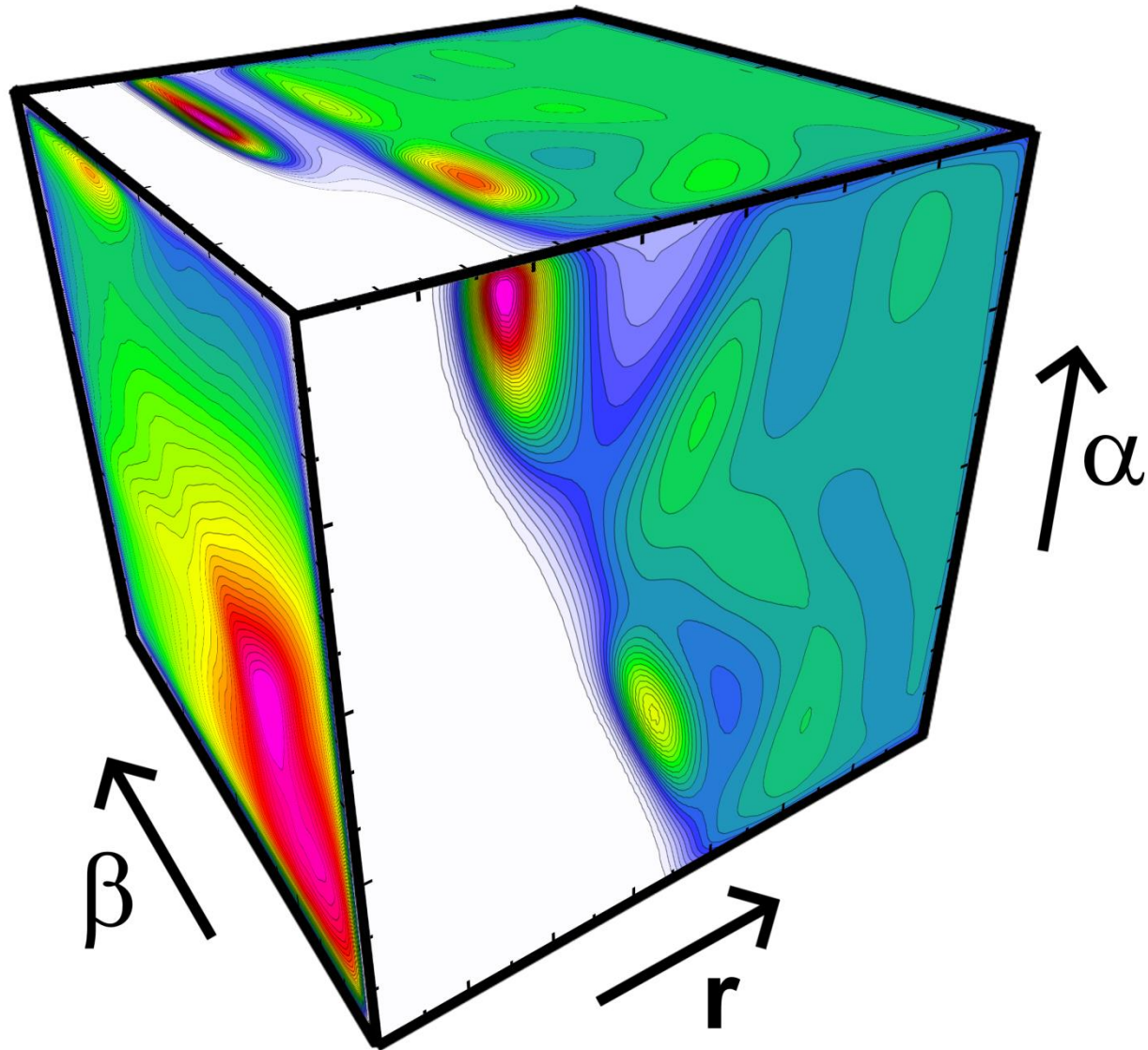
Combined Distribution Functions

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

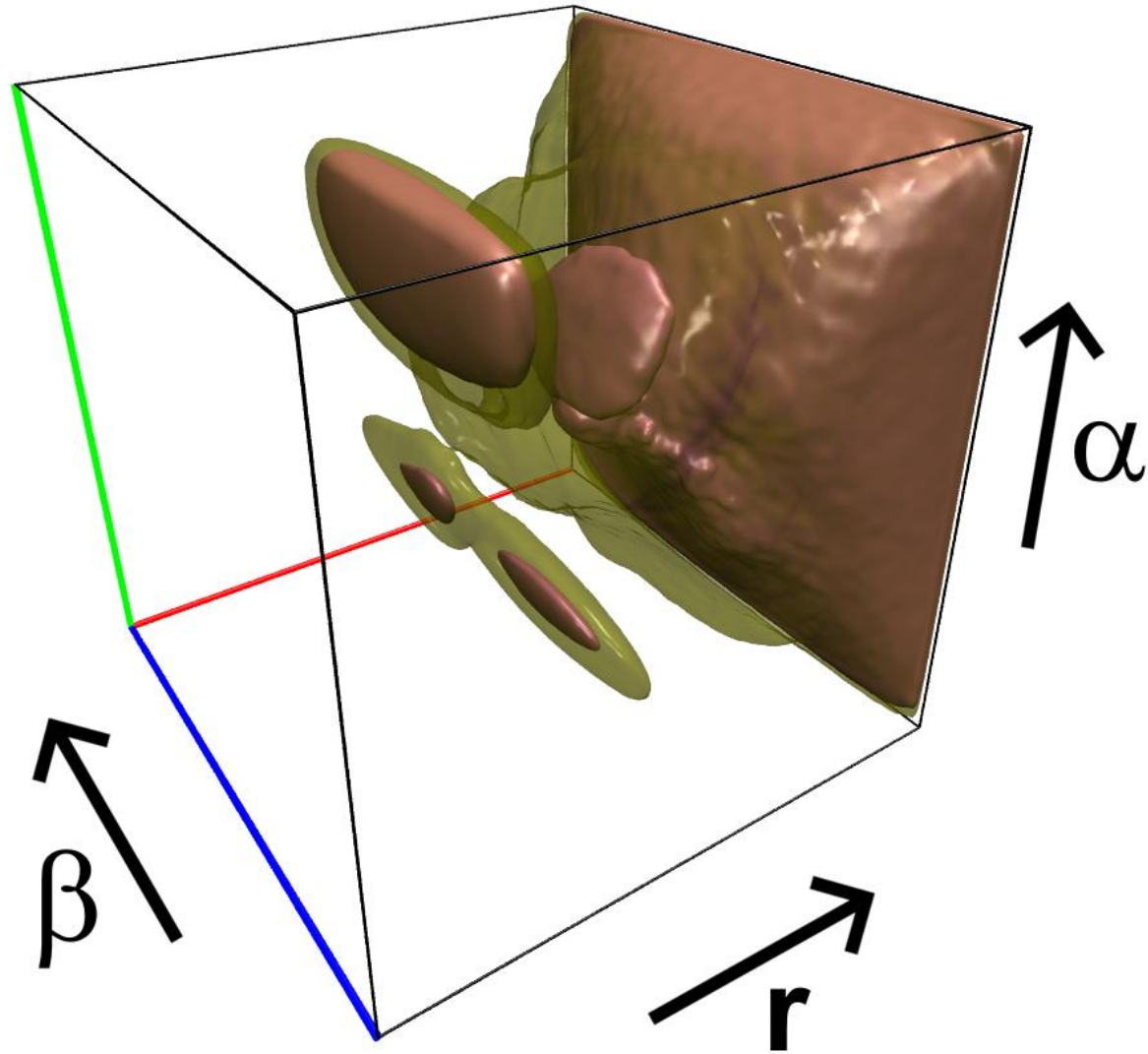
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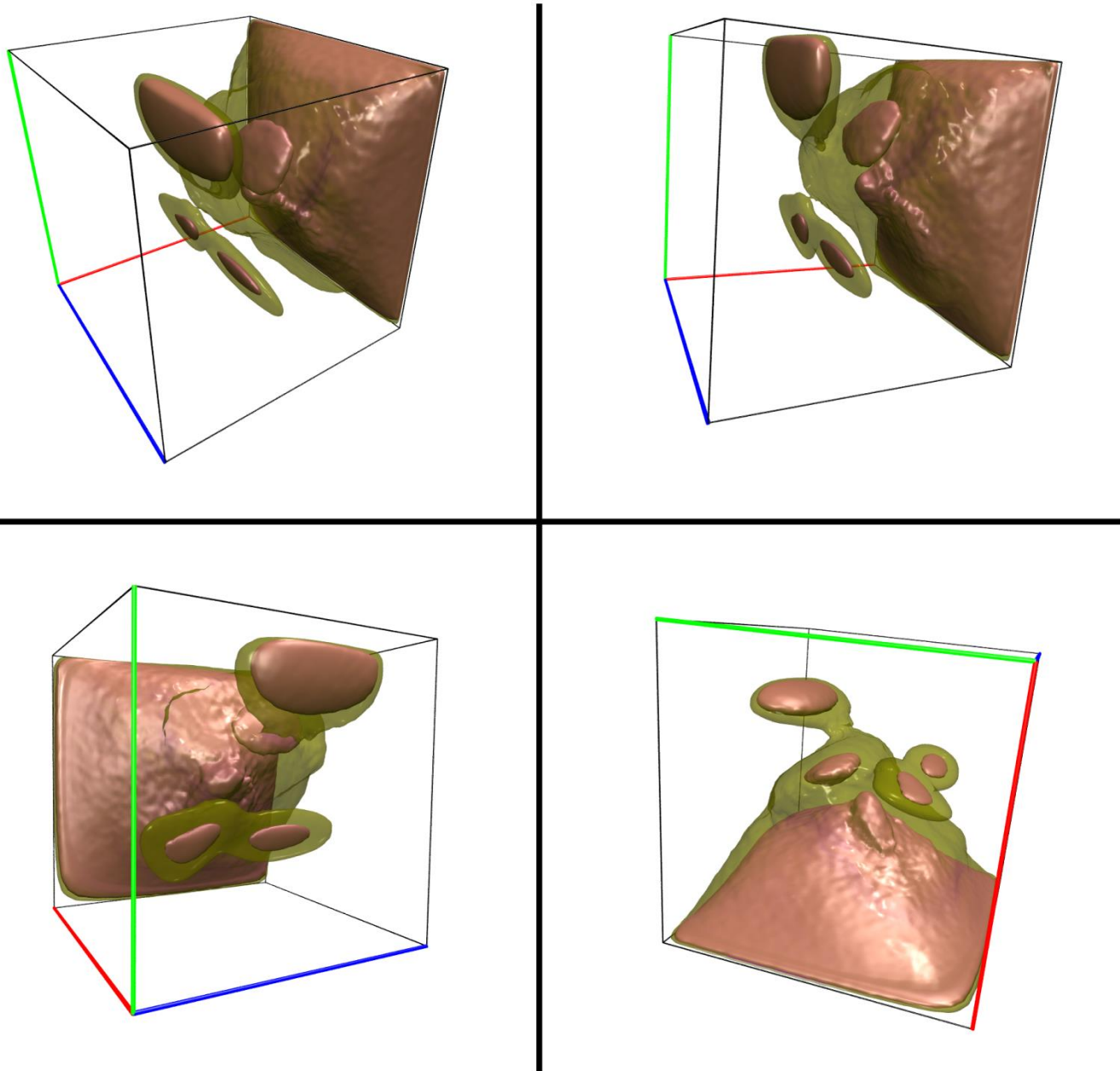
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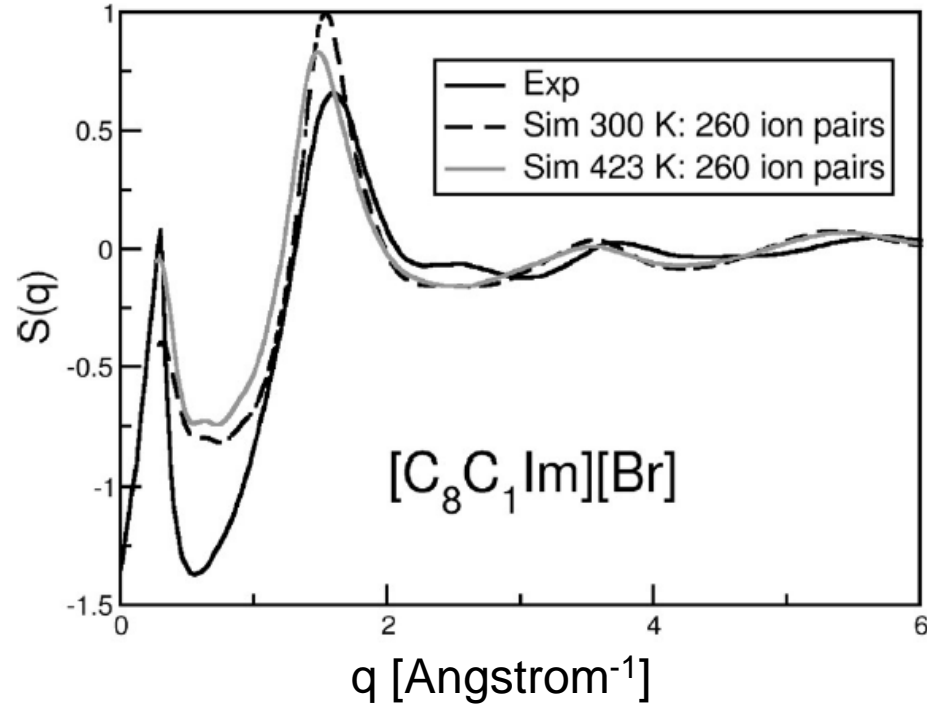


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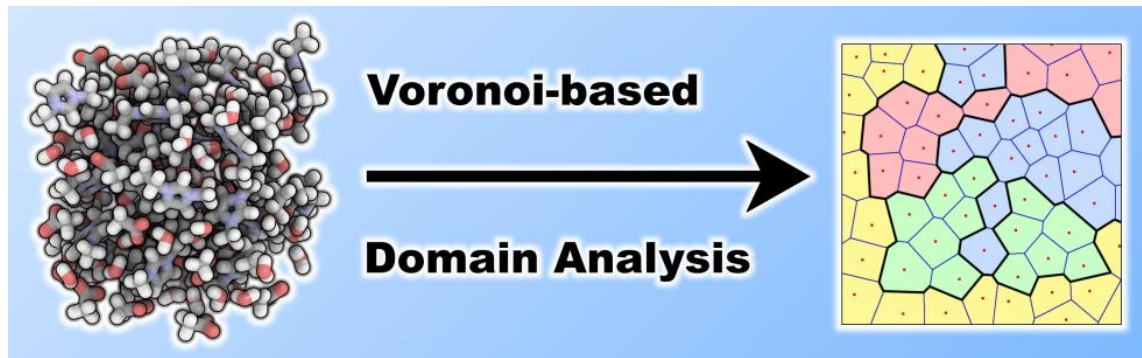
- What can be combined?
 - Any distance between two atoms in the system
 - Any angle between three atoms (or two vectors)
 - Any dihedral angle (between 4 atoms or 3 vectors)
 - Absolute velocity of atoms
 - Velocity / force vectors
 - Dipole moments / vectors of molecules
- Combinations can be of any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

This gives trillions of different combinations!

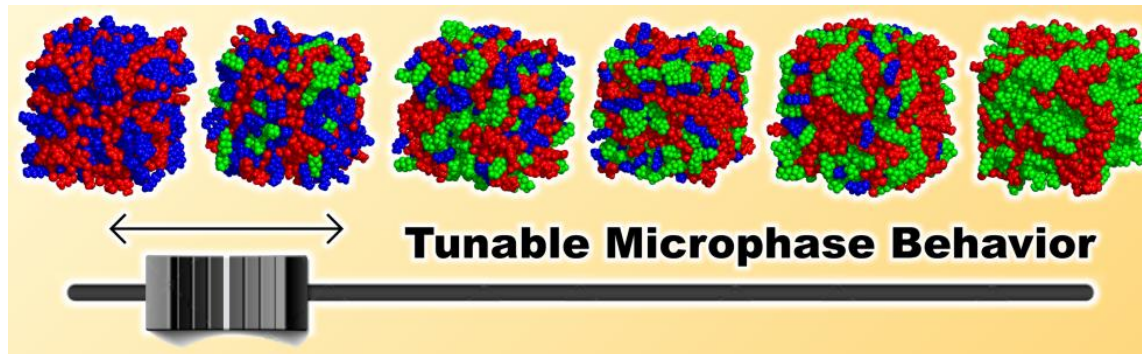
Structure Factors (Neutron / X ray)



Voronoi-based Domain Analysis

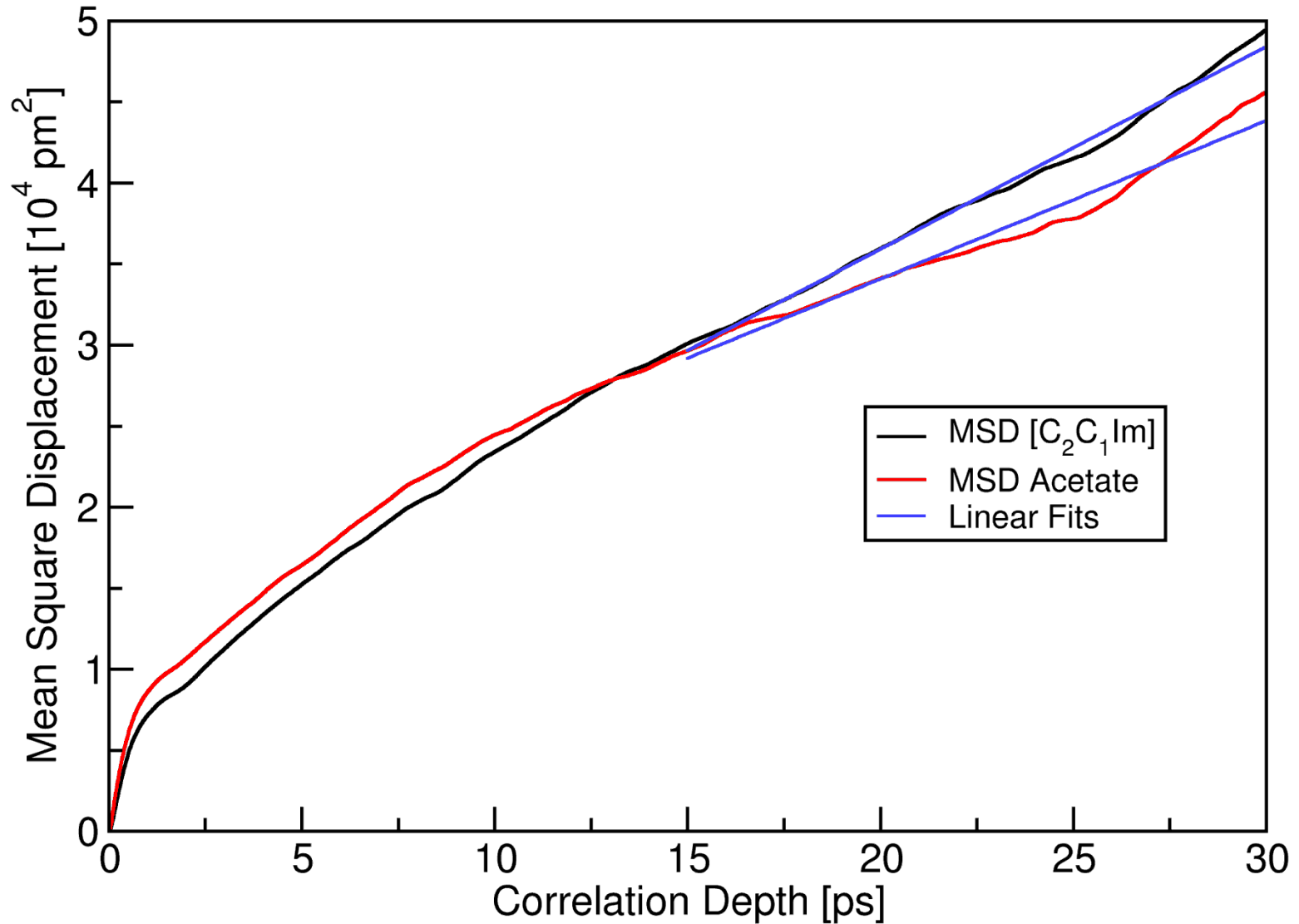


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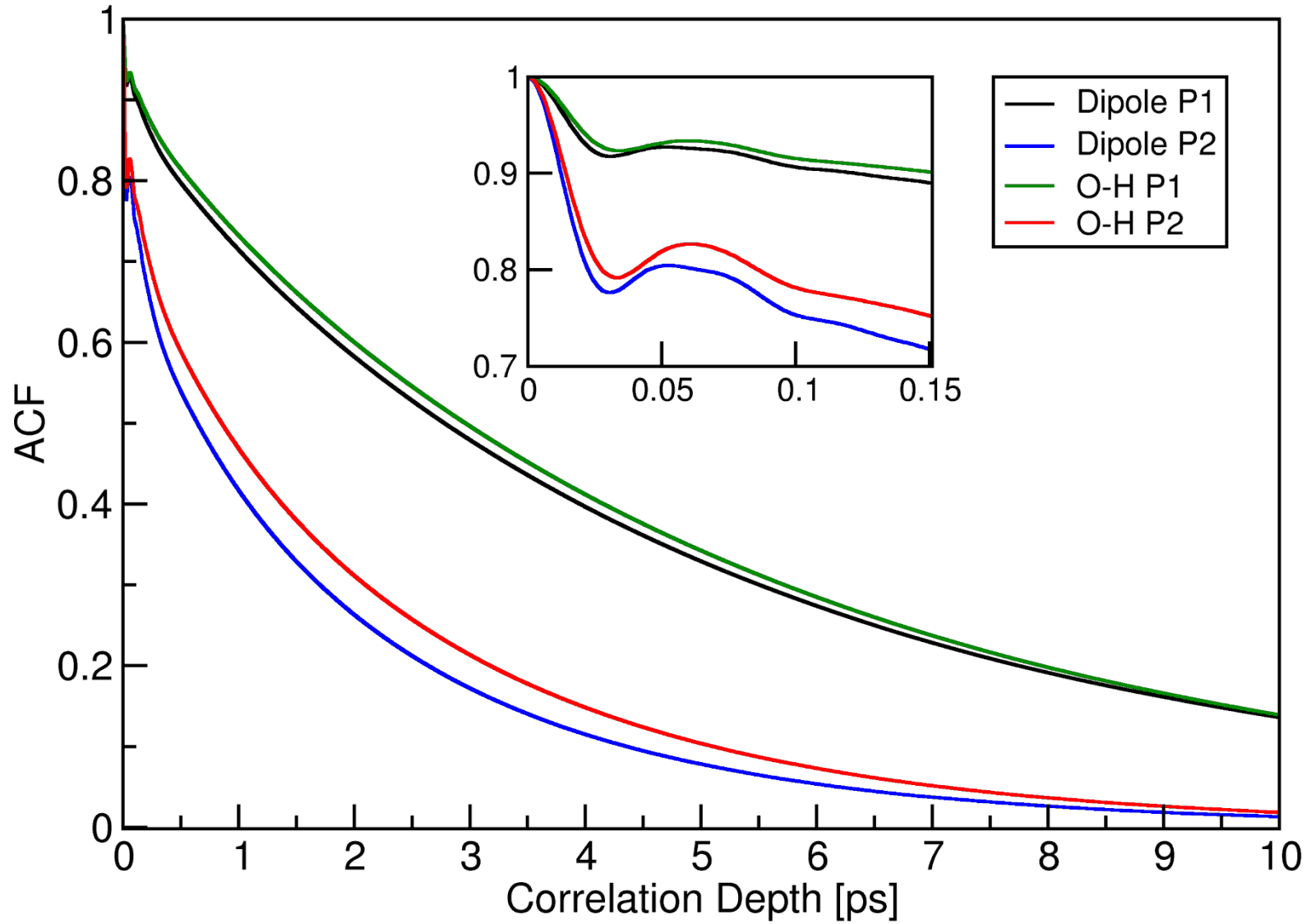
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Dynamical Analyses



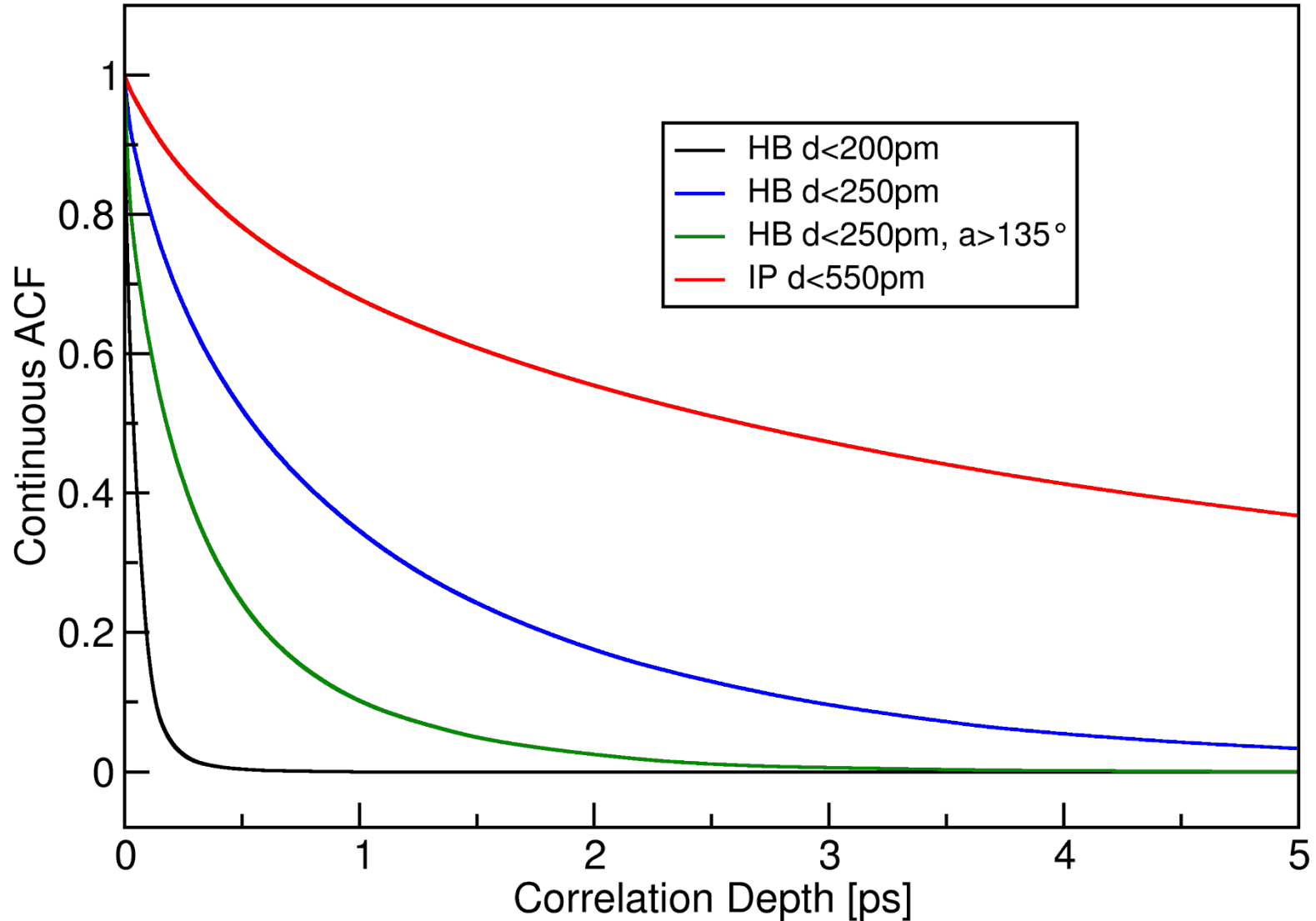
Mean Square Displacement & Diffusion Coefficients

Dynamical Analyses



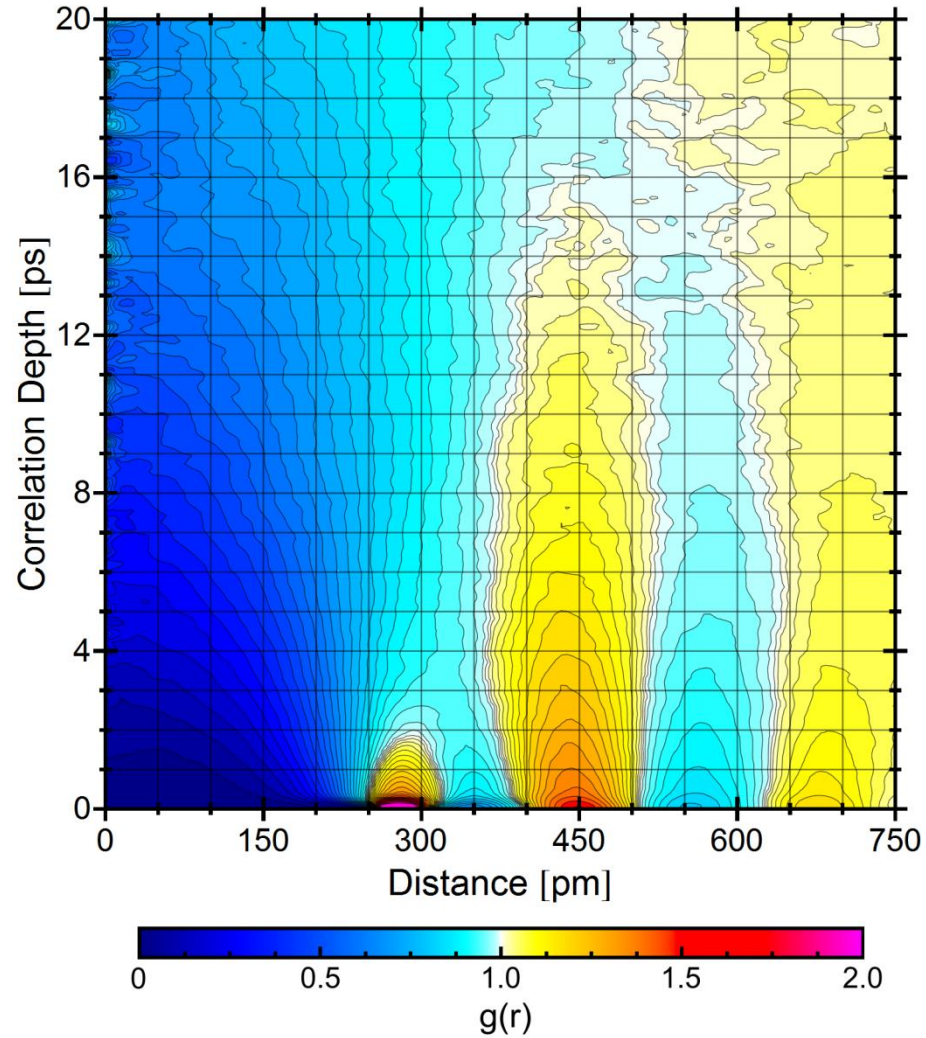
Vector Reorientation Dynamics

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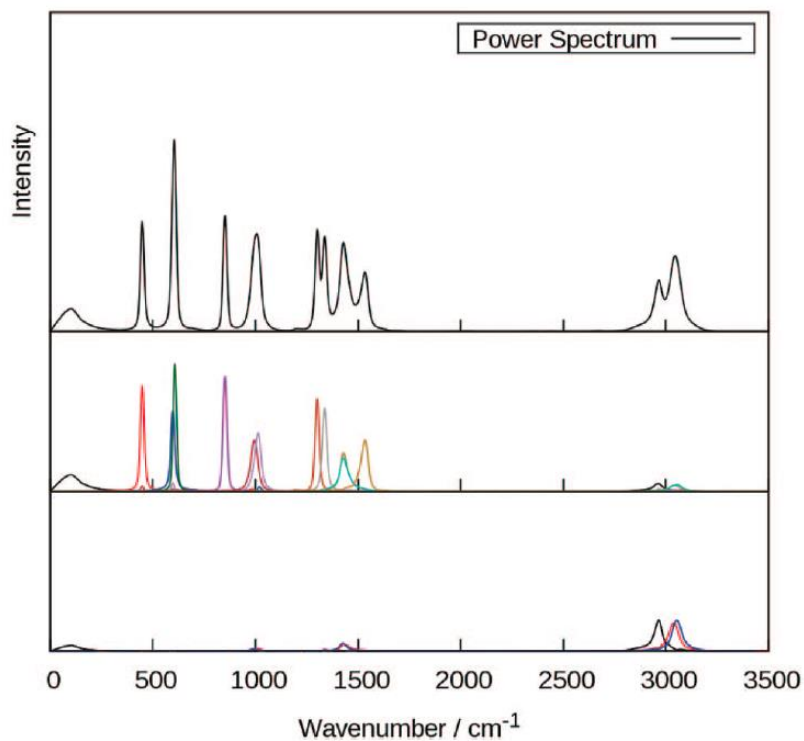
Lifetime of Aggregates (e.g., hydrogen bonds)

Dynamical Analyses

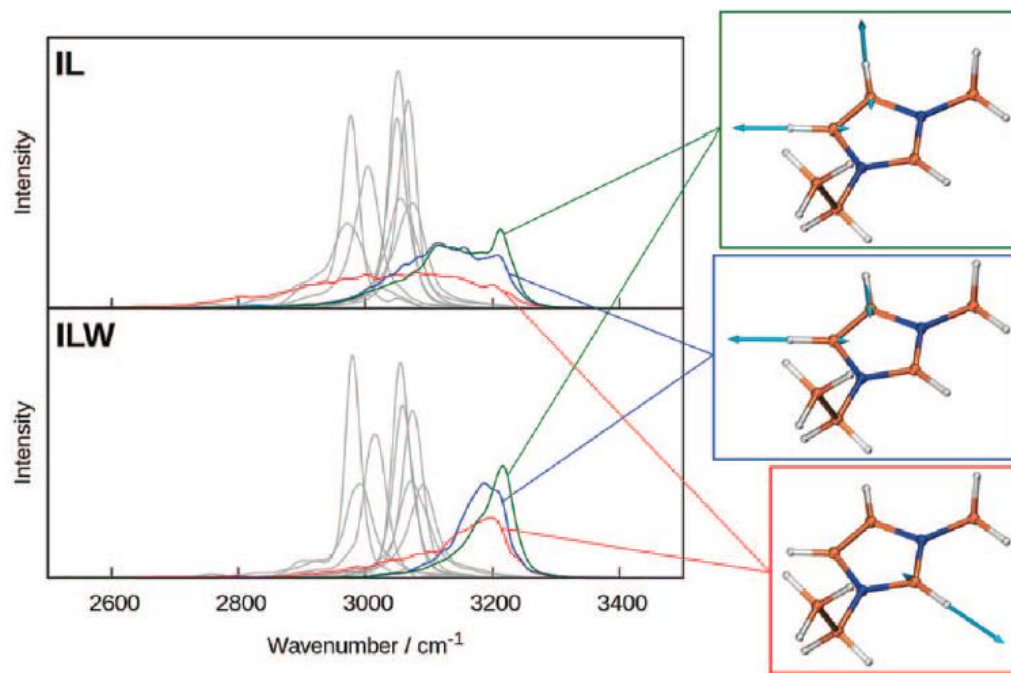


Van Hove Correlation Function & Dynamic Structure Factor

Spectroscopic Analyses

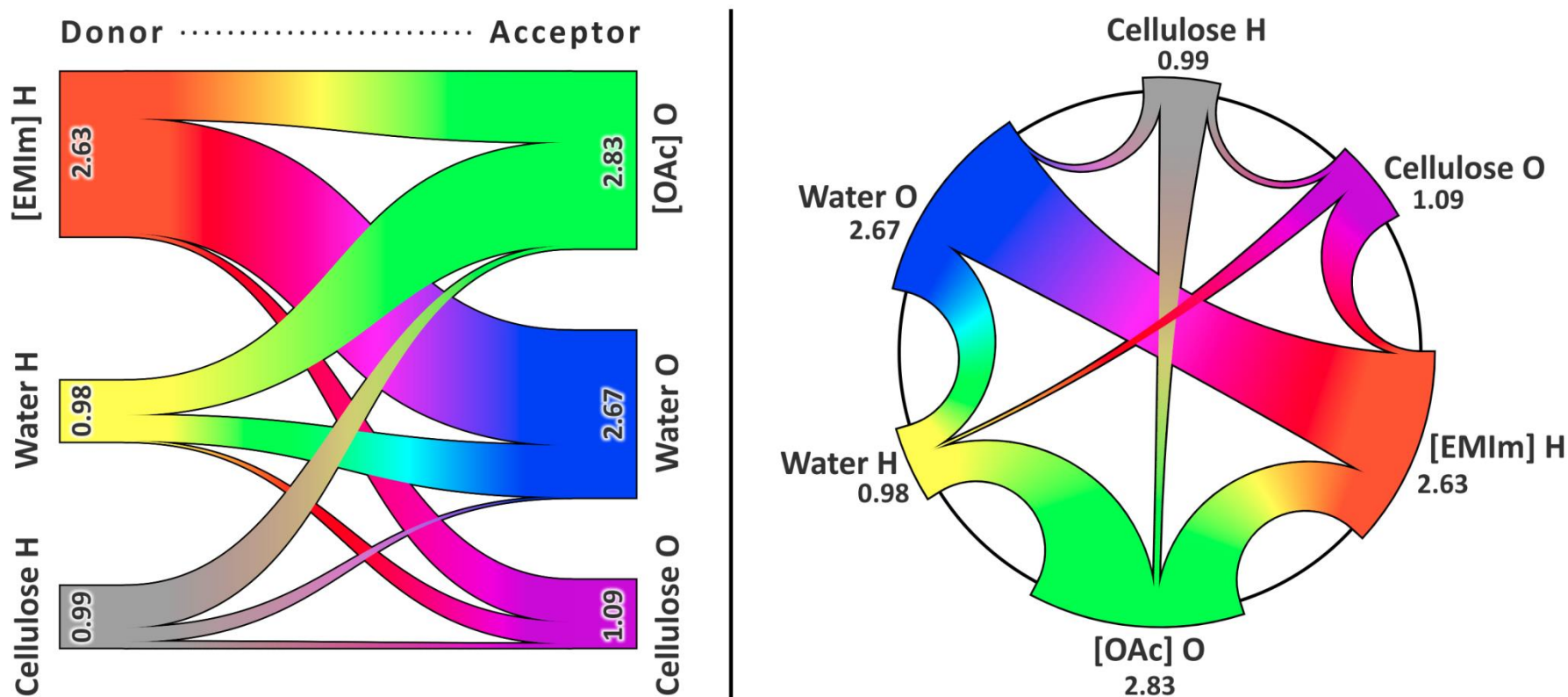


Normal Modes from bulk phase AIMD



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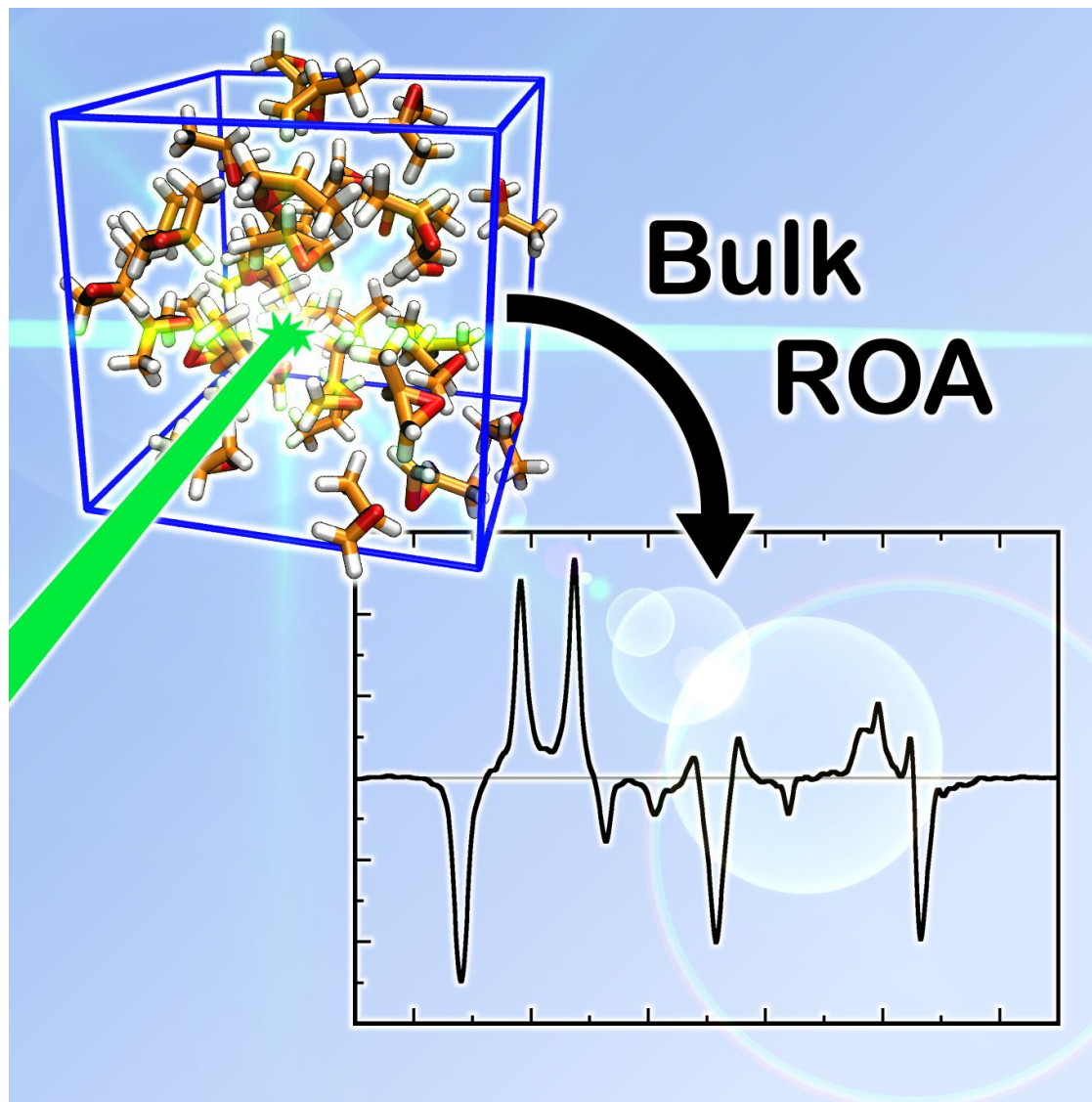
There will be a new TRAVIS paper soon (*spring 2020*)!



You will find the link on my homepage
as soon as it is published:

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2. Computing Vibrational Spectra

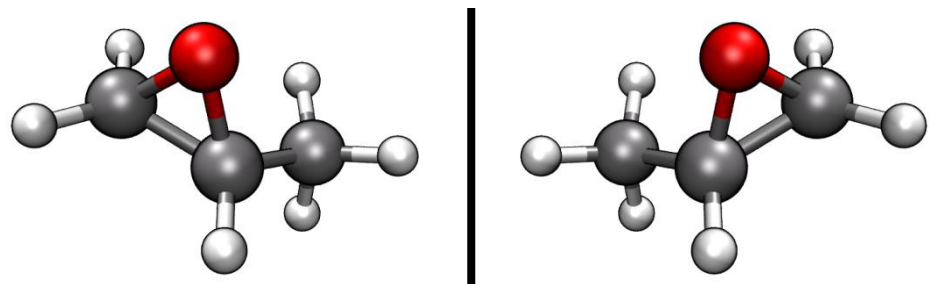


Vibrational Spectroscopy

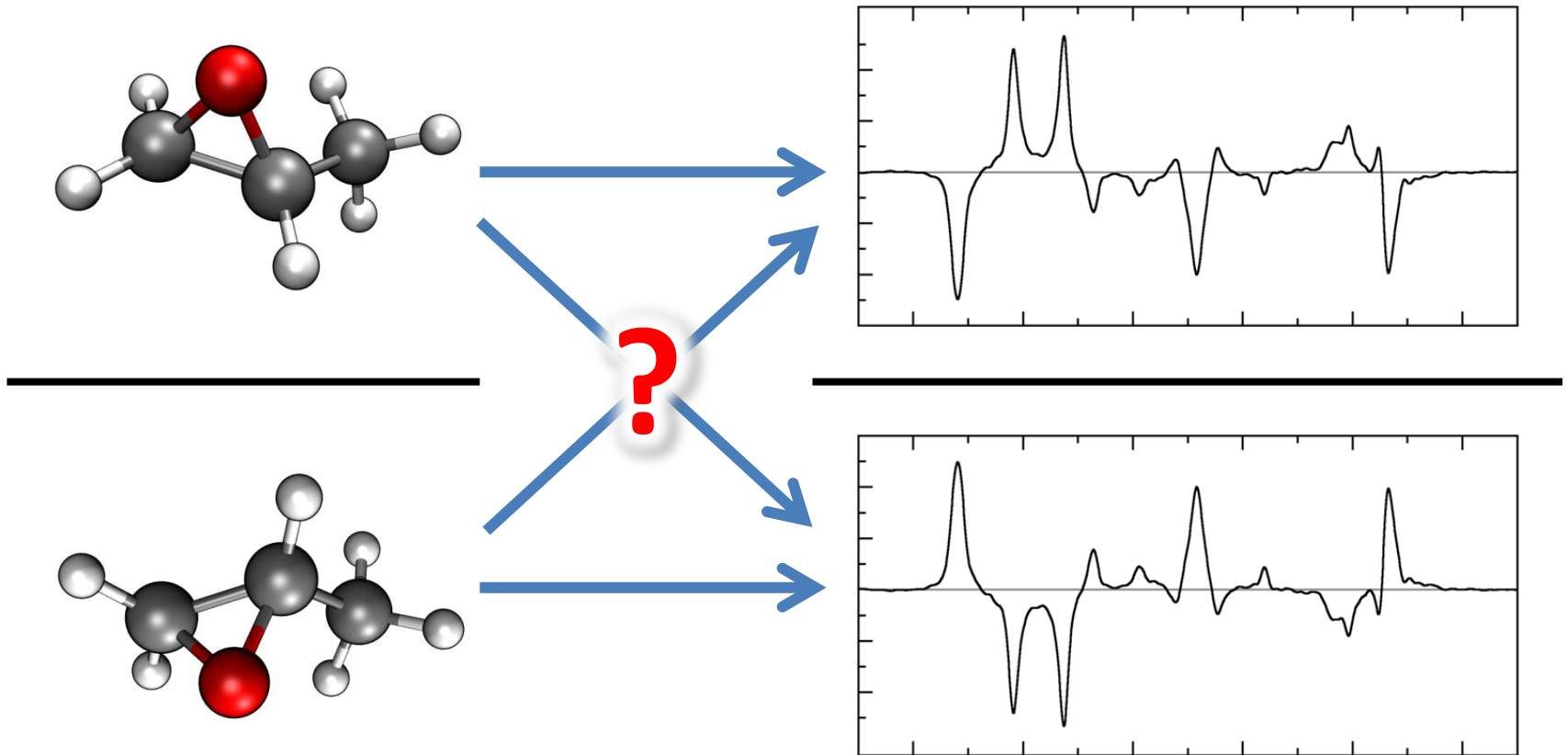
„Standard“	„Chiral“
Infrared (IR)	Vibrational Circular Dichroism (VCD)
Raman	Raman Optical Activity (ROA)



**Important to determine
absolute configurations**



Vibrational Spectroscopy



***Ab initio* prediction required!**

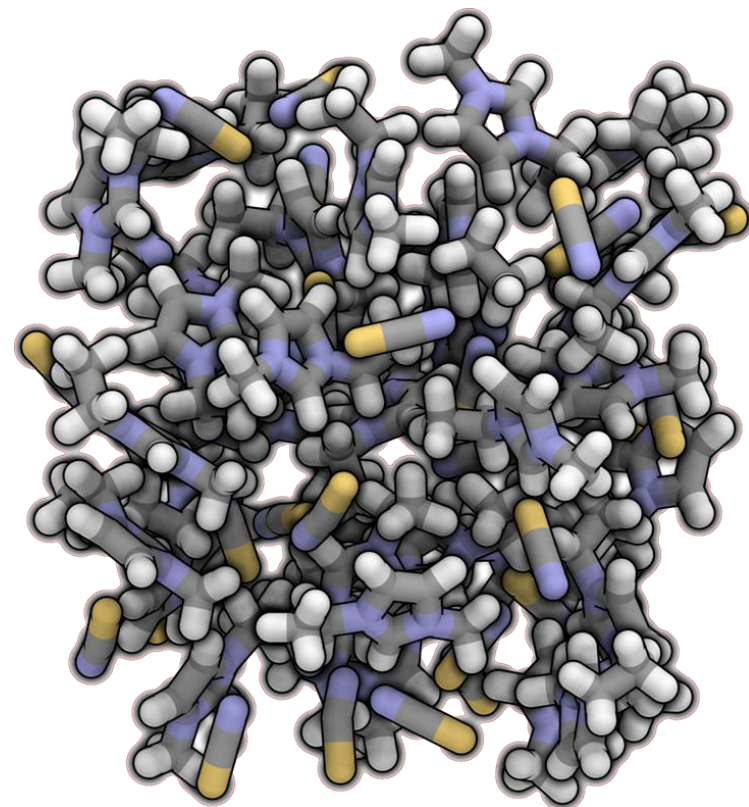
Computing Vibrational Spectra

What do I mean with „bulk phase“?

- Just another term for „**condensed matter**“
 - Liquids, melts, glasses, crystals
- Typically with periodic boundary conditions
- System size of up to 1000 atoms per cell
(limited by computational power)

These systems can often not be captured by static-harmonic approaches for spectra...

→ Can only be treated with AIMD-based approach



Computing Vibrational Spectra

Static–Harmonic Approach	Molecular Dynamics Approach
Single molecule / cluster in vacuum	Possible for bulk phase systems
Optimized structure (<i>one conformer</i>)	Intrinsic conformer sampling
Harmonic approximation	Includes some anharmonic effects*
No explicit solvent influence	Full solvent influence (<i>H-Bonds, ...</i>)
Discrete line spectrum	Realistic band shapes
Used since \approx 50 years	Use since \approx year 2000

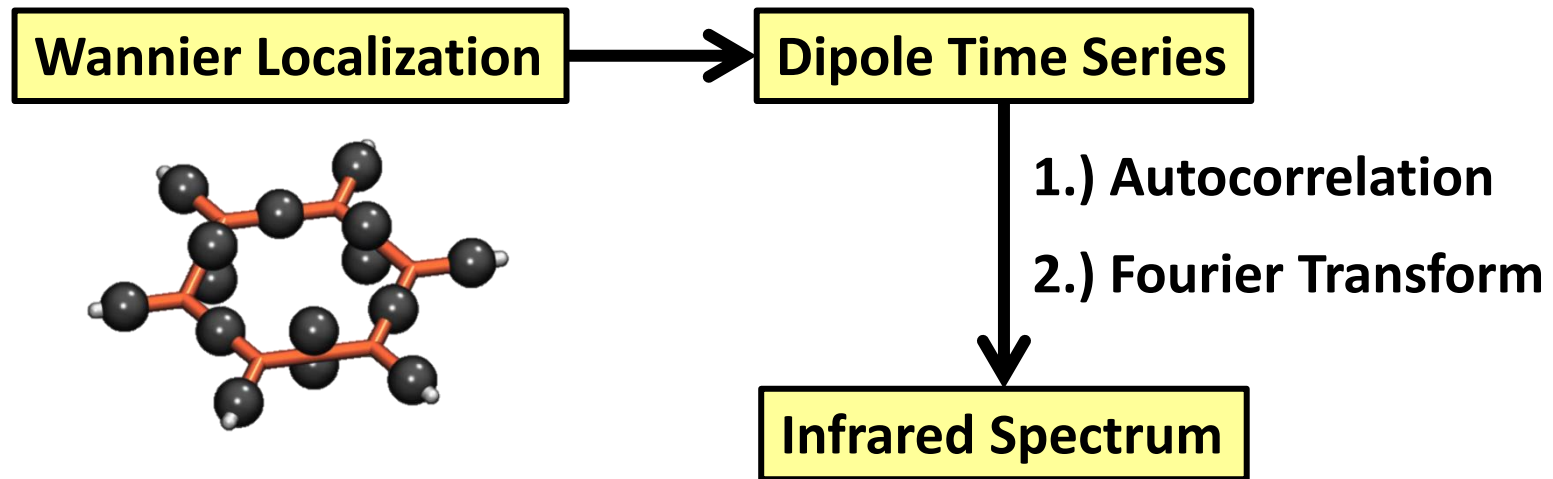
* *e.g.* overtones, combination bands

Molecular Dynamics Approach

General Idea: Compute molecular electromagnetic properties
(*e.g. dipole moment*) along simulation trajectory

Mostly done with ***ab initio* MD (AIMD):**

- Numerical solution of the time-independent Schrödinger equation
- No empirical parameters → *first principles* method



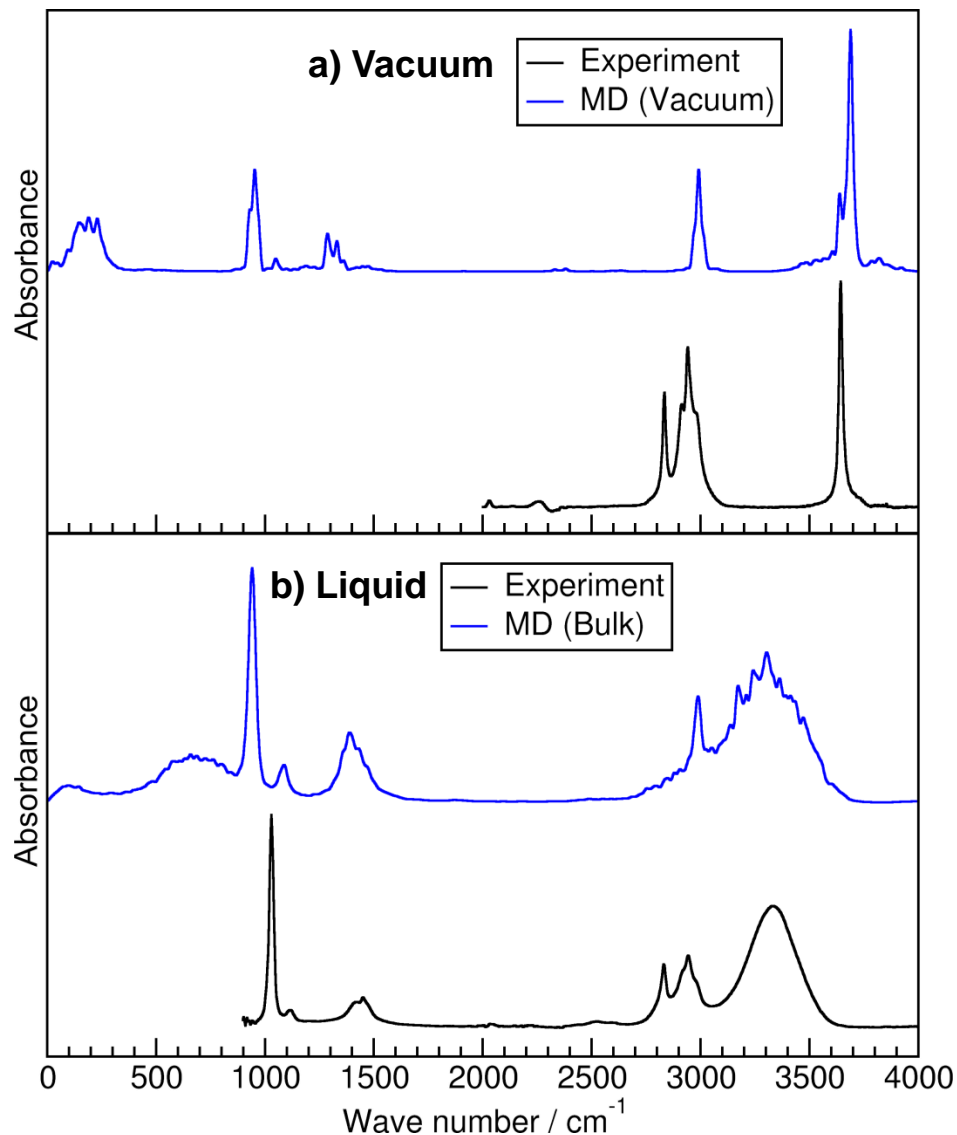
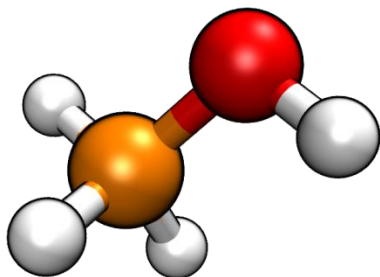
All spectra in this talk: **No scaling / shifting / etc.**, directly as computed

→ **Truly predictive method** (also works reliably for „new“ substances)

Molecular Dynamics Approach

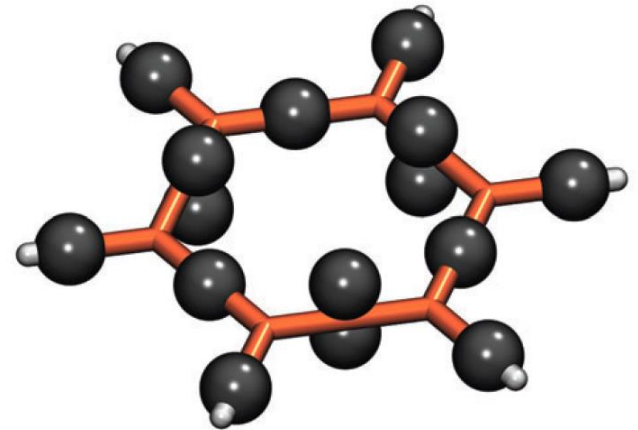
Example: Methanol

- Good agreement both in vacuum and bulk phase
- Solvent effects fully captured (*line broadening*)



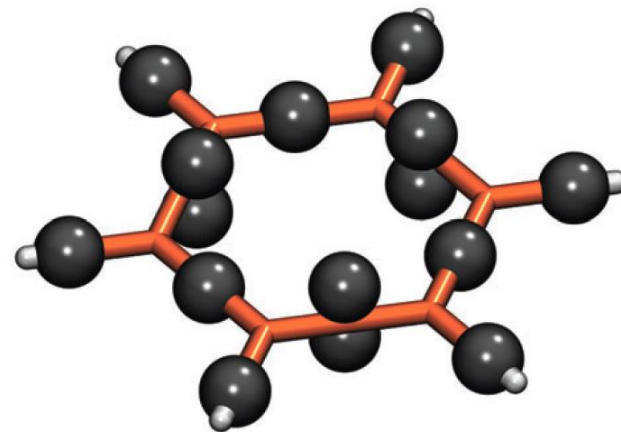
Wannier Centers

- Molecular orbitals are not unique; every unitary transformation yields another set of valid MOs
- Idea: Find set of MOs with minimal (spatial) spread
- Those are called Wannier orbitals
- The center of mass of each Wannier orbital is called Wannier center
- Suggested by G. Wannier for solid-state systems in 1937



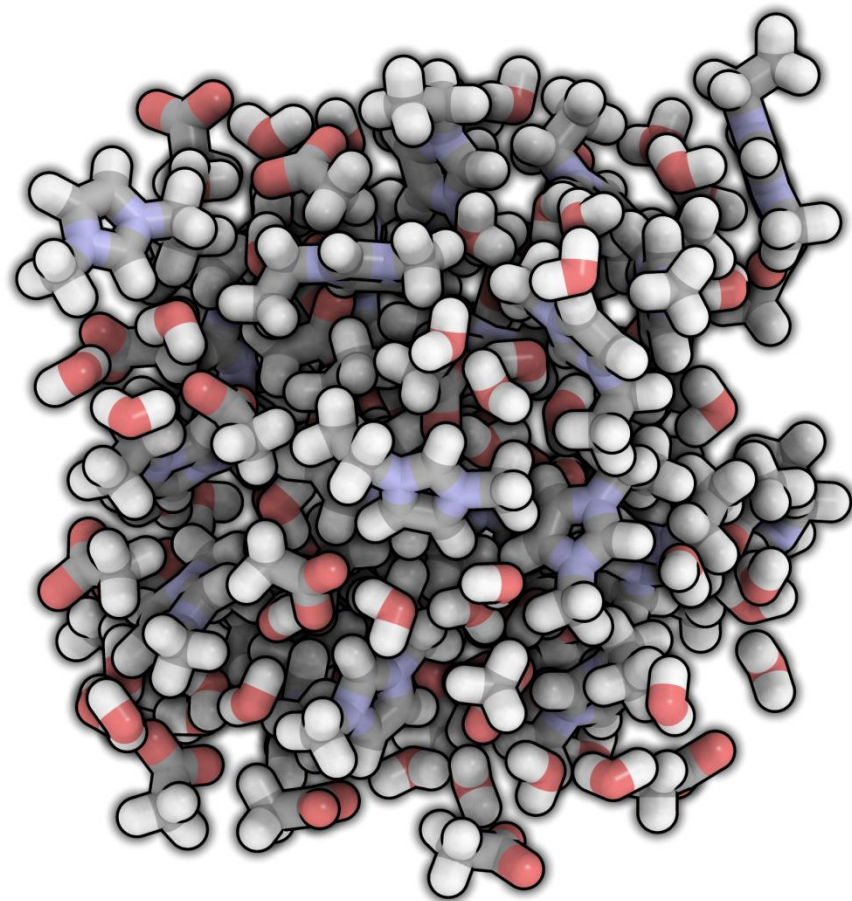
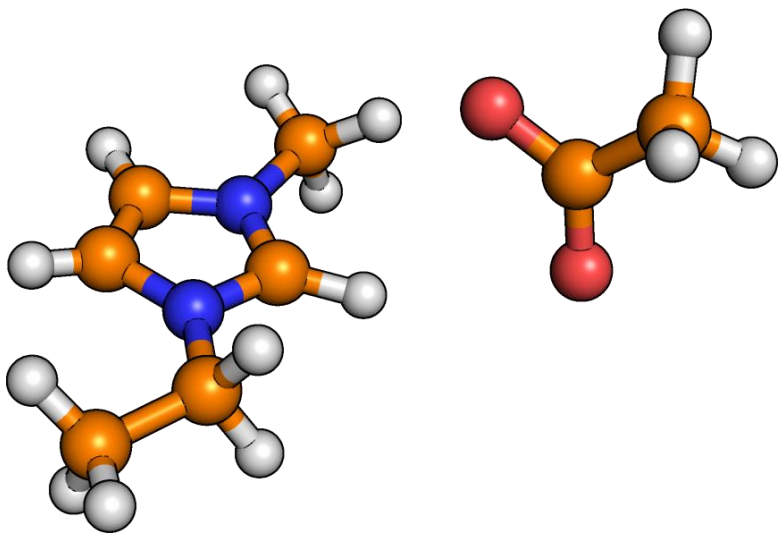
Wannier Centers

- Can be used to compute molecular dipole moments
- For only 1 molecule in vacuum, dipole from Wannier centers exactly matches „true“ QM dipole (Berry phase)
- Standard algorithm uses Jacobi diagonalization to construct suitable unitary transformation; rather slow...
- CP2k offers a very modern and efficient method, called „Crazy Angle algorithm“ 😊
- Virtually all IR / Raman spectra from AIMD rely on Wannier centers for molecular dipole moments

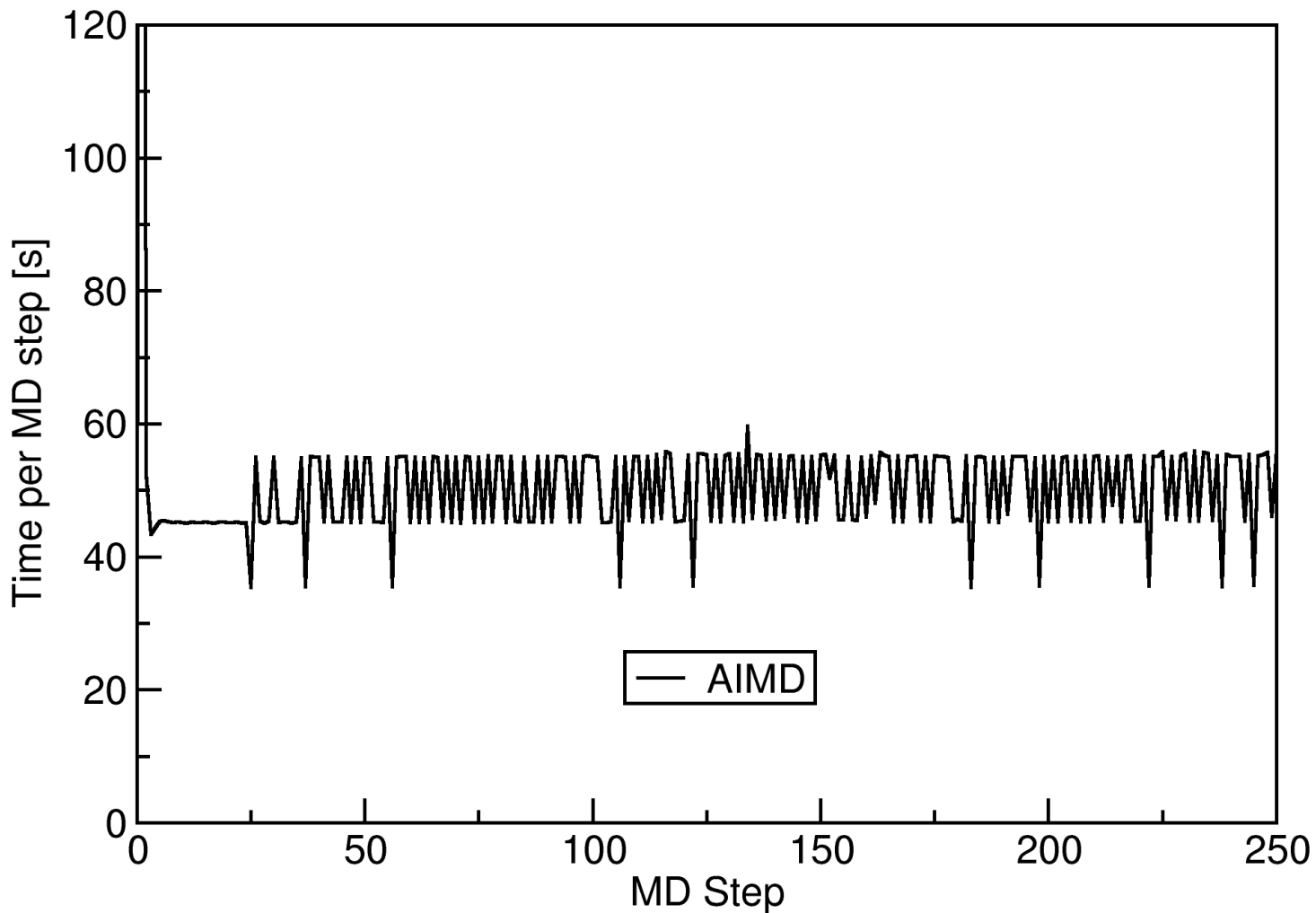


Wannier Centers: Example

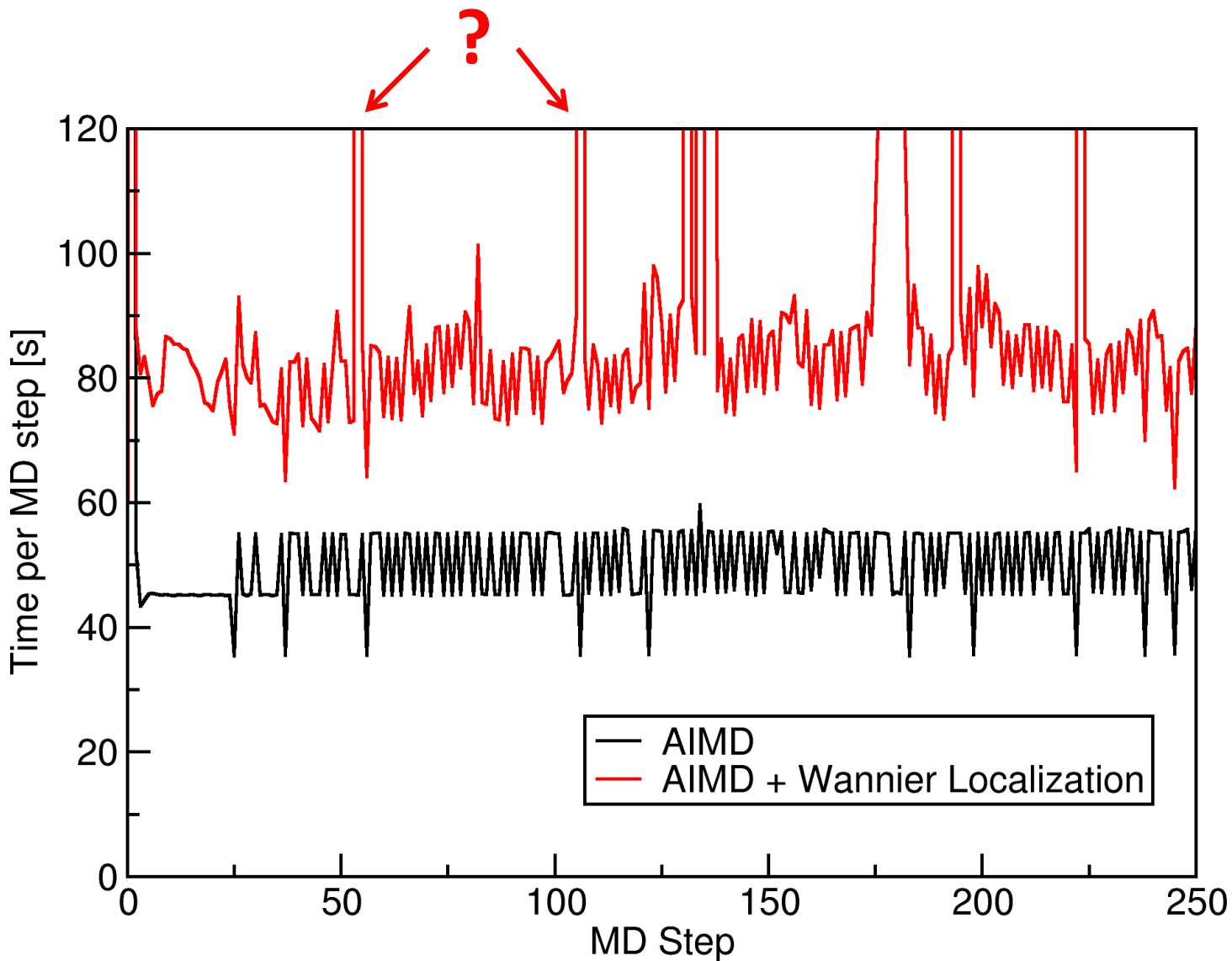
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1 node (16 cores) Intel Xeon E5-2620 v4



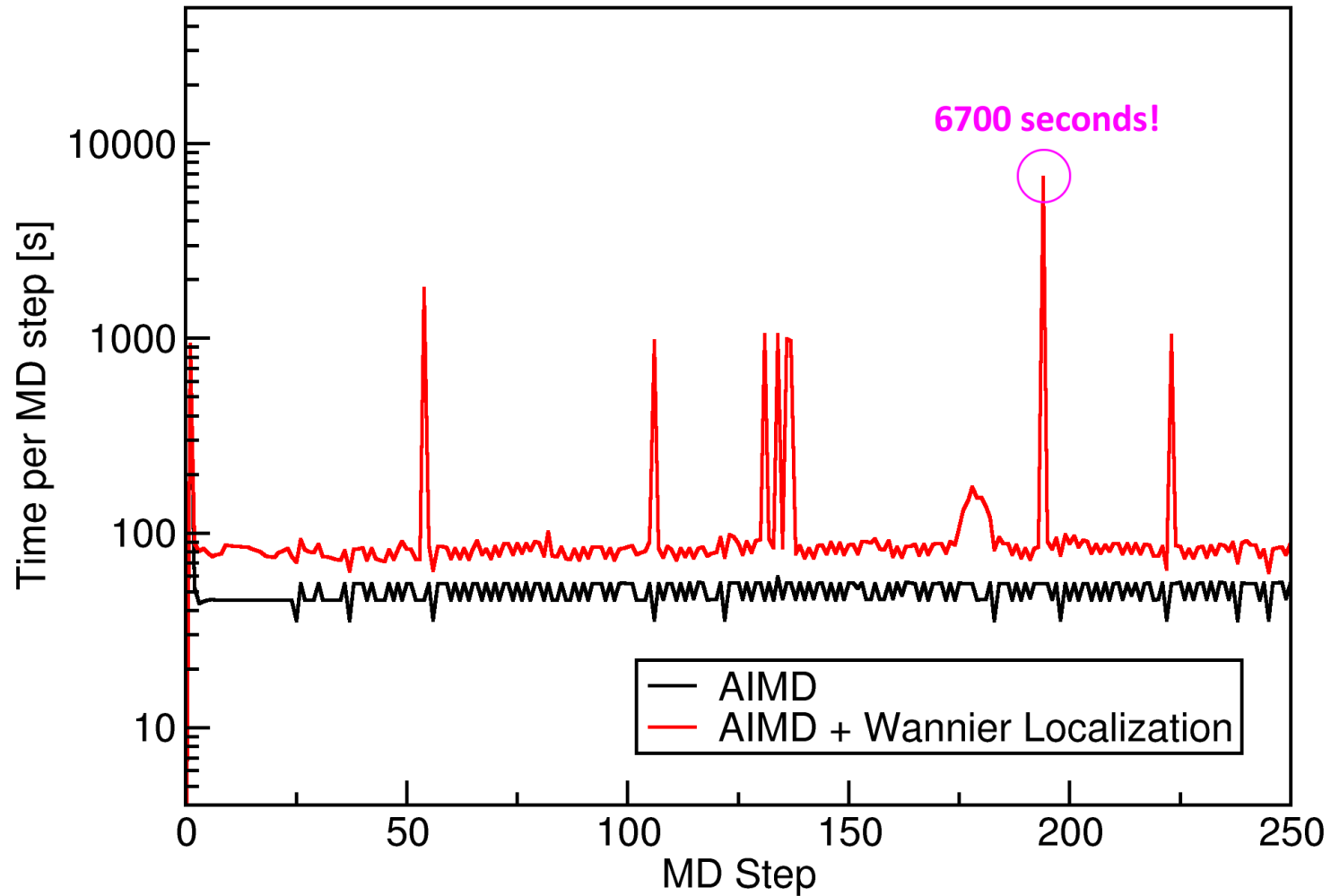
Wannier Centers: Example



Wannier Centers: Example



Wannier Centers: Example



Wannier Centers

LOCALIZATION| Computing localization properties for OCCUPIED ORBITALS. Spin: 1

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Spread Functional      sum_in -w_i ln(|z_in|^2)      sum_in w_i(1-|z_in|^2)
Initial Spread (Berry) :          992039.6748362964      149090.8476625035
CRAZY|      Iter          value          gradient      Max. eval      limit
CRAZY|      1 759416.300978268      0.1314E+05      0.2295E+01      0.2000E+00
CRAZY|      2 1825582.25180607      0.7230E+04      0.5686E+01      0.2000E+00
CRAZY|      3 3504667.50291648      0.4232E+04      0.9659E+01      0.2000E+00
CRAZY|      4 5213901.57181955      0.3002E+03      0.1881E+02      0.2000E+00
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Crazy Wannier localization not converged after 500

iterations, switching to jacobi rotations

Localization by iterative distribution

Iteration		Time
100		3.361
200		3.361
300	-74895.0539325070	3.362
...		
1200	-74895.0559064523	3.355
1300	-74895.0559064549	3.353
1400	-74895.0559064543	3.355

112 Minutes!

Localization for spin 1 converged in 1493 iterations

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Spread Functional      sum_in -w_i ln(|z_in|^2)      sum_in w_i(1-|z_in|^2)
Total Spread (Berry) :          -22638.0247818508      -74895.0559064557
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Wannier Centers

Average frame times:

Standard AIMD: 47.9 seconds

AIMD + Wannier: 139.3 seconds

→ Wannier localization takes 91.4 seconds on average!

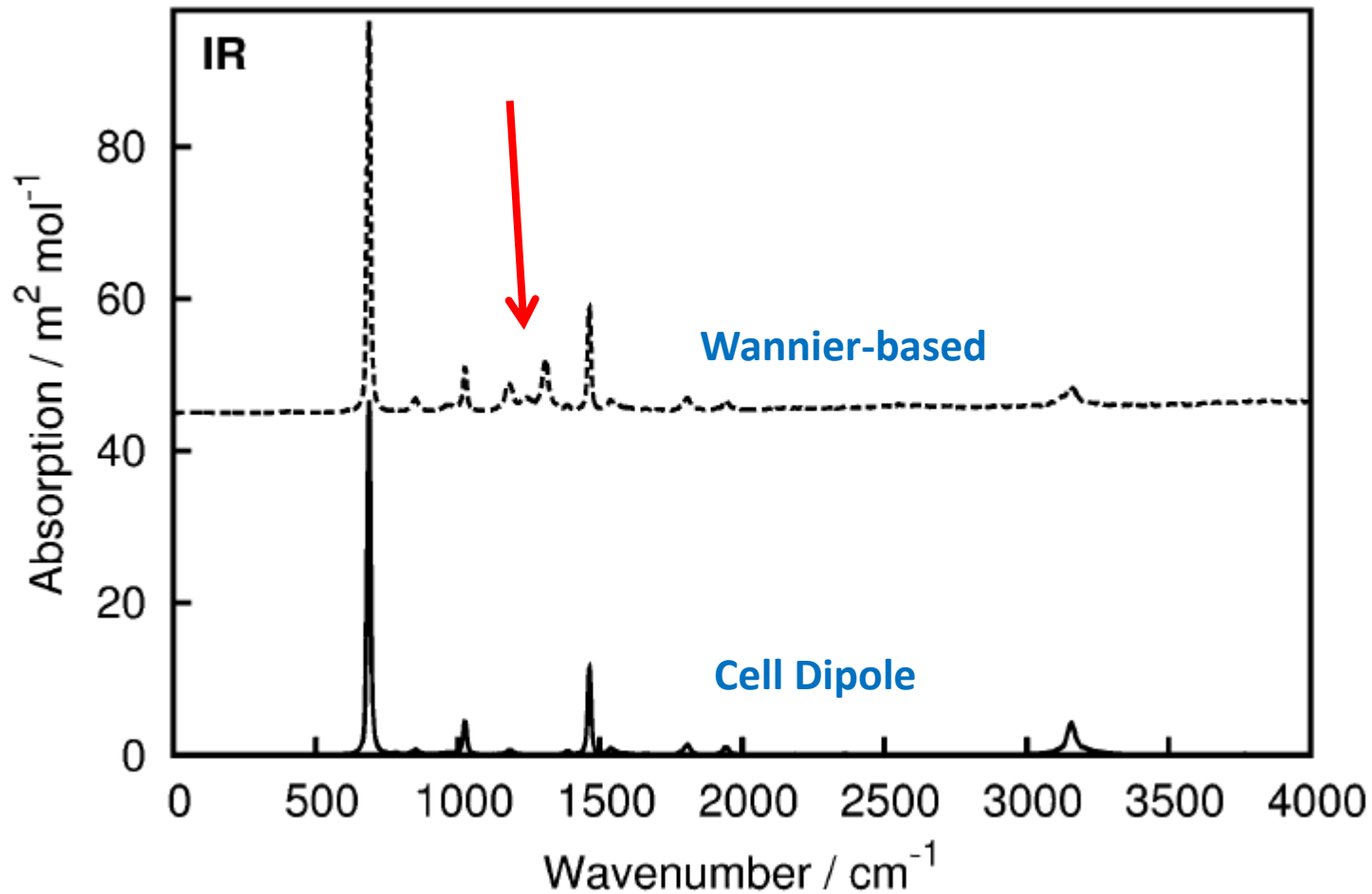
65 % of total computer time goes into localization only...

Even if CRAZY would converge in every step,
localization would take ≈ 30 seconds per frame.

It can even happen that JACOBI does not converge;
then no Wannier centers at all are available for that frame...

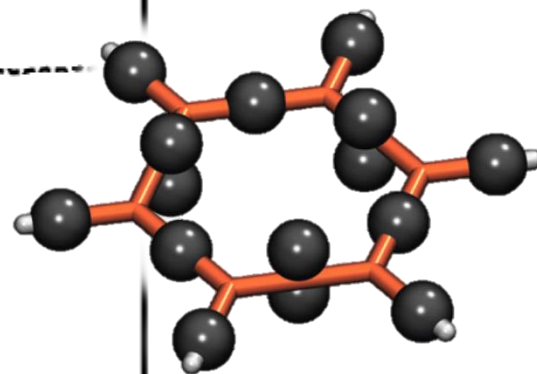
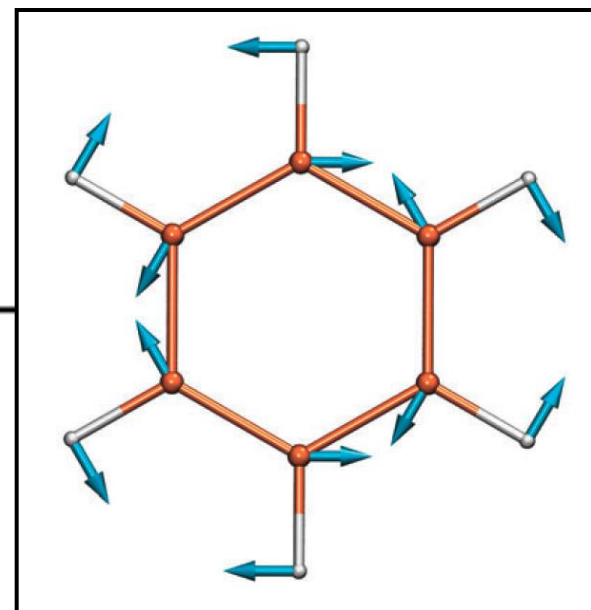
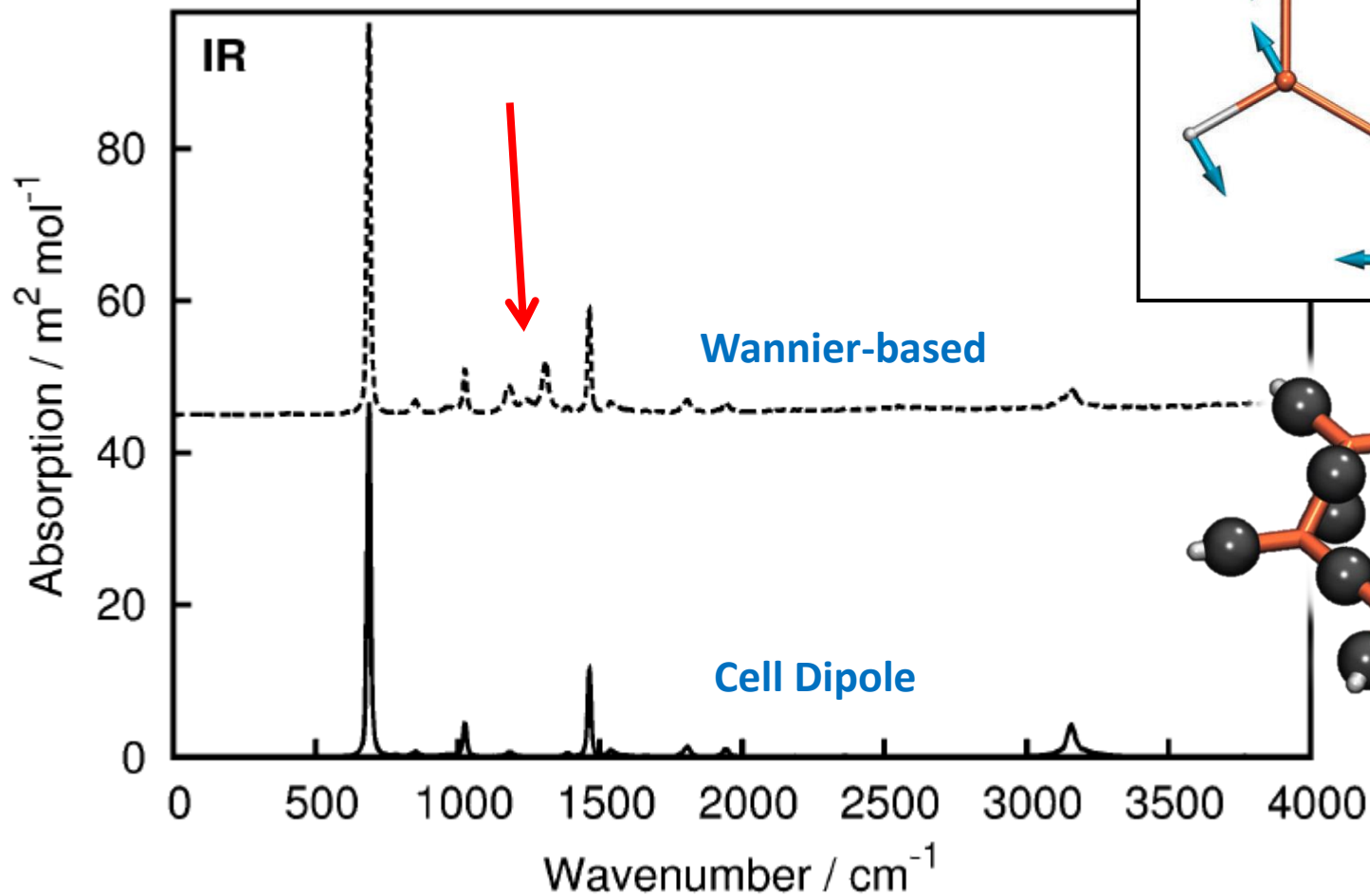
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Benzene IR spectrum: Artificial peak



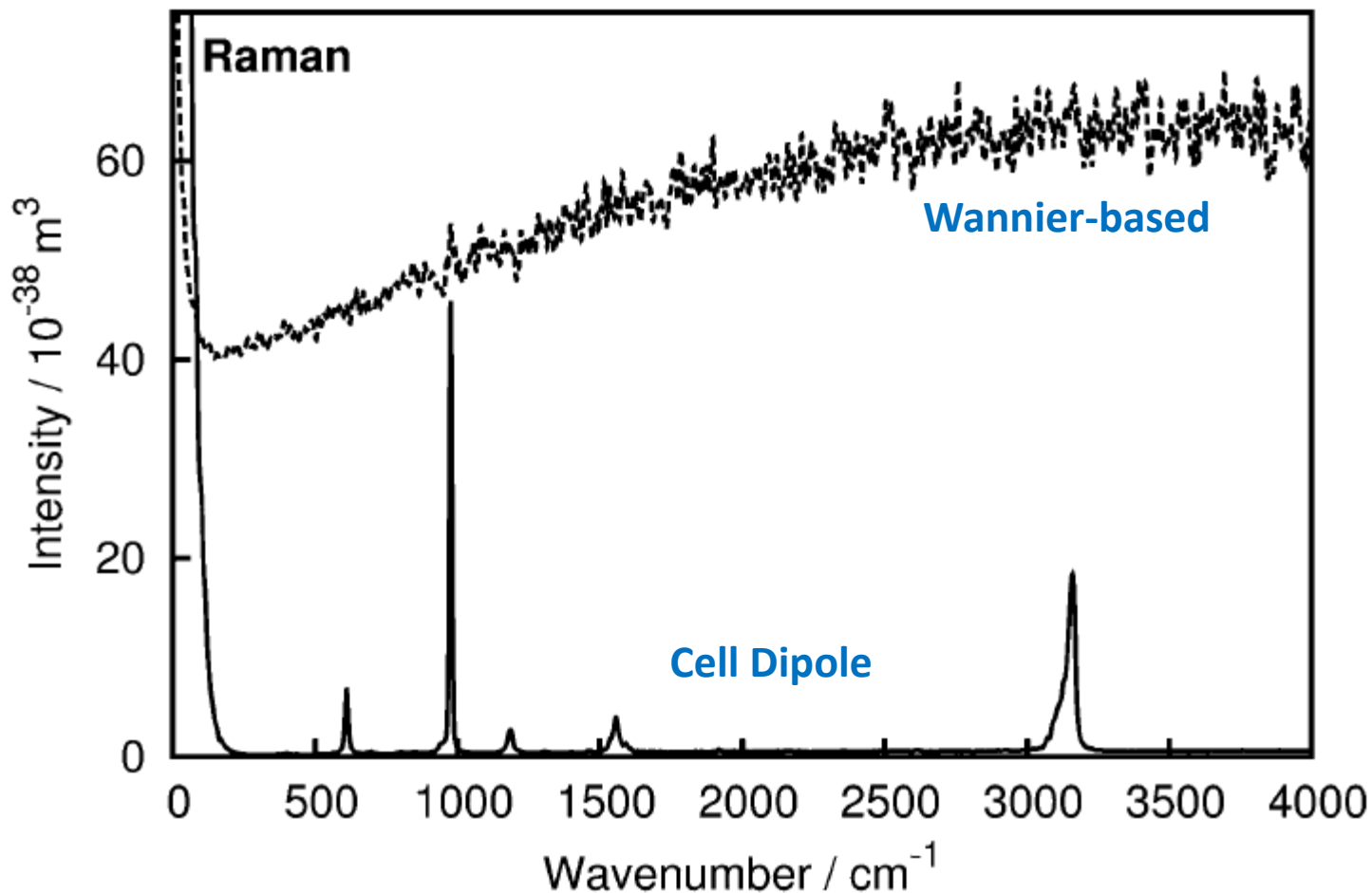
Wannier Centers

Benzene IR spectrum: Artificial peak



Wannier Centers

Benzene Raman: No spectrum at all, only noise...



Wannier Centers

Most IR / Raman spectra from AIMD use Wannier centers.

Disadvantages:

- Huge computational overhead (*for systems with ≈ 1000 atoms: around 65% of the total CPU time!*)
- Not guaranteed to converge at all
- Severe problems in aromatic systems (*artificial bands; polarizability not accessible*)
- Only works for electric dipole; can't reproduce quadrupole (required for ROA) \rightarrow won't work for ROA anyway

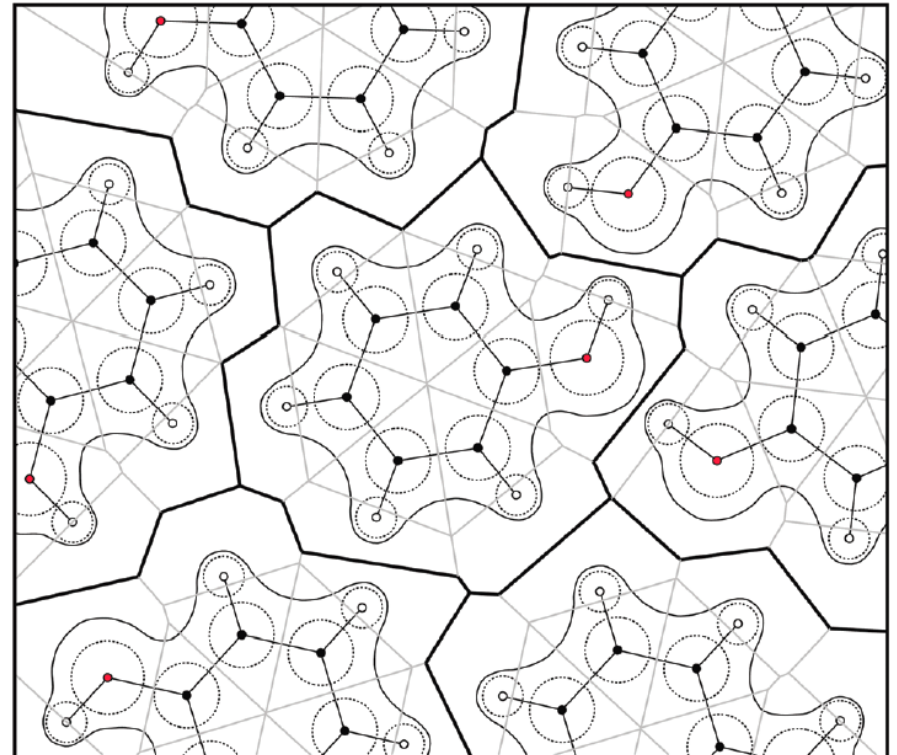
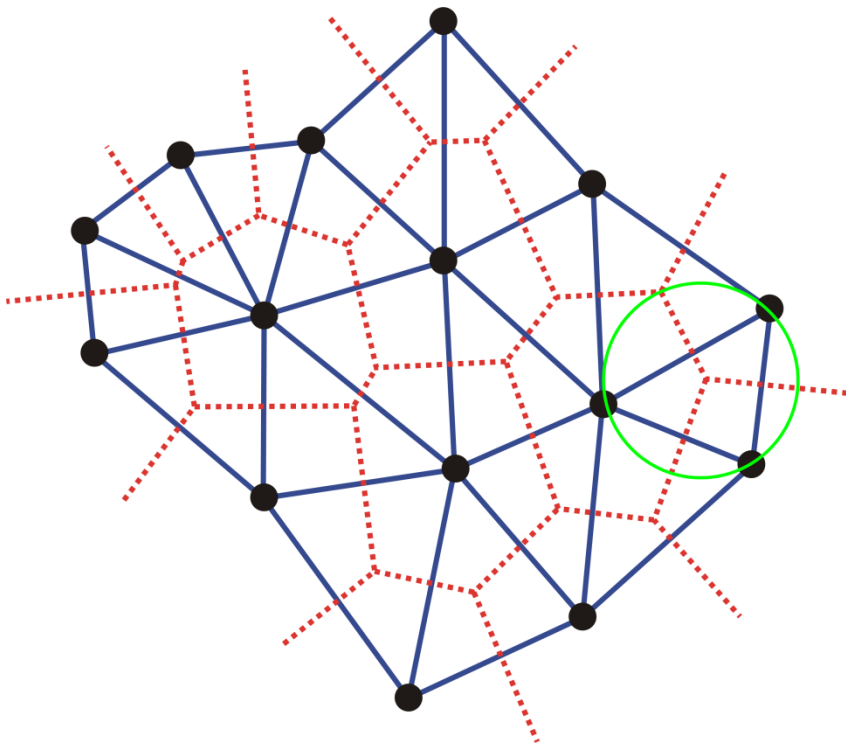
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Integrate molecular dipole via Voronoi instead.

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Voronoi Tessellation (G. Voronoi, 1908):



Voronoi Integration

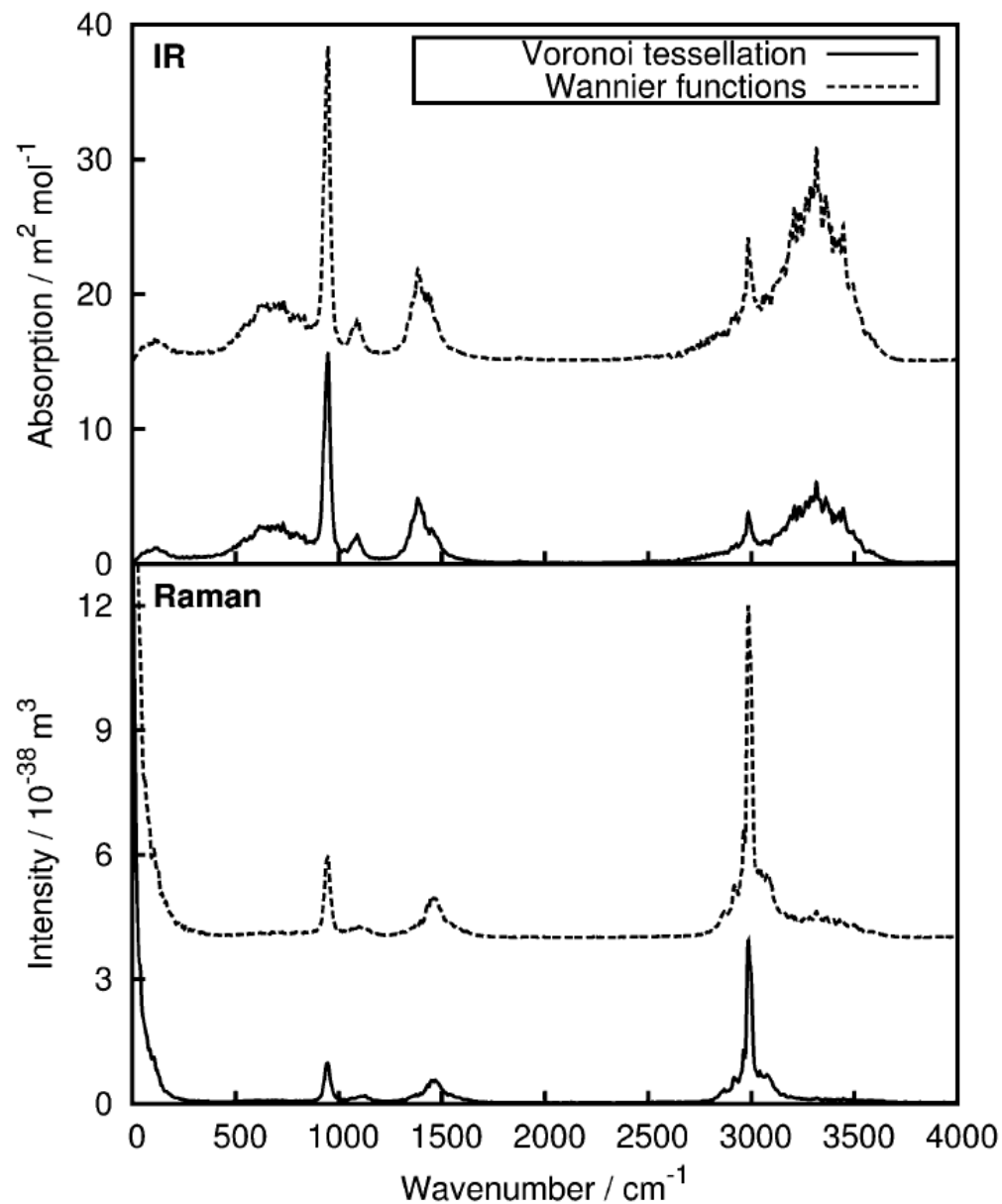
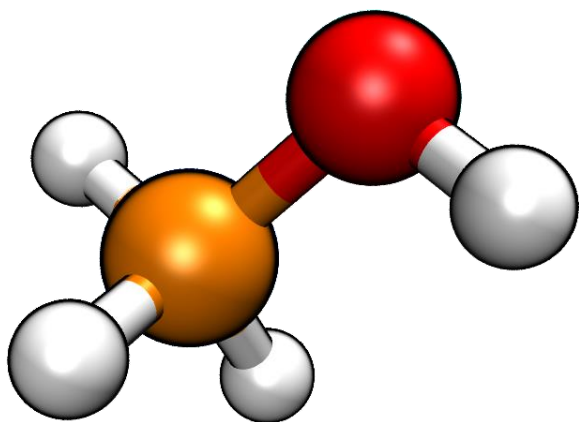
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Voronoi Integration

For bulk methanol:
No difference



Voronoi Integration

Average Timings

Wannier-based:

47.9 s AIMD

91.4 s Localization

139.3 s per frame

Voronoi Integration:

47.9 s AIMD

10.0 s Write CUBE (≈ 100 MiB)

2.0 s Voronoi Integration

59.9 s per frame

Saves more than
a factor of 2
in total CPU time!

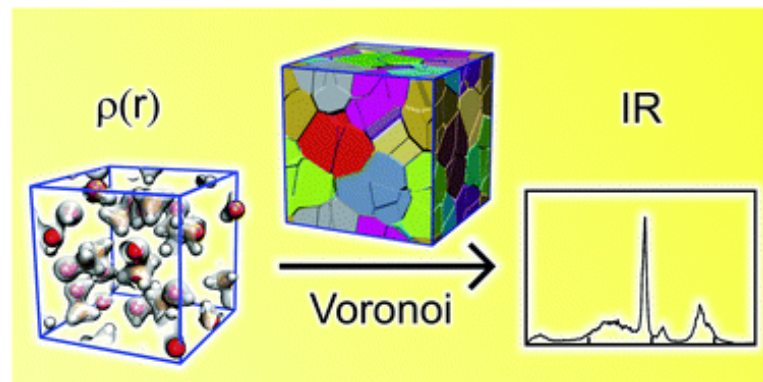
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Our idea: Completely drop Wannier localization;
Integrate molecular Dipole via Voronoi instead

- Spectra look almost identical
- Saves lots of computational time (Factor > 2)
- All problems due to Wannier localization are gone
- Works also for higher multipole moments

Published:

M. Thomas, M. Brehm, B. Kirchner: "Voronoi dipole moments for the simulation of bulk phase vibrational spectra",
Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. **2015**, *17*, pp 3207-3213.



Predicting Bulk Phase Spectra

„Standard“	„Chiral“
Infrared (IR) ✓	Vibrational Circular Dichroism (VCD) ?
Raman ✓	Raman Optical Activity (ROA) ?

Why is VCD / ROA from AIMD so Hard?

Up to 2016: No VCD / ROA spectra from AIMD in literature... **Why?**

VCD and ROA requires magnetic dipole moment m

Magnetic moment results from electric current...

But: AIMD (mostly) runs in Born–Oppenheimer approximation

→ No electronic currents occur

„One cannot do it with BOMD.“

Solutions?

- a) Use Perturbation Theory (*e. g.* NVPT)
- b) Use Classical Approach

The Classical Approach

Idea: When considering total electron density of 2 subsequent BOMD steps, how could the current have flown to cause this change?

Start with the continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0$$

Approximate current as a simple product:

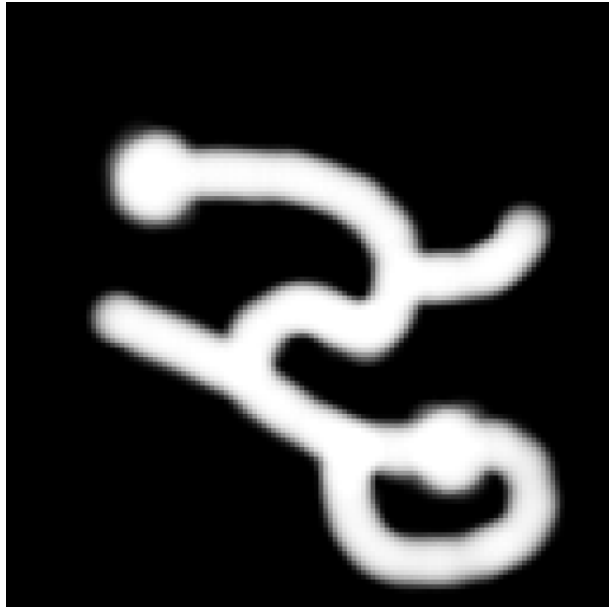
$$\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}, t) = -\rho(\mathbf{r}, t) \nabla \alpha(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

Then obtain the following PDE:

$$\frac{\partial \rho(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t} = \nabla \rho(\mathbf{r}, t) \cdot \nabla \alpha(\mathbf{r}, t) + \rho(\mathbf{r}, t) \Delta \alpha(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

The Classical Approach

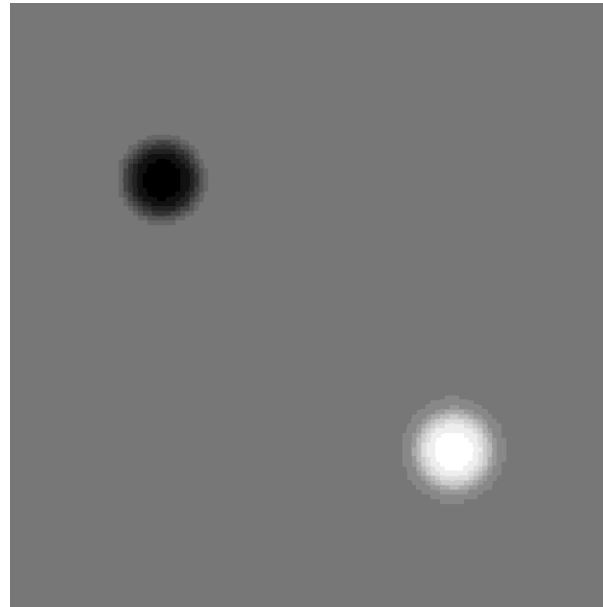
Schematic Illustration (2D)



Input 1:

$$\rho(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

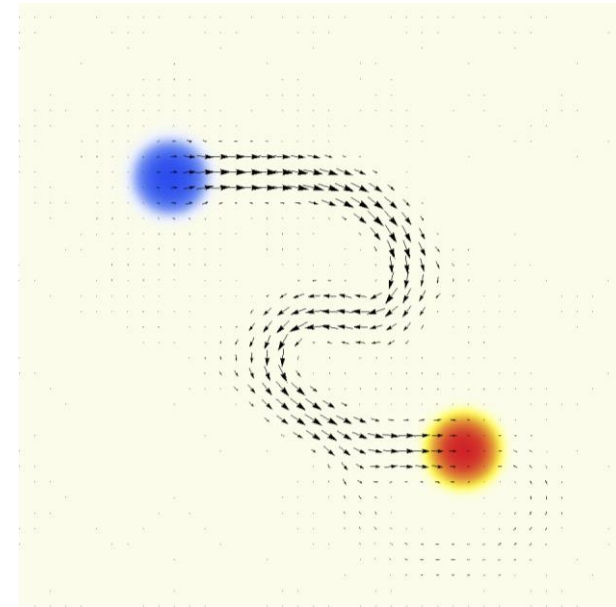
„Total Density“



Input 2:

$$\frac{\partial \rho(\mathbf{r}, t)}{\partial t}$$

„Change“



Result:

$$\mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

„Current“

The Classical Approach

Idea: When considering total electron density of 2 subsequent BOMD steps, how could the current have flown to cause this change?

Resulting PDE is discretized and solved on a 3D grid.

→ Huge linear system ($\approx 10^7$ equations & unknowns; $10^7 \times 10^7$ matrix), but sparsity can be exploited.

Use iterative method („BiCGStab“) to solve the linear system.

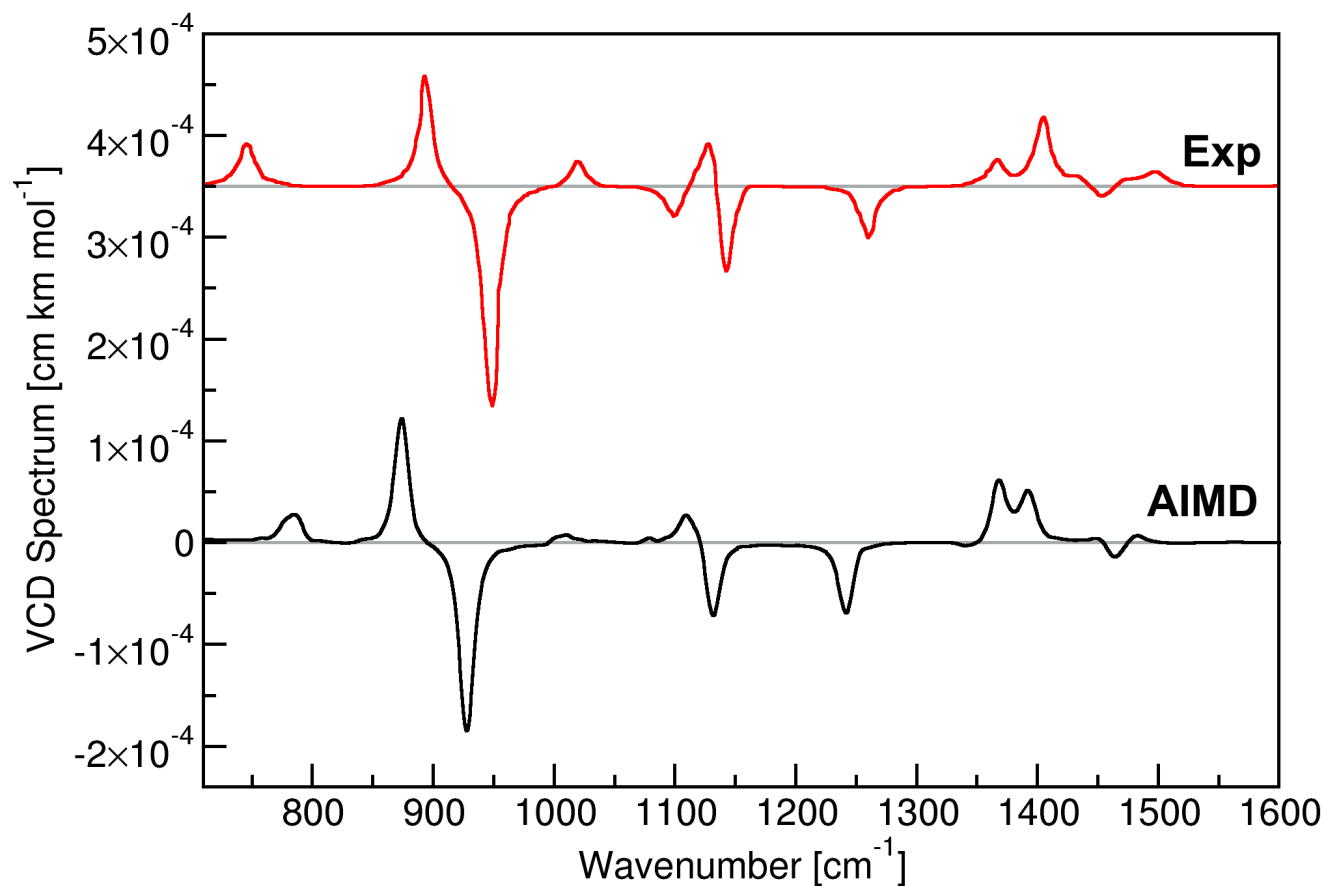
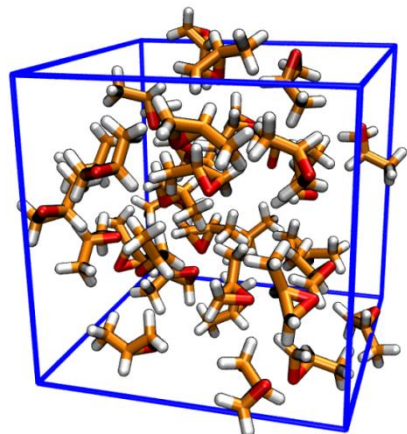
Magnetic moments:
$$\mathbf{m}^{\text{Mol}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{\text{Mol}}} q_n (\mathbf{r}_n \times \mathbf{v}_n) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{Mol}} \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r}$$

The Classical Approach

Limitations	Advantages
Purely classical (<i>no QM</i>)	Very fast ($\approx 10s$ per step)
No eddy currents can flow	Only requires total electron density (<i>no modifications to QM code</i>)
Not derived from exact theory (<i>no justification why it should work</i>)	Not limited to DFT (<i>can be applied to any electron structure method</i>)
	Works well for > 1000 atoms

Execution time is essentially that of a standard AIMD
(*in our case: CP2k*)

Predicted VCD spectrum of liquid (*R*)-propylene oxide



→ Classical approach indeed works!

The first *ab initio* prediction of a bulk phase VCD spectrum in literature.

Our Approach to ROA

Computation of ROA spectra requires three properties:

- Electric dipole – electric dipole polarizability
- Electric quadrupole – electric dipole polarizability
- **Magnetic dipole – electric dipole polarizability**

The spectrum can be obtained as FT of cross-correlations of those properties along the trajectory...

Sounds „easy“, but required ≈ 1 year of additional effort.

Our Approach to ROA

Polarizabilities from finite differences (external electric field):

$$\alpha^{\text{Mol}} = \frac{d}{d\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{P}^{\text{Mol}} \quad \textit{Electric dipole – Electric dipole Polarizability}$$

$$\mathcal{A}^{\text{Mol}} = \frac{d}{d\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{Q}^{\text{Mol}} \quad \textit{Electric dipole – Electric quadrupole Polarizability}$$

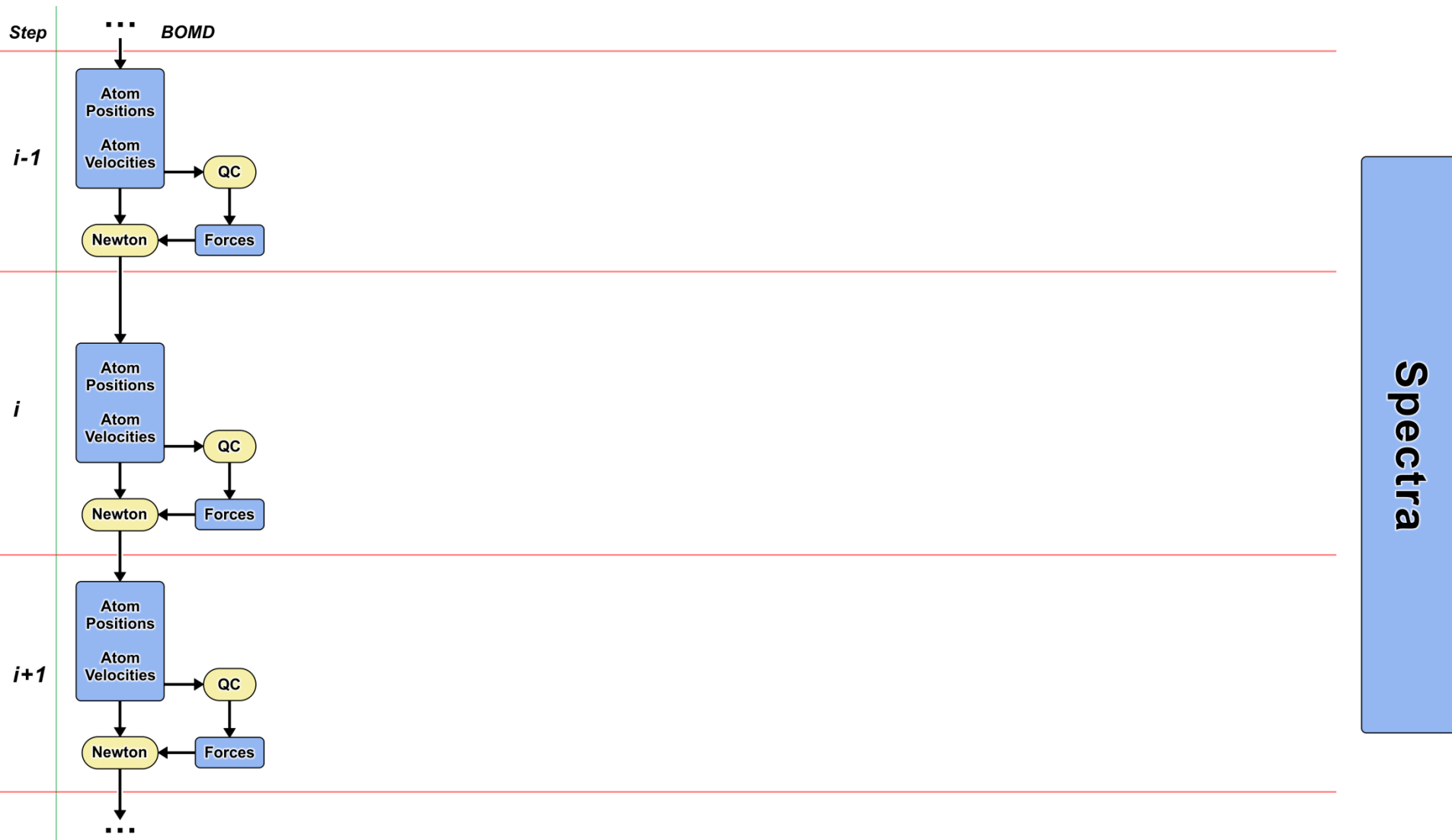
$$\mathcal{G}'^{\text{Mol}} = \frac{d}{d\mathbf{E}} \mathbf{m}^{\text{Mol}} \quad \textit{Electric dipole – Magnetic dipole Polarizability}$$

Obtain the required polarizabilities:

$$A^{\text{Mol}} = \mathcal{A}^{\text{Mol}} \quad \textit{Electric quadrupole – Electric dipole Polarizability}$$

$$G'^{\text{Mol}} = -(\mathcal{G}'^{\text{Mol}})^T \quad \textit{Magnetic dipole – Electric dipole Polarizability}$$

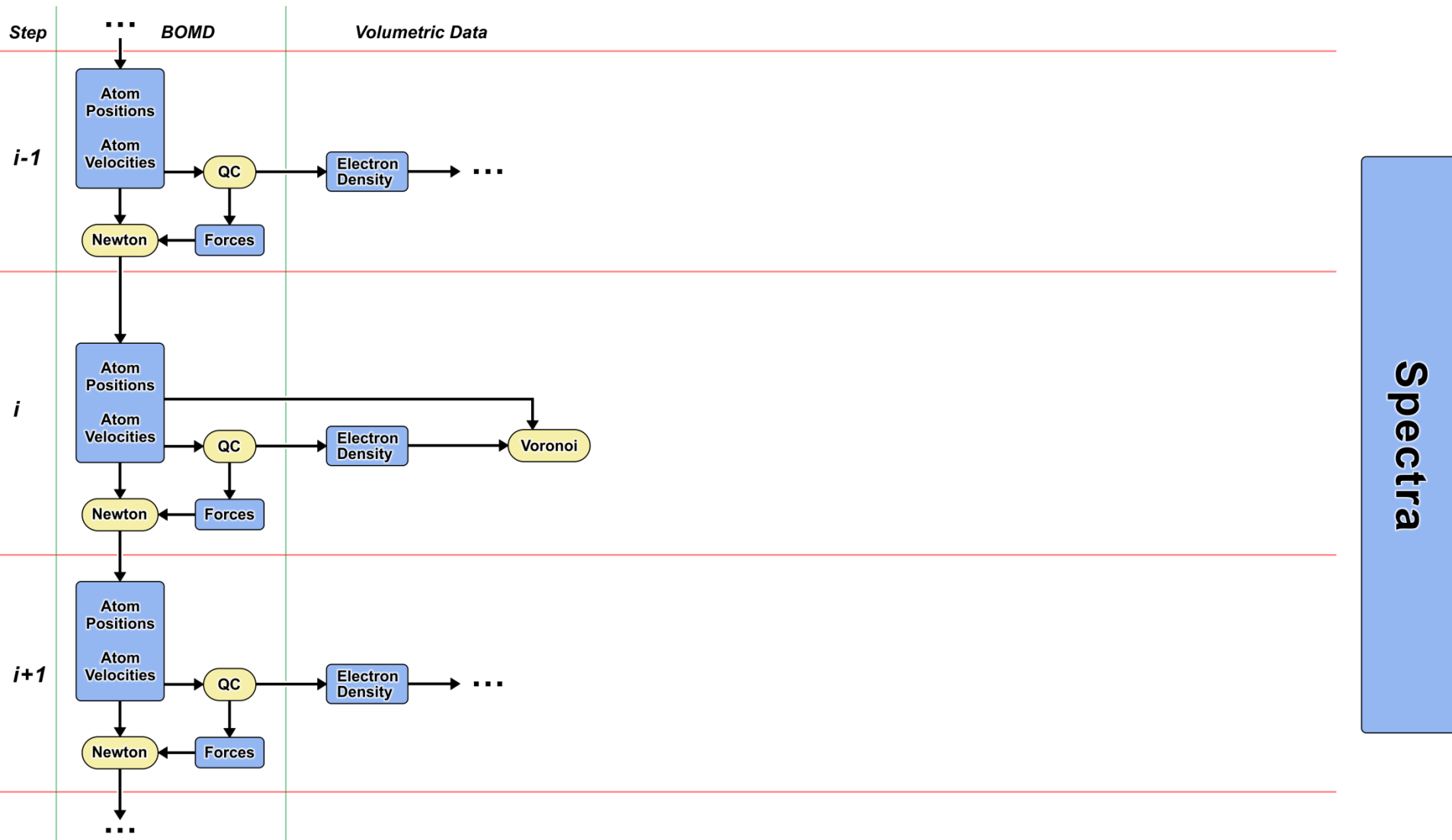
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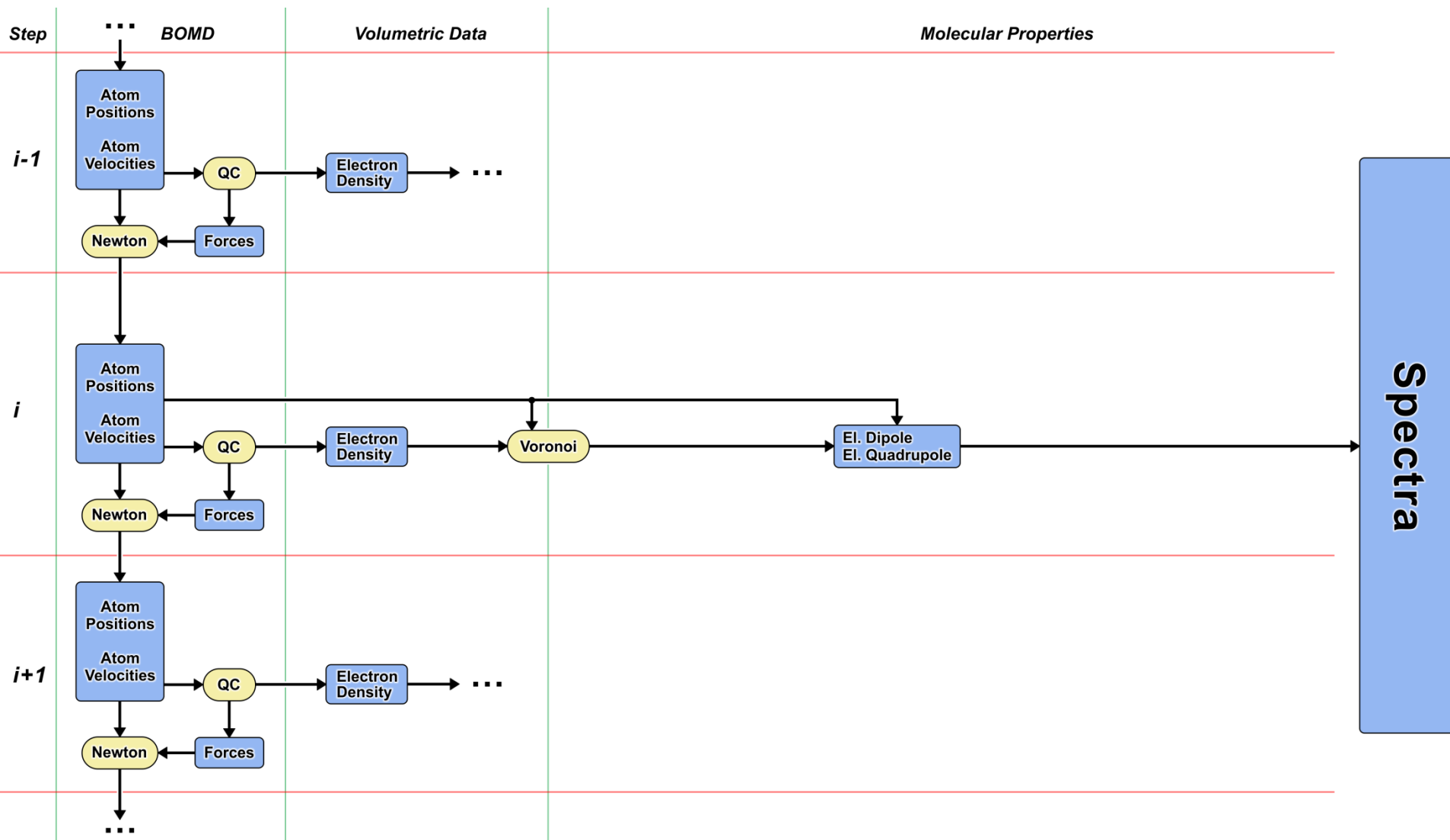
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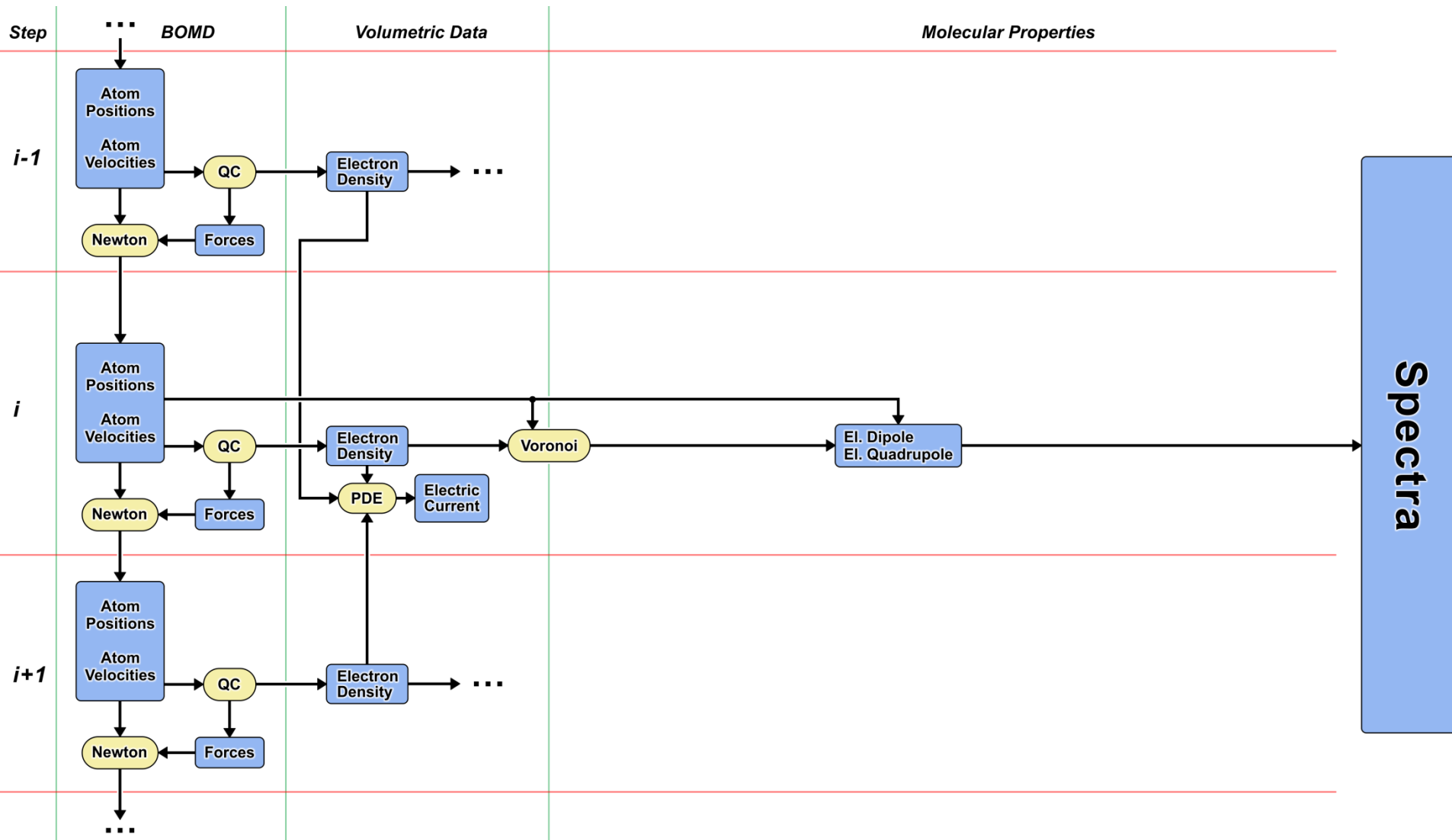
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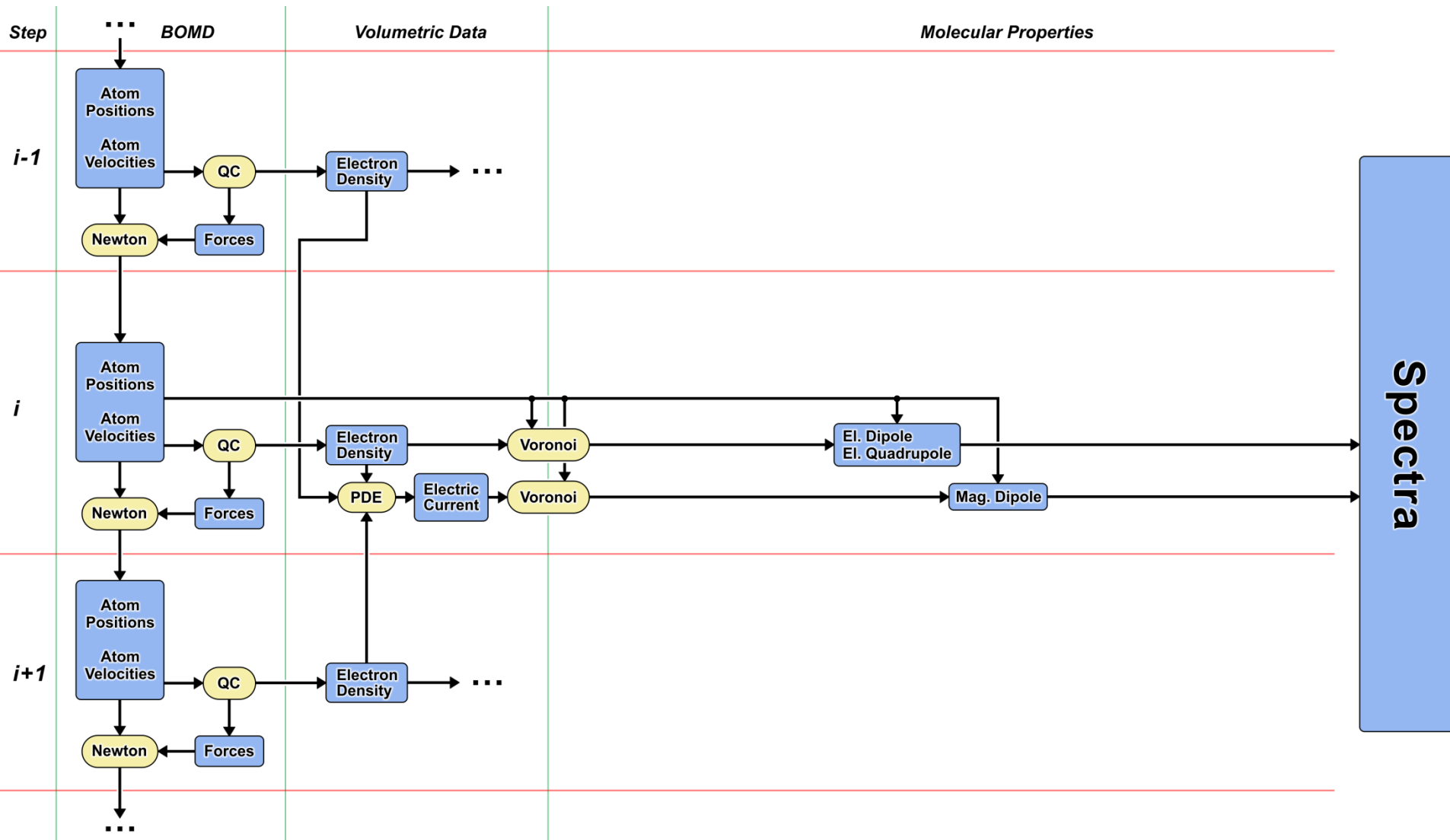
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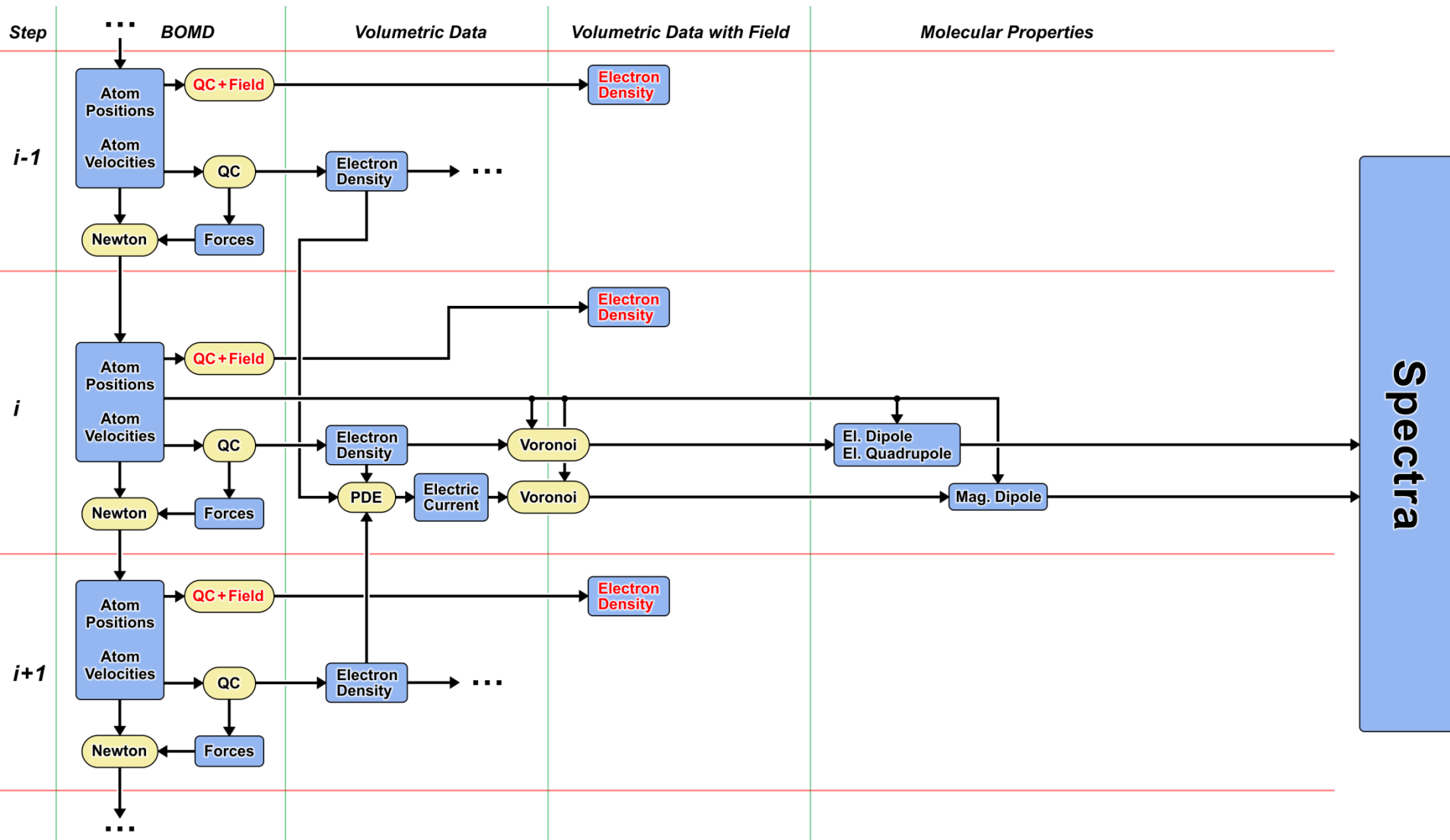
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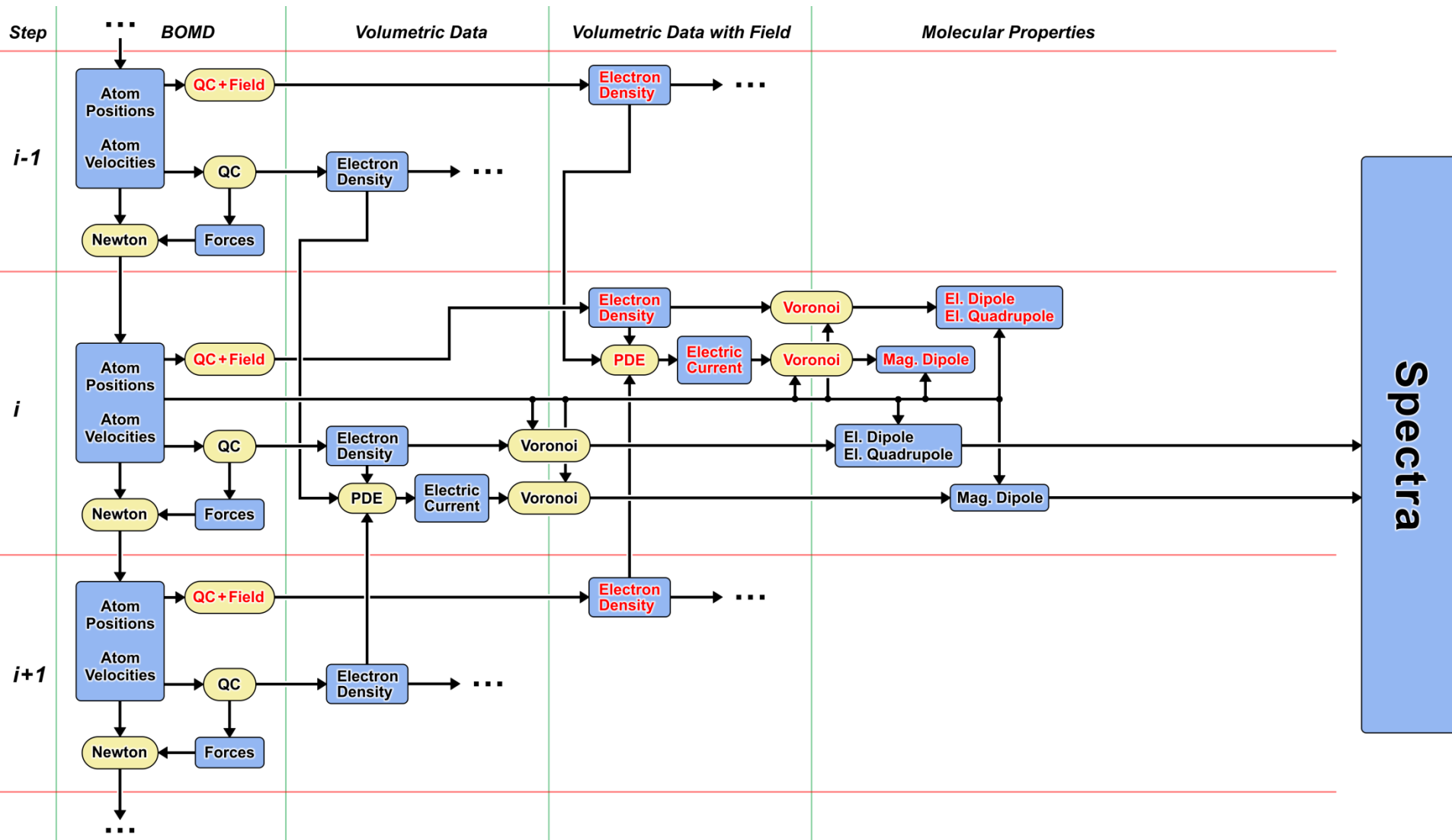
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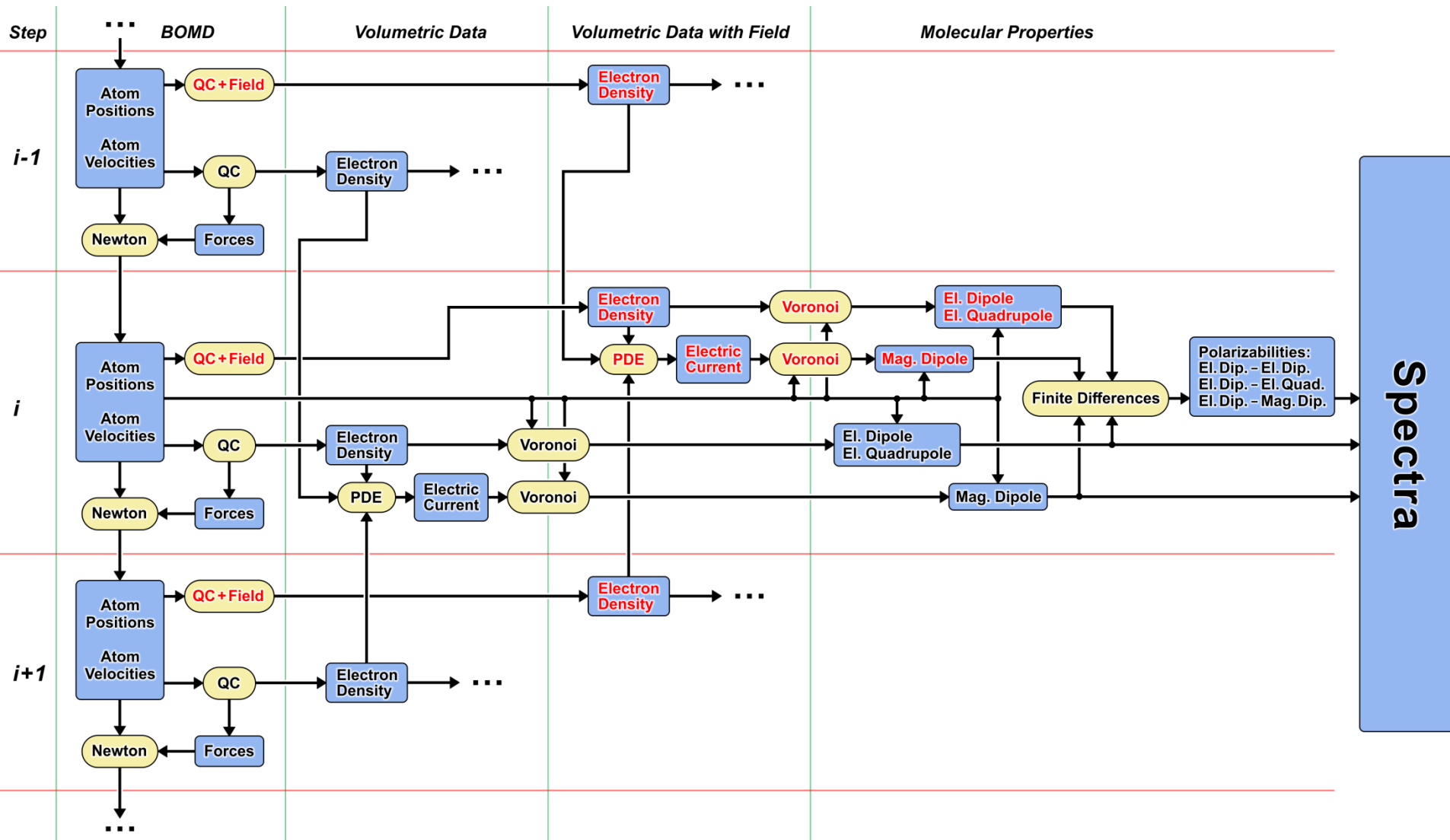
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Molecular electric dipole / quadrupole from classical expressions:

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Electric current from purely classical PDE on grid.

Molecular magnetic dipole from classical expression:

$$\mathbf{m}^{\text{Mol}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{N_{\text{Mol}}} q_n (\mathbf{r}_n \times \mathbf{v}_n) - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\text{Mol}} \mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{j}(\mathbf{r}) d^3\mathbf{r}$$

We always use the molecular center of mass as coordinate origin.

Our Approach to ROA

Compute the ROA invariants via FT of cross-correlations:

$$aG'(\tilde{\nu}) = 2\pi c\tilde{\nu}_{\text{in}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\langle \frac{\dot{\alpha}_{xx}(\tau) + \dot{\alpha}_{yy}(\tau) + \dot{\alpha}_{zz}(\tau)}{3} \frac{G'_{xx}(\tau+t) + G'_{yy}(\tau+t) + G'_{zz}(\tau+t)}{3} \right\rangle_{\tau} \cdot \exp(-2\pi ic\tilde{\nu}t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{G'}^2(\tilde{\nu}) = 2\pi c\tilde{\nu}_{\text{in}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} & \left[\frac{1}{2} \langle (\dot{\alpha}_{xx}(\tau) - \dot{\alpha}_{yy}(\tau)) (G'_{xx}(\tau+t) - G'_{yy}(\tau+t)) \rangle_{\tau} \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \langle (\dot{\alpha}_{yy}(\tau) - \dot{\alpha}_{zz}(\tau)) (G'_{yy}(\tau+t) - G'_{zz}(\tau+t)) \rangle_{\tau} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \langle (\dot{\alpha}_{zz}(\tau) - \dot{\alpha}_{xx}(\tau)) (G'_{zz}(\tau+t) - G'_{xx}(\tau+t)) \rangle_{\tau} \\ & + \frac{3}{2} \langle \dot{\alpha}_{xy}(\tau) (G'_{xy}(\tau+t) + G'_{yx}(\tau+t)) \rangle_{\tau} + \frac{3}{2} \langle \dot{\alpha}_{yz}(\tau) (G'_{yz}(\tau+t) + G'_{zy}(\tau+t)) \rangle_{\tau} \\ & \left. + \frac{3}{2} \langle \dot{\alpha}_{zx}(\tau) (G'_{zx}(\tau+t) + G'_{xz}(\tau+t)) \rangle_{\tau} \right] \exp(-2\pi ic\tilde{\nu}t) dt \end{aligned}$$

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Our Approach to ROA

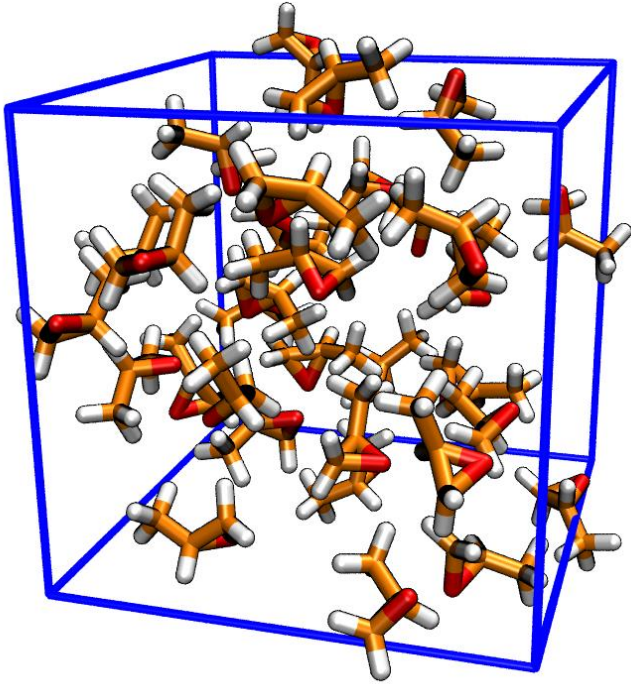
Assemble the ROA spectrum as linear combination of invariants:

$$\Delta I(\tilde{\nu}) = \frac{h}{8\varepsilon_0^2 ck_B T} \cdot \frac{(\tilde{\nu}_{\text{in}} - \tilde{\nu})^4}{\tilde{\nu} \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{hc\tilde{\nu}}{k_B T}\right)\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{90} \left(X \cdot aG'(\tilde{\nu}) + Y \cdot \gamma_{G'}^2(\tilde{\nu}) + Z \cdot \gamma_A^2(\tilde{\nu}) \right)$$

Coefficient values from literature:

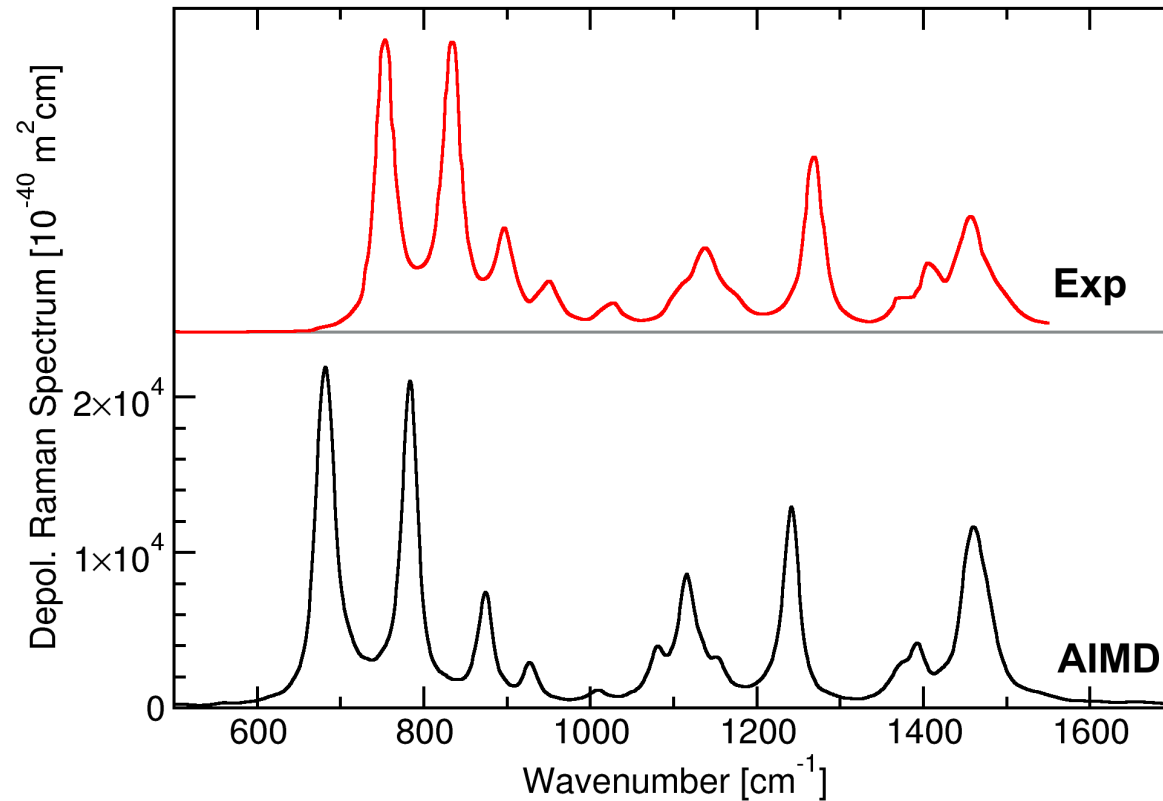
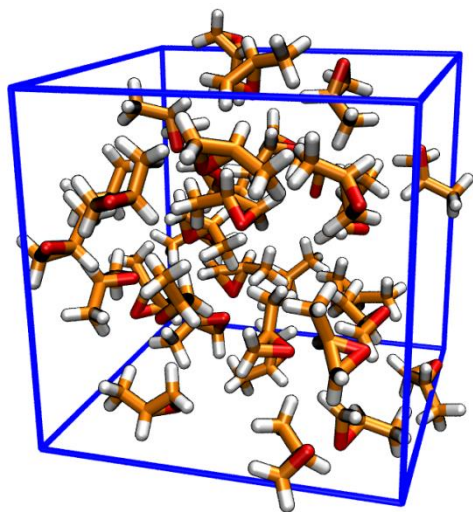
Scattering angle	Polarization	X	Y	Z
0°	$\Delta I^\perp = \Delta I^\parallel$	360	8	-8
0°	ΔI	720	16	-16
90°	ΔI^\perp	180	28	4
90°	ΔI^\parallel	0	24	-8
90°	ΔI	180	52	-4
180°	$\Delta I^\perp = \Delta I^\parallel$	0	48	16
180°	ΔI	0	96	32

Application

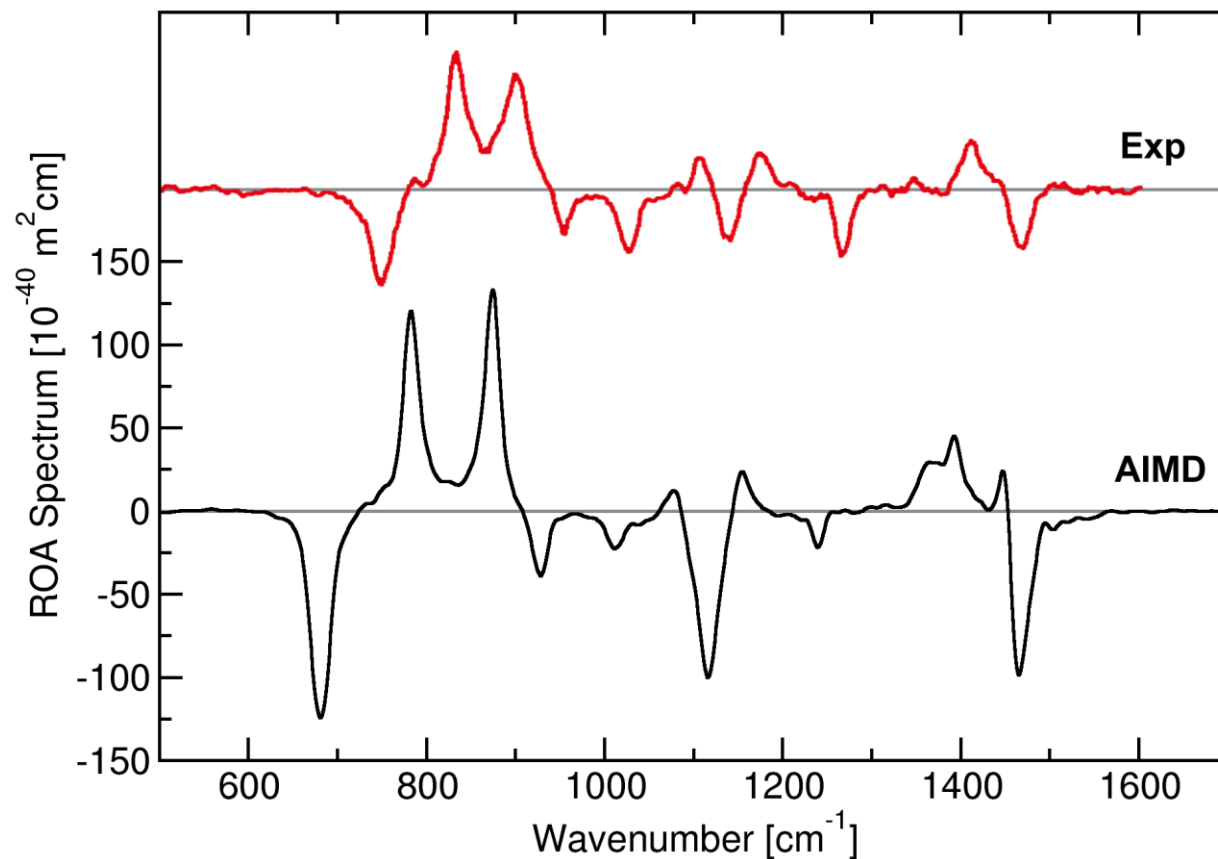
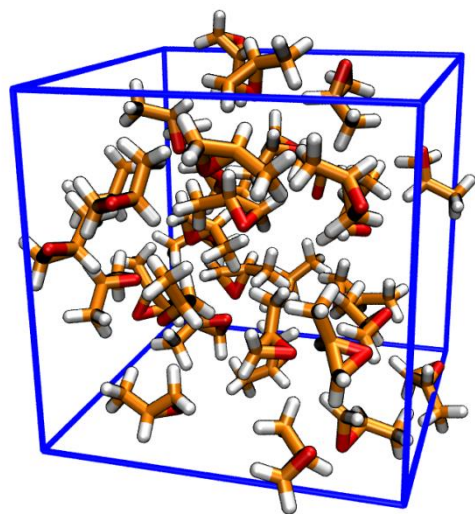


Liquid (*R*)-propylene oxide
32 molecules, 300 K
Standard AIMD (BLYP-D3)
65 000 steps (32.5 ps) production run

Raman Spectrum



ROA Spectrum



The goal is completely achieved 😊

First predicted bulk phase ROA spectrum.

Published in Summer 2017:

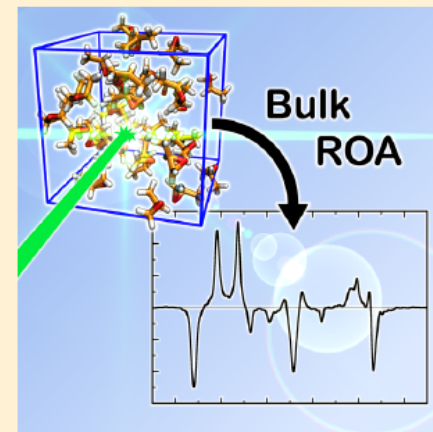
Computing Bulk Phase Raman Optical Activity Spectra from *ab initio* Molecular Dynamics Simulations

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S Supporting Information

ABSTRACT: We present our novel methodology for computing Raman optical activity (ROA) spectra of liquid systems from *ab initio* molecular dynamics (AIMD) simulations. The method is built upon the recent developments to obtain magnetic dipole moments from AIMD and to integrate molecular properties by using radical Voronoi tessellation. These techniques are used to calculate optical activity tensors for large and complex periodic bulk phase systems. Only AIMD simulations are required as input, and no time-consuming perturbation theory is involved. The approach relies only on the total electron density in each time step and can readily be combined with a wide range of electronic structure methods. To the best of our knowledge, these are the first computed ROA spectra for a periodic bulk phase system. As an example, the experimental ROA spectrum of liquid (*R*)-propylene oxide is reproduced very well.



M. Brehm, M. Thomas: „Computing Bulk Phase Raman Optical Activity Spectra from *ab initio* Molecular Dynamics Simulations“ , *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **2017**, *8* (14), pp 3409-3414.

Full Set of Vibrational Spectra

Now the full set of vibrational spectra (IR, Raman, VCD, ROA) of a bulk phase system can be computed in one go with CP2k and TRAVIS.

Power Spectra

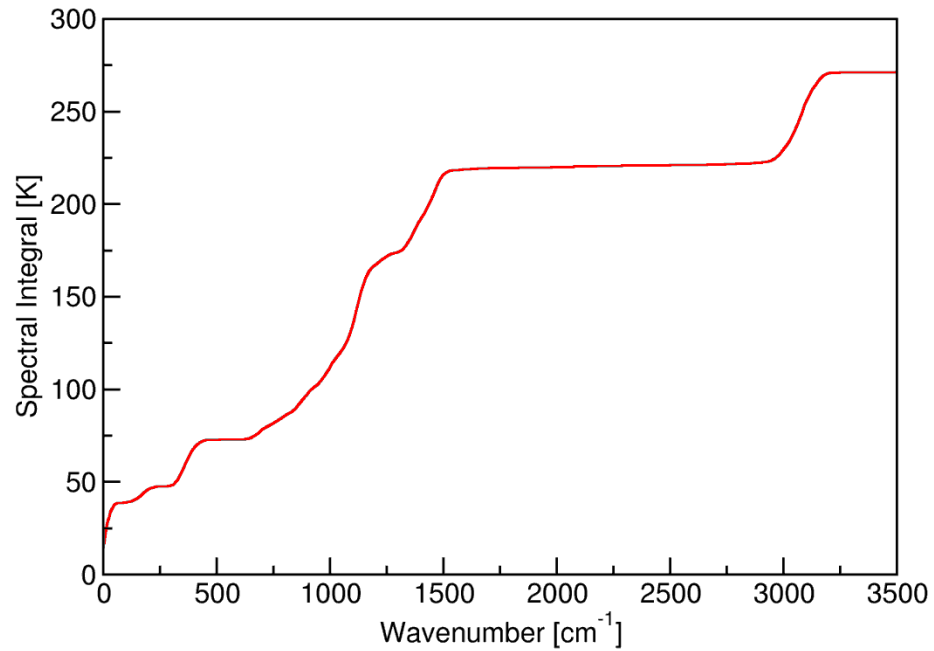
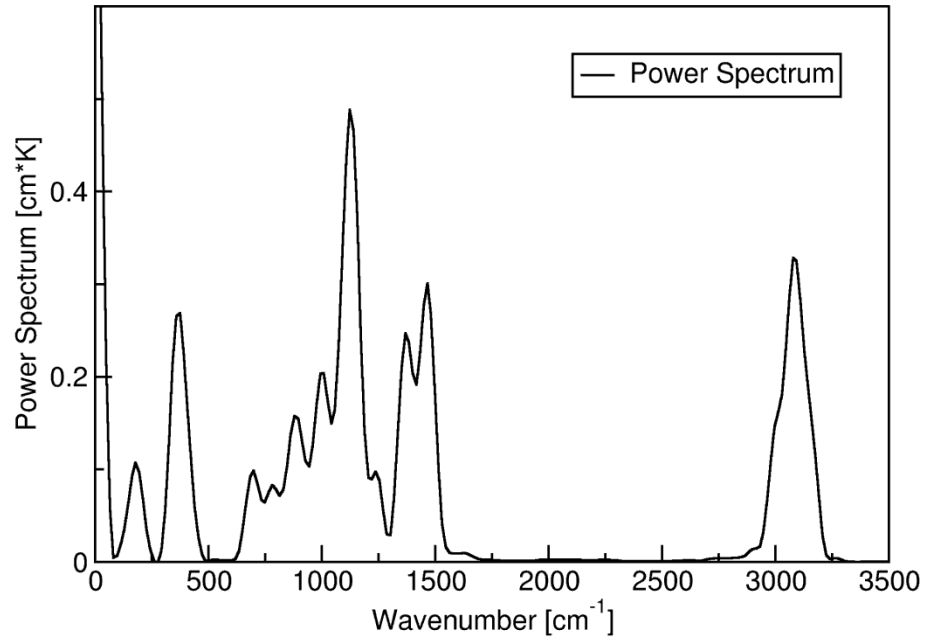
- Also known as vibrational density of states or phonon density of states
 - Can be simply computed from any standard MD as the FT of the velocity autocorrelation function
 - Contains all spectral modes of the system, no matter if they are active in IR / Raman / etc.
 - A mode in IR / Raman / VCD / ROA can only appear at positions where a band in the power spectrum is
- Power spectrum contains all band frequency information; only the intensities are determined by the different methods

Power Spectra

- Nice feature: If the unit of the power spectrum is $\text{cm} * \text{K}$ (such as in TRAVIS), the integral is in Kelvin
- Can determine the „temperature inside some mode“ by simply integrating over the corresponding band

This can help checking the equipartition theorem (i.e. if the trajectory is well equilibrated or not)

Power Spectra



Separation of Frequencies and Intensities

Possibility to compute the trajectory with one method, and then compute the electron densities with some other method

→ Much flexibility

You could, e.g., compute a MP2 dynamics trajectory, and then compute electron densities with DFT

→ Correct band positions (MP2 dynamics) together with DFT band intensities

Vice versa is also possible

Computational Resources

Used core hours (ch) on Intel Xeon “Haswell” @2.4 GHz:

2 350 ch for equilibration

25 500 ch for AIMD (incl. 3 external field directions)

2 000 ch to solve the PDE

→ Approx 30 000 ch in total.

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Available for < 10 000 € today.



Computational Resources

What about the disk storage?

Electron density grid is $160 \times 160 \times 160$ in our case.

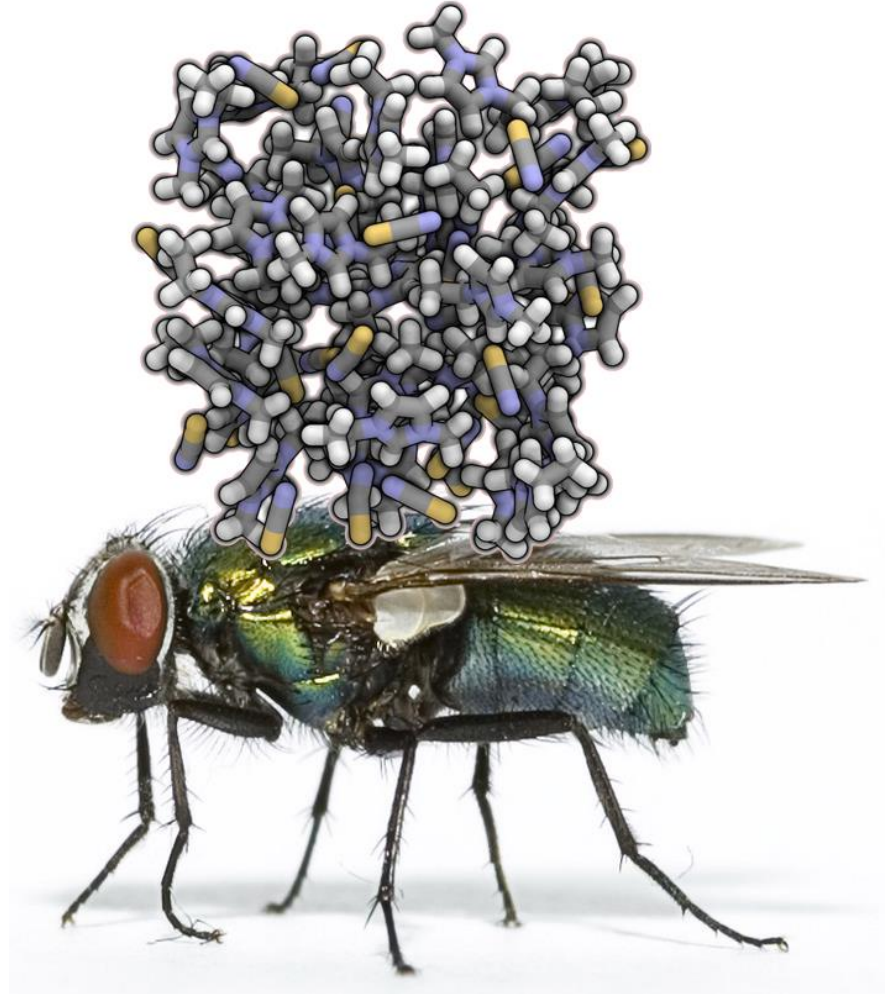
→ 4 million data points per time step.

CUBE file is 52 MiB per frame.

We require $4 \times 65\,000$ frames.

→ 13 Terabyte of data for one ROA spectrum 

On-the-fly Processing



→ No need to store full electron density trajectory.

Computational Resources

Computation can be done „on the fly“:

CP2k writes CUBE files; TRAVIS reads and deletes them.

No more disk space requirements at all.

But: Very bad during development phase of code...

Computational Resources

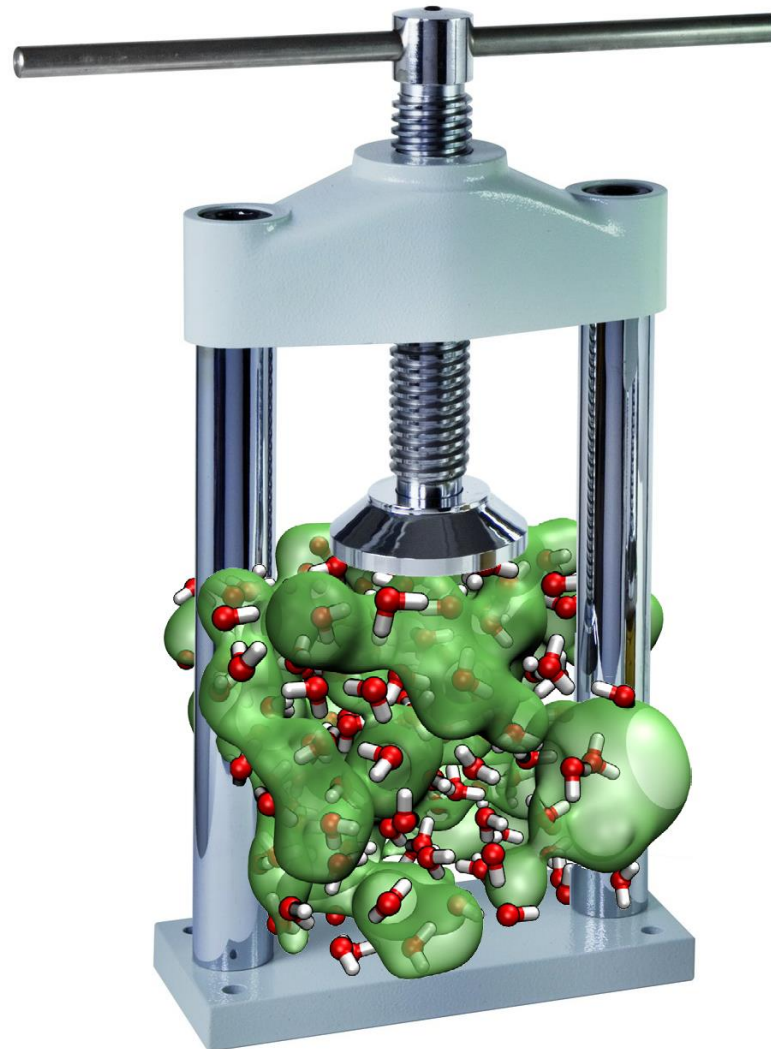
What about *bzip2*-ing the CUBE files?

Compression ratio is around 4.5 : 1

→ Still 3 Terabyte; **very** slow to compress...

Compressing the CUBE files would take longer than the AIMD itself 

3. Compression of Volumetric Data

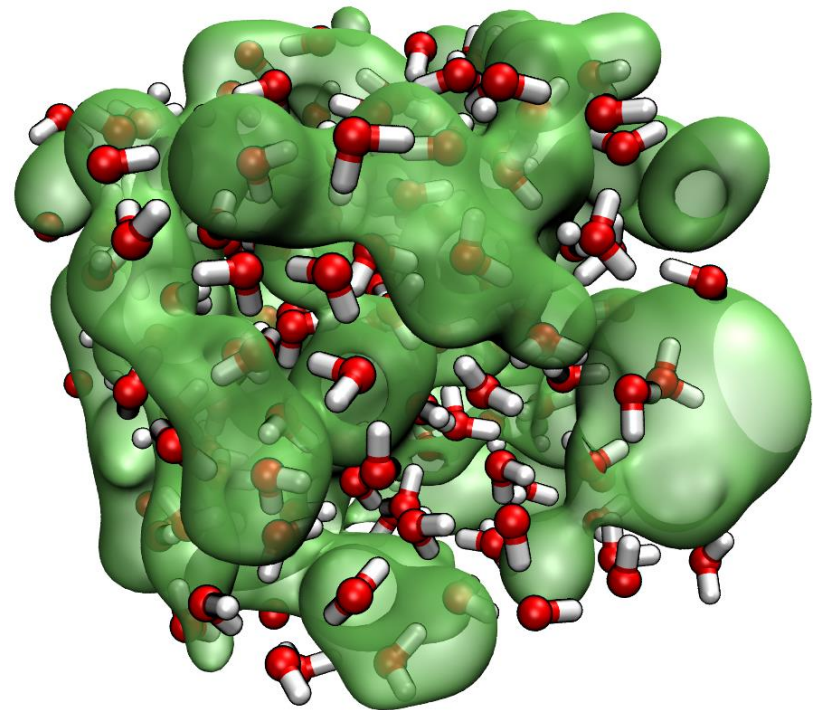


What are Volumetric Data Trajectories?

Answer: A consecutive sequence of 3D cartesian grid frames with real numbers

Examples:

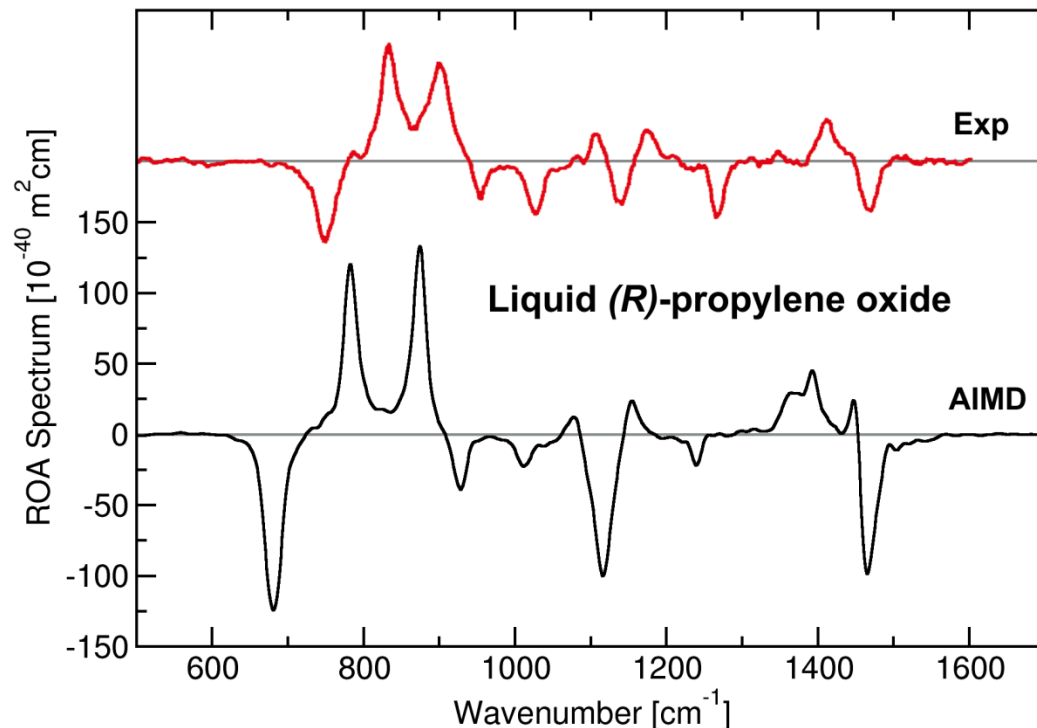
- Electron Density
- Molecular Orbitals
- Electrostatic Potential



Who needs Volumetric Data Trajectories?

Typical Applications:

- Partial Charges from Electron Density
- Electric Dipole / Quadrupole Moments
- Vibrational Spectroscopy (IR, Raman, VCD, ROA)



How are Volumetric Data Trajectories stored?

„Standard“ (since ≈ 40 years): Gaussian Cube Files

- Simple text file format
- Used by many programs (Gaussian, Orca, CP2k, CPMD, TurboMole, etc.)
- Trajectory is simple concatenation of single frames

- Typical resolution:
 $100 \times 100 \times 100$
to
 $300 \times 300 \times 300$

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-Quickstep-  
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0.61145E-02 0.58805E-02 0.54740E-02 0.49642E-02 0.44264E-02 0.39296E-02
```

What is the Problem?

Consider the Bulk ROA spectrum:

- Grid of 160 x 160 x 160 points (*that's still small!*)
- 65 000 time steps
- 4 trajectories for polarizability
(*without field and X, Y, Z field direction*)

One Cube frame is 52 MiB

$52 \text{ MiB} \times 65\,000 \times 4 = 13 \text{ TiB}$ data for **one** spectrum 

What is the Problem?

What about compression tools (bzip2)?

Can achieve ratio of $\approx 4.5 : 1$ \rightarrow still 3 TiB...

Compression time is longer than AIMD simulation 

\rightarrow We needed a better solution.

Volumetric Data Structure

What we need:

- Efficient **lossless** compression algorithm
(*to the accuracy of the input data*)

What we know:

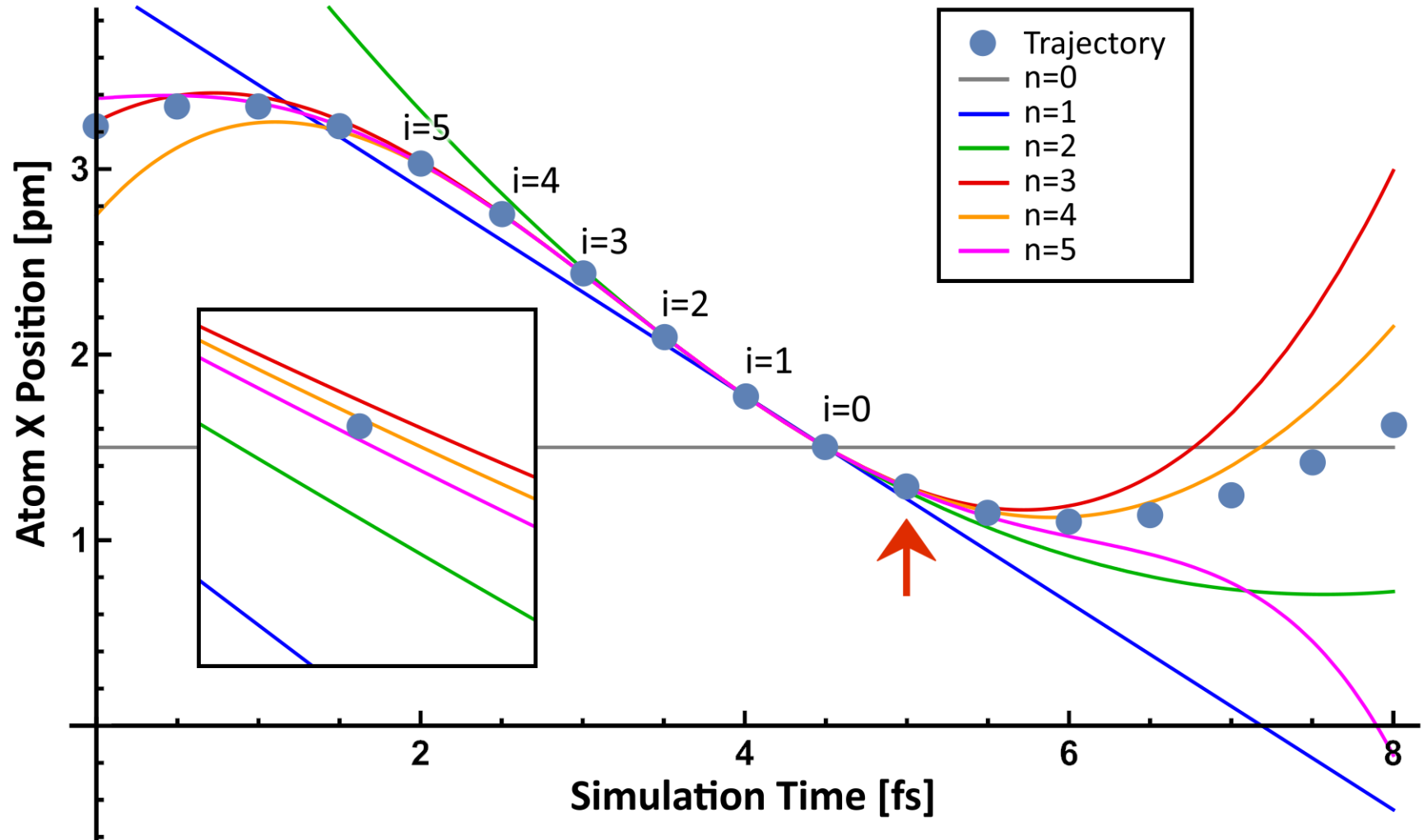
- Volumetric data is spatially continuous
(smooth, *no sharp edges*)
 - can be exploited
- If from a MD simulation, data is also temporally continuous (*no abrupt jumps*)
 - can be exploited

General Idea

- Before processing each bin, estimate (*extrapolate*) its value based on earlier values (*both space and time*)
- Then look at the true value and store the deviation from the estimate
- Finite precision: Deviation can be stored as integer numbers
- This converts the input grid of real values into a stream of integers
- **If the extrapolation is good, the integers are small in value (*reduction of information entropy!*)**
- Finally: Compress integer stream by entropy encoding

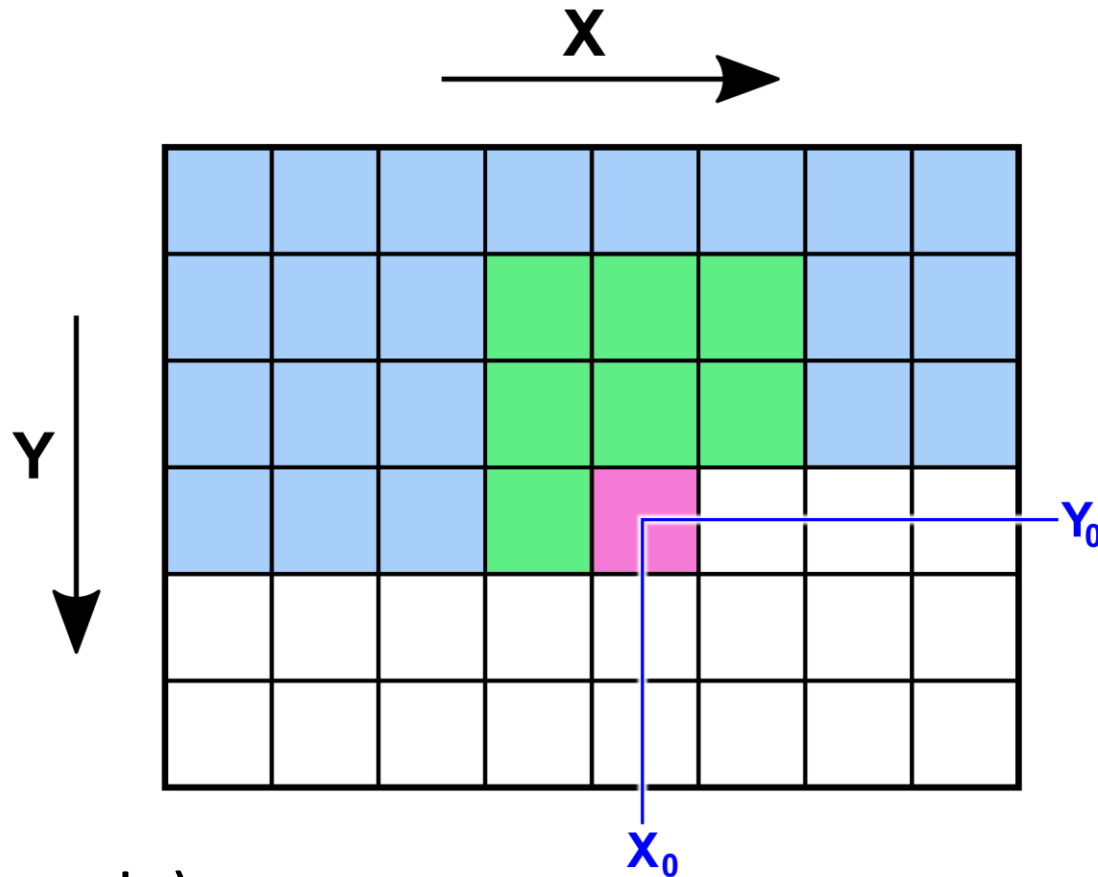
Polynomial Extrapolation

Is easy in 1D:



Polynomial Extrapolation

But how to proceed in more dimensions?



Ansatz (example):

$$F(x, y) = c_0 + c_x \cdot x + c_y \cdot y + c_{xy} \cdot xy + c_{x^2} \cdot x^2$$

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→ Linear System of Equations (7 equations, 5 unknowns):

$$F(x_0-1, y_0-2) = c_0 + c_x(x_0-1) + c_y(y_0-2) + c_{xy}(x_0-1)(y_0-2) + c_{x^2}(x_0-1)^2$$

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$$F(x_0+1, y_0-2) = c_0 + c_x(x_0+1) + c_y(y_0-2) + c_{xy}(x_0+1)(y_0-2) + c_{x^2}(x_0+1)^2$$

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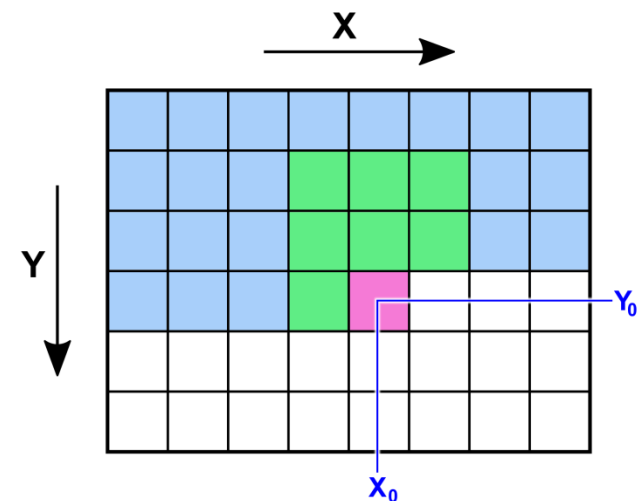
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System is **over-determined**.

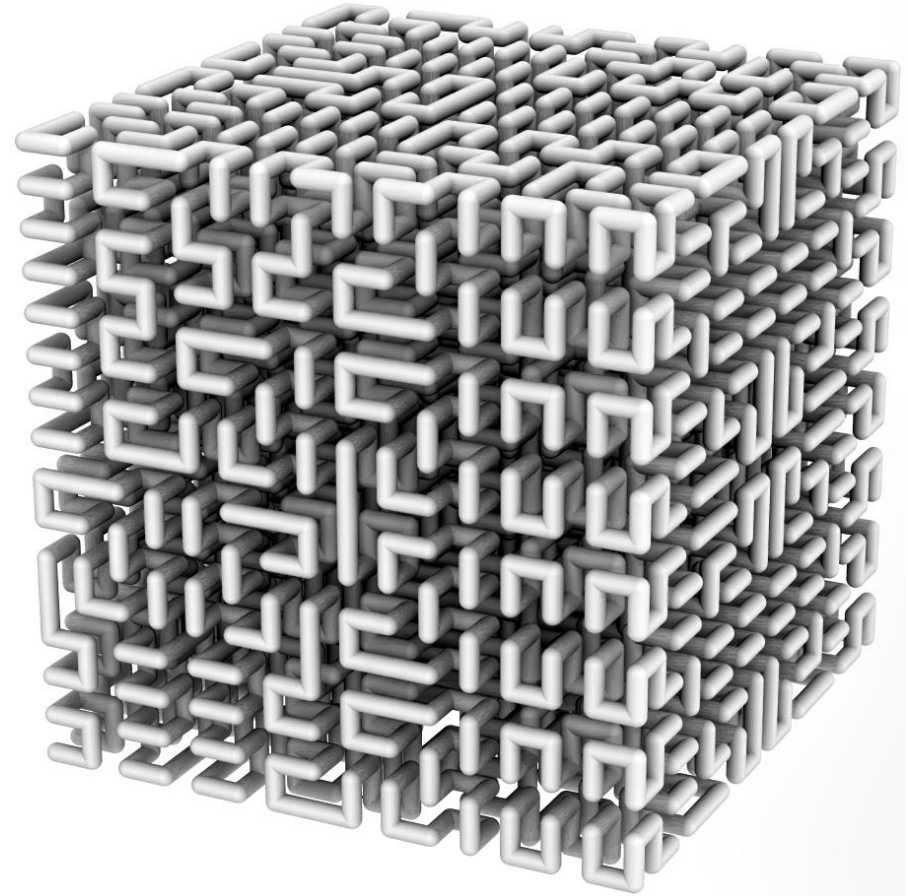
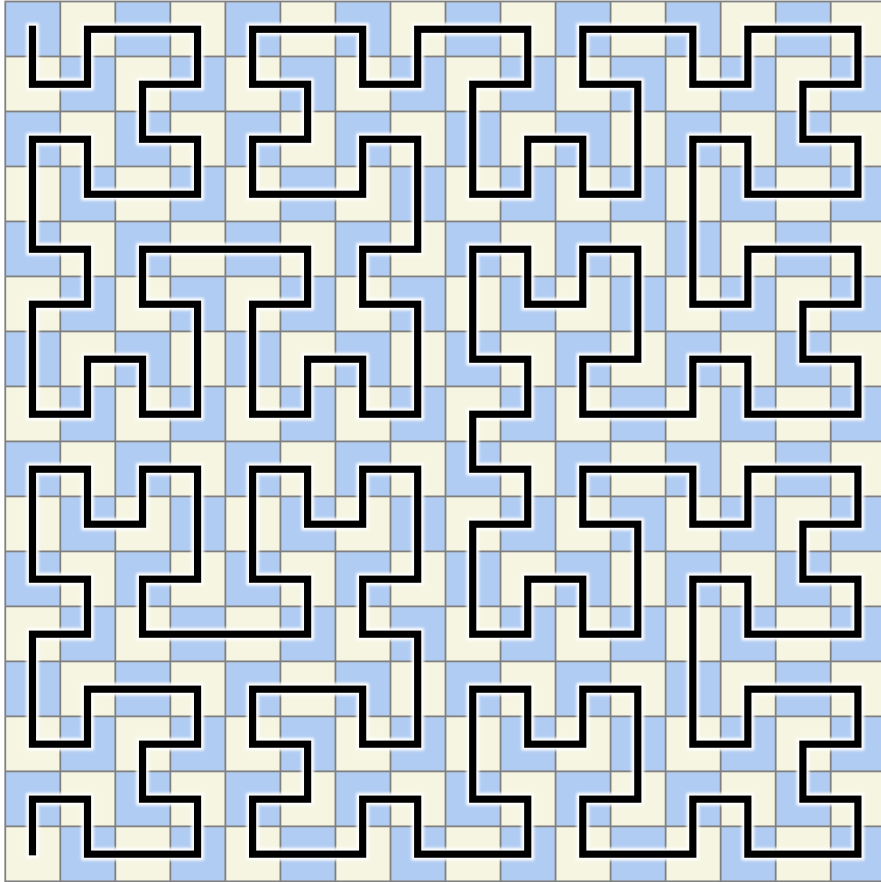
→ no exact solution, only least squares.

How to solve it? Bring it in matrix form!

$$A \cdot \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$$



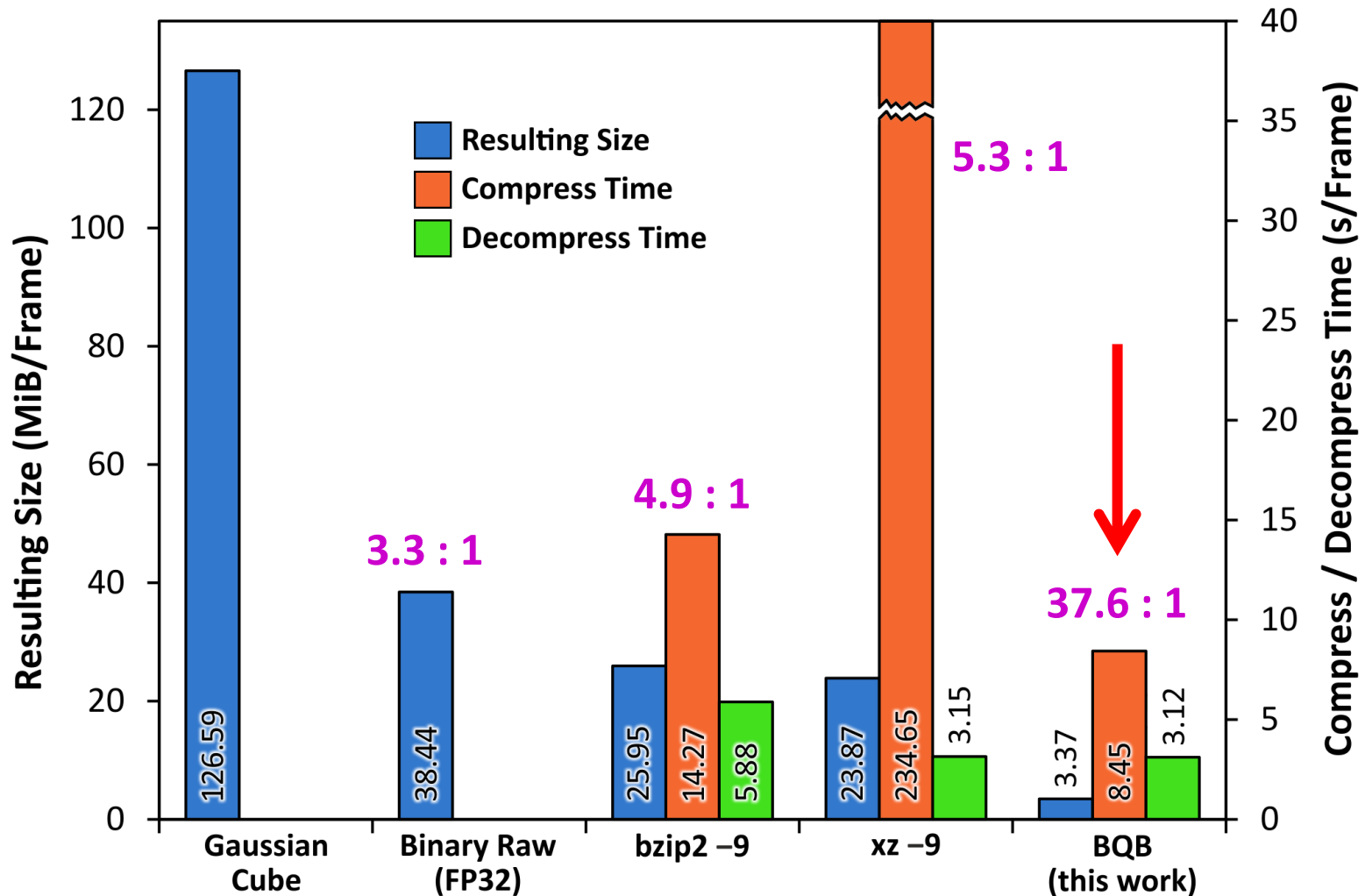
Space-Filling Hilbert Curve



This saves ~ 10% of space!

Result: Volumetric Data

Electron Density, 36 [EMIm][OAc], 936 Atoms,
Avg. over 1000 frames, Grid 216 x 216 x 216, $\Delta t = 0.5$ fs.



Single Volumetric Frames

If there is only 1 cube frame to compress, no temporal extrapolation is possible.

But spatial extrapolation can go to a higher order than 😊

→ We still achieve a ratio of $\approx 19 : 1$

→ Also very efficient for single cube frames.

Position Trajectories

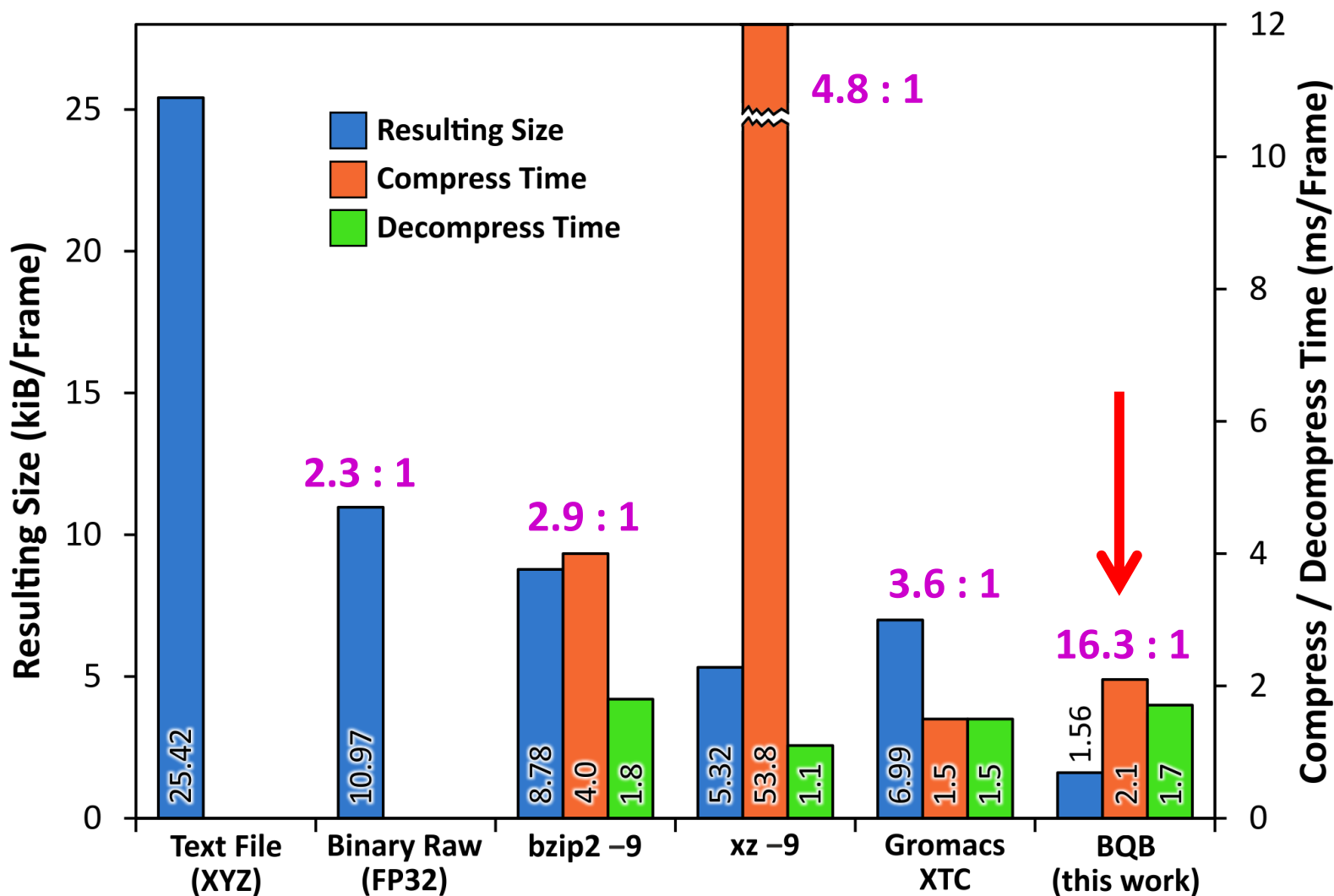
Would this also work for „normal“ position trajectories?

Use temporal extrapolation from last atom positions.

Result: Yes, it works 😊

Result: Position Trajectory

36 [EMIm][OAc], 936 Atoms, Precision 10^{-5} Angstrom, Avg. over 1000 Frames, $\Delta t = 0.5$ fs.



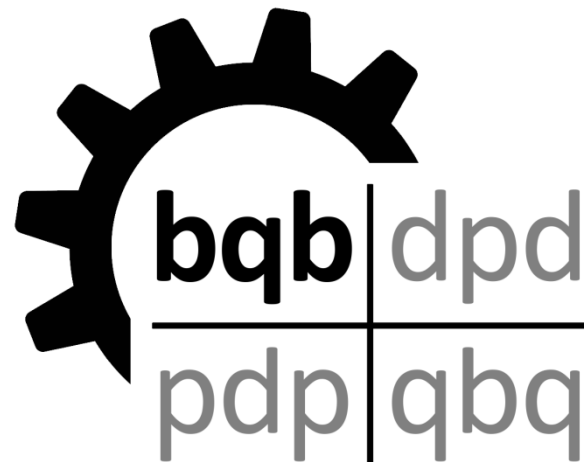
For both position trajectories („.xyz“) and volumetric trajectories („.cube“), our format has by far the best compression ratio, but is still fast to read / write.

That's nice 😊

Example: The 13 TiB of volumetric data from the ROA spectrum are now merely 350 GiB.

The BQB File Format

Compressed data is saved in the newly developed BQB file format:

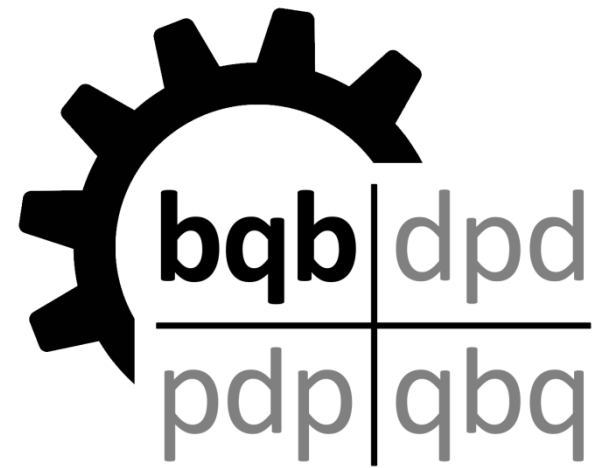


- Versatile multi-purpose format
- Open source and well documented (in future 😊)
- Can store all required data (*cell vectors, atom labels, charges, comment lines, velocities, etc.*)
- Contains headers & checksums → Corruption resistant
- Contains index → Fast seeking and random access

We hope that the BQB format is adopted in many programs and will be widely used.

The BQB File Format

Why didn't we use an existing format such as HDF5?



HDF5 is a general-purpose format with a **huge flexibility** for all different applications.

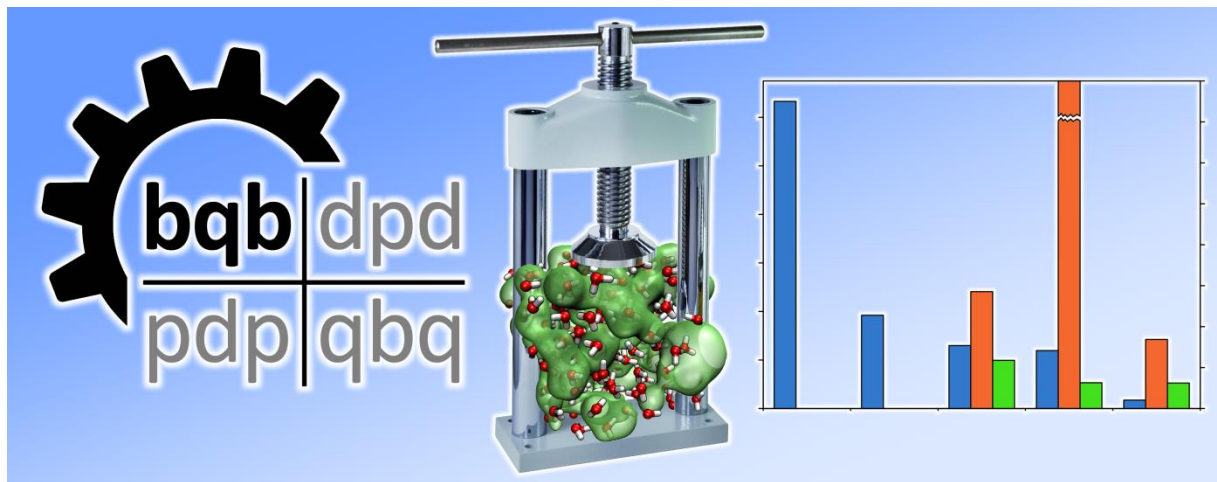
BQB is specifically designed for simulation trajectories, and aims at **maximum compression ratio**.

BQB stores bit streams and does not care for byte boundaries → not a single bit is wasted.

→ Both formats are not at all competitors.

Article

Article published in 2018:



M. Brehm, M. Thomas: "An Efficient Lossless Compression Algorithm for Trajectories of Atom Positions and Volumetric Data", *J. Chem. Inf. Model.* **2018**, 58 (10), 2092–2107.

Code is available

You can find the implementation and documentation on

`www.brehm-research.de/bqb`

- **bqbtool**: Command line tool for working with bqb files

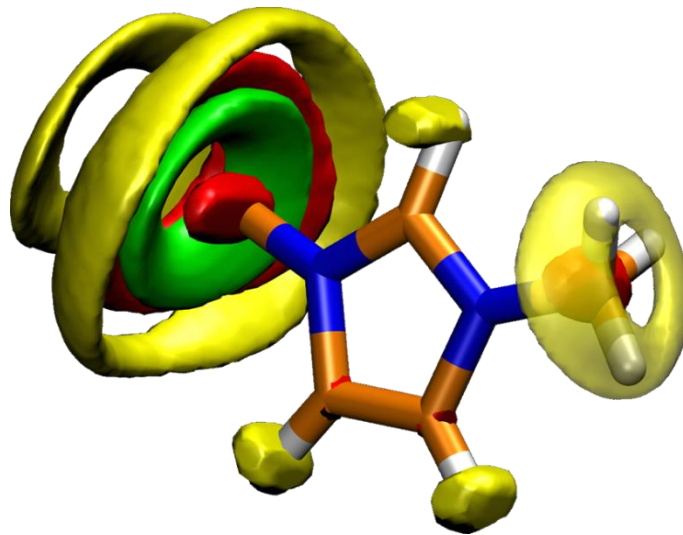
What will be available?

- **libbqb**: C++ library to include in other projects (maybe CP2k? 😊)
- **Technical documentation** of the bqb file format

All licensed under **GNU LGPL v3**.

Implemented in TRAVIS

Whole implementation is also included in TRAVIS
(you can use TRAVIS instead of bqbttool).



Will be available to the public after the paper is out.

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4. Resonance Raman Spectroscopy

Resonance Raman Spectroscopy

Main problem with Raman: **Low sensitivity** ($1 : 10^6$)

Observation: If laser wavelength matches an electronic excitation, signal is enhanced by a factor of ≈ 1000

→ „**Resonance Raman effect**“ (*used since 1960s*)

Coupling between vibrations and electronic excitations: Only normal modes which displace atoms involved in the electronic excitation are enhanced...

Advantage: In solutions, only solute modes are enhanced, not solvent
→ Raman of diluted solutions becomes possible.

Disadvantage: Intensity ratio between peaks changes drastically...
→ Non-resonant Raman predictions are useless.

→ Need methods for bulk phase resonance Raman prediction

Up to now: No such spectrum has been predicted in literature...

We developed a method to do so.

Resonance Raman Spectroscopy

- Raman spectrum obtained from cross-correlation of static ($f \rightarrow 0$) polarizability tensor along trajectory
- Resonance Raman spectrum requires the **dynamic polarizability tensor**... How to compute it?

1. From linear response TDDFT (LR-TDDFT)

- Captures only the lowest n electronic transitions
- Only discrete lines (*linear response approximation*)

2. From real-time TDDFT (RT-TDDFT)

- Captures all electronic transitions at once
- Realistic band shape of dynamic polarizability

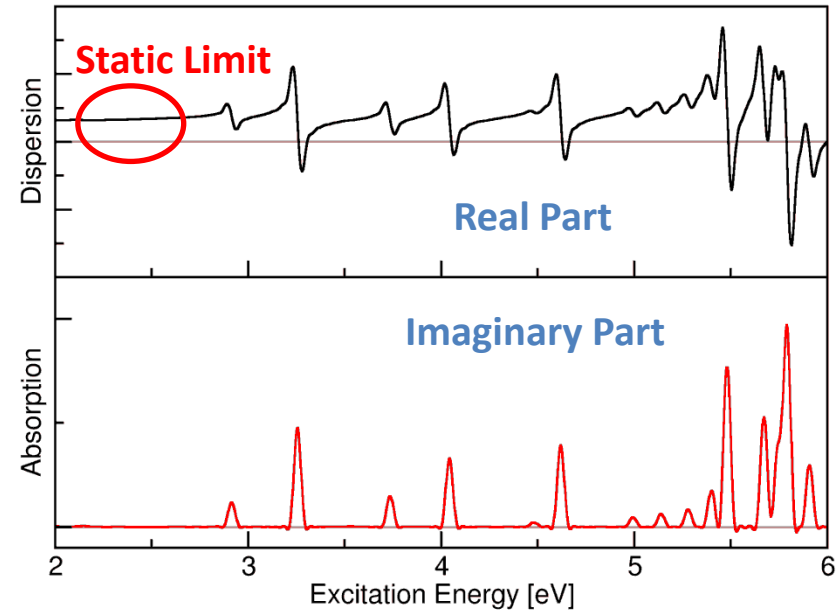
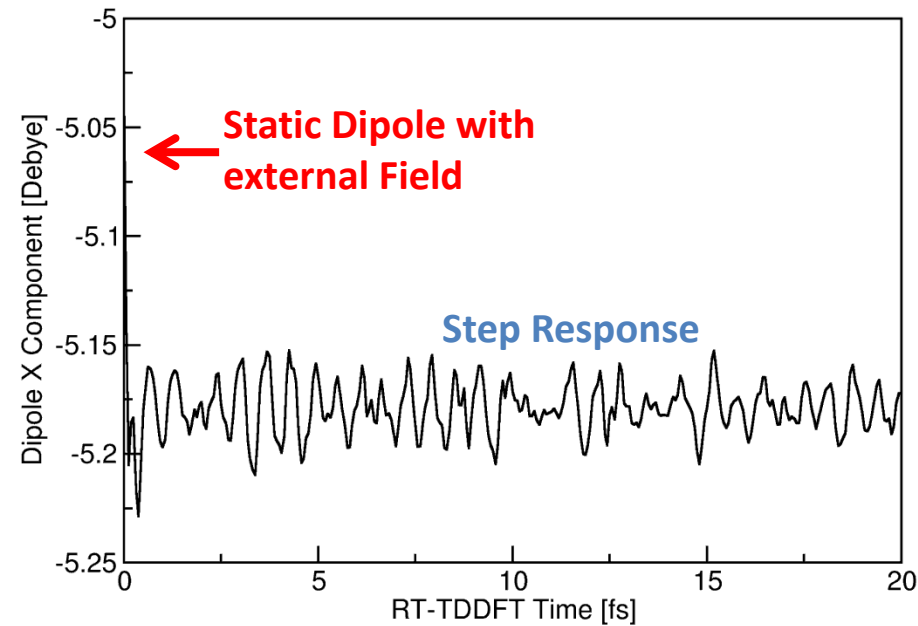
Resonance Raman Spectroscopy

RT-TDDFT

Dipole Time Series

Fourier Transform

Dynamic Polarizability

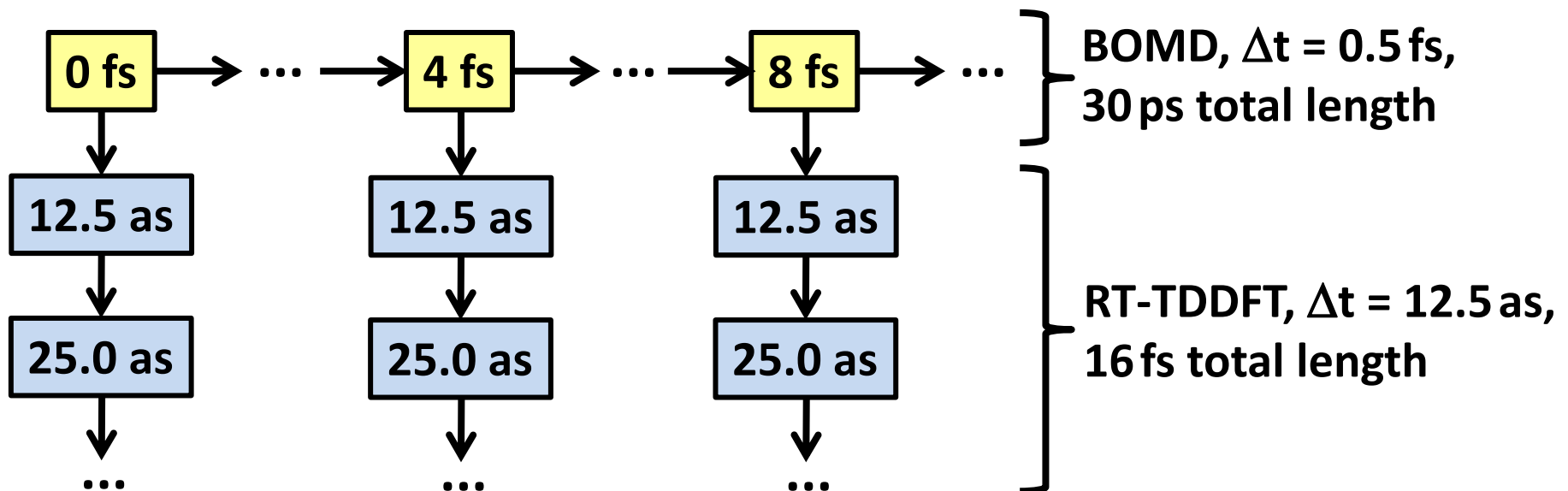


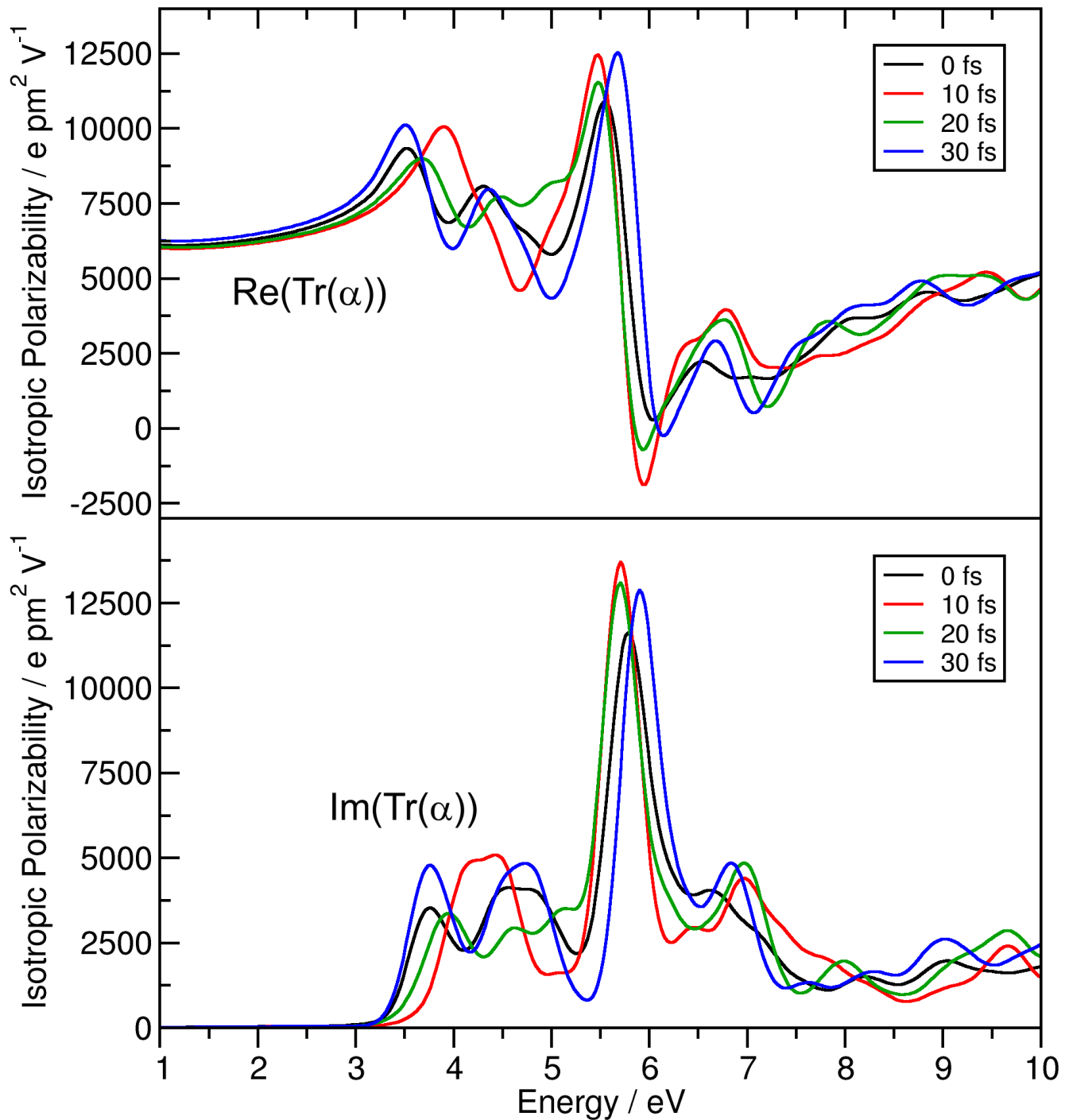
Apply external field step in X/Y/Z direction,
evaluate dipole time series in X/Y/Z direction

→ Obtain all 9 components of dynamic polarizability tensor
for all frequencies at once

Resonance Raman Spectroscopy

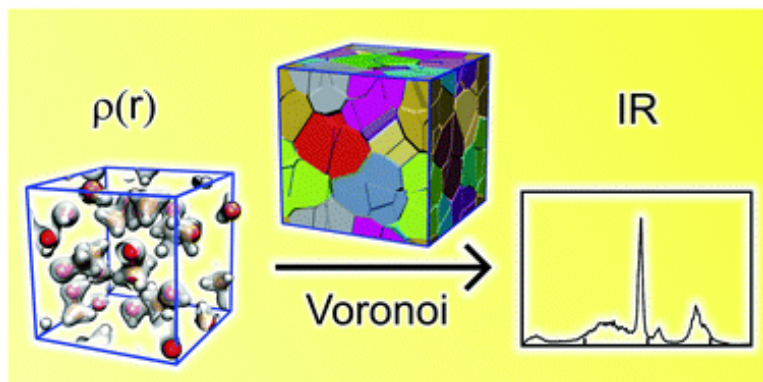
1. Run a standard BOMD trajectory of the system
2. Take a snapshot each 4 fs and run RT-TDDFT trajectories
3. Obtain the full dynamic polarizability tensor for each snapshot
4. Compute the resonance Raman spectrum via temporal cross-correlation of the dynamic polarizability





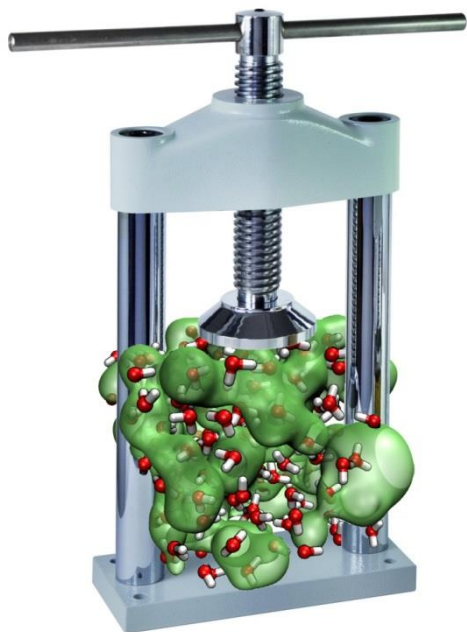
Resonance Raman Spectroscopy

Use **Voronoi integration** to obtain molecular dipole moments from total electron density:



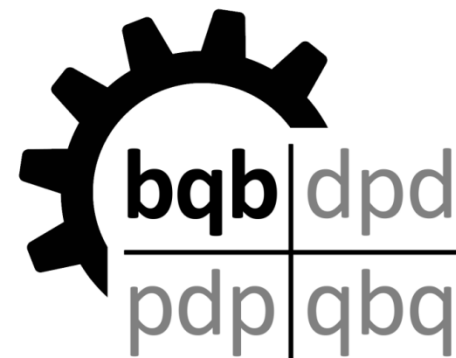
“Voronoi Dipole Moments for the Simulation of Bulk Phase Vibrational Spectra”,

M. Thomas, M. Brehm, B. Kirchner,
Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. **2015**, *17*, 3207–3213.



Lossless compression of
volumetric electron density
data in bqb format:

Terabytes → Gigabytes

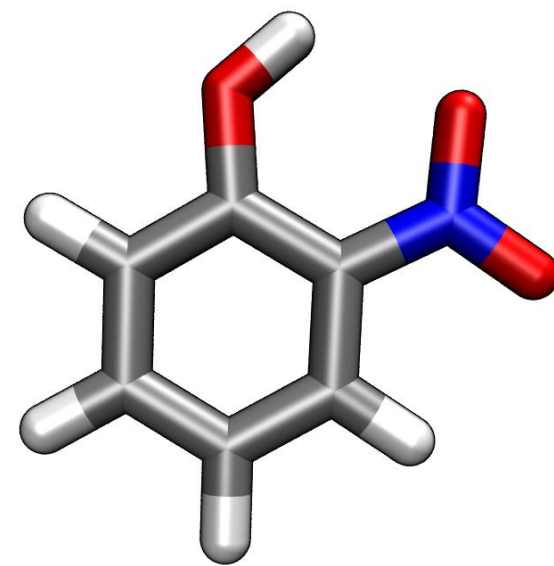
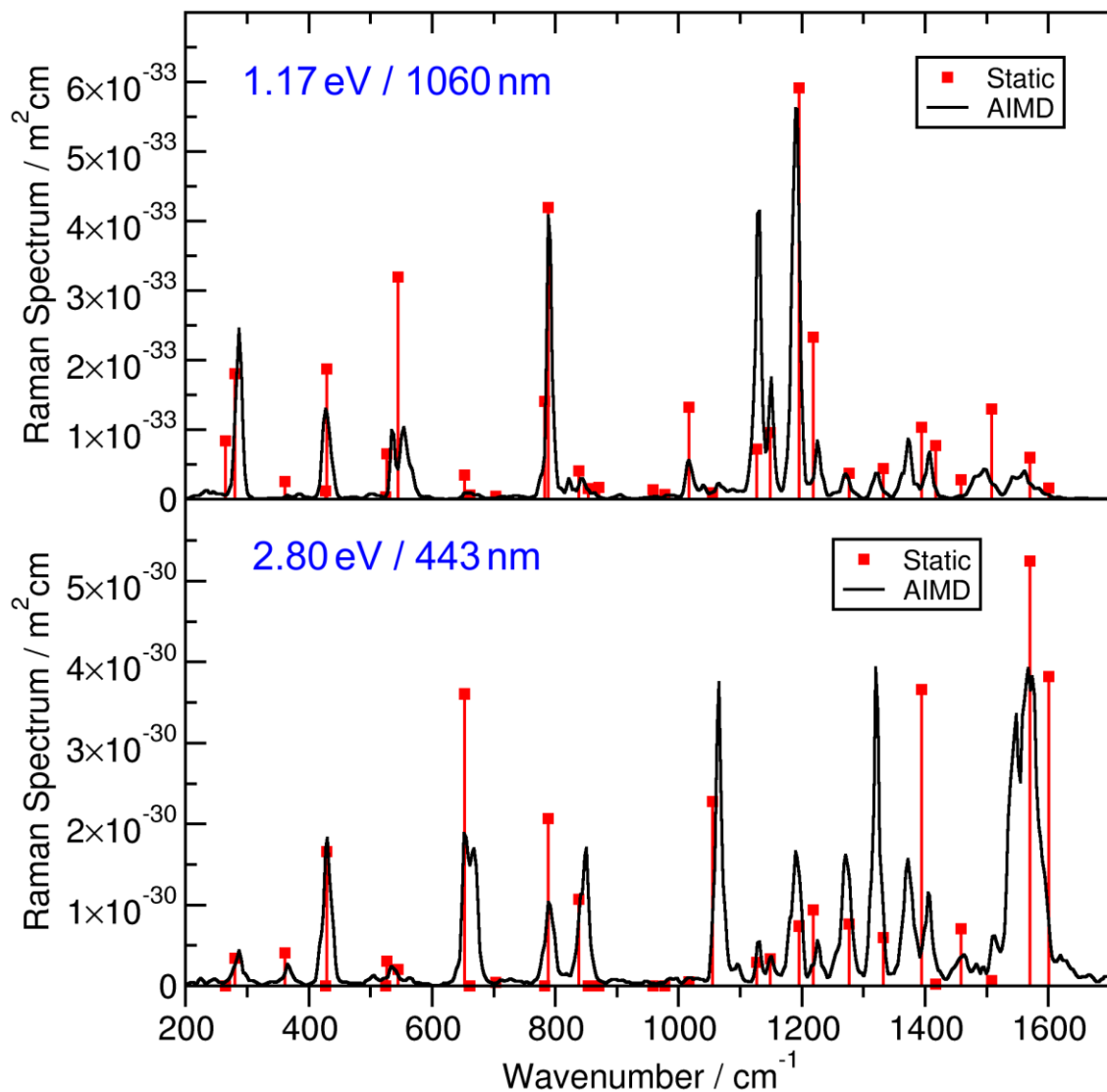


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Resonance Raman Spectroscopy

Validation with respect to gas phase static calculations:

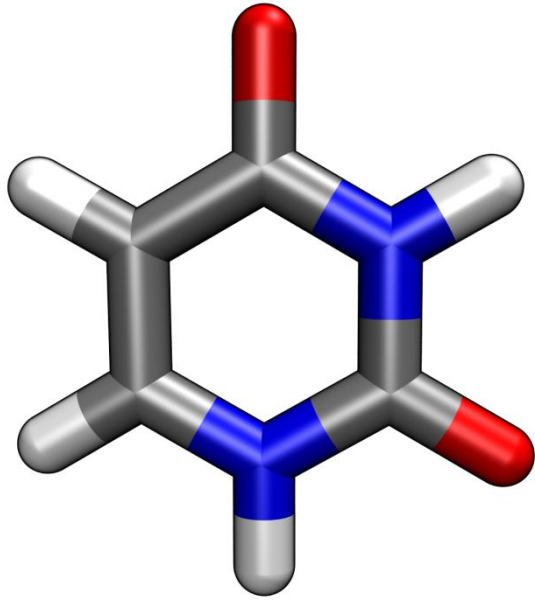


o-Nitrophenol

Static Results:

J. Chem. Phys. **2013**, *138*,
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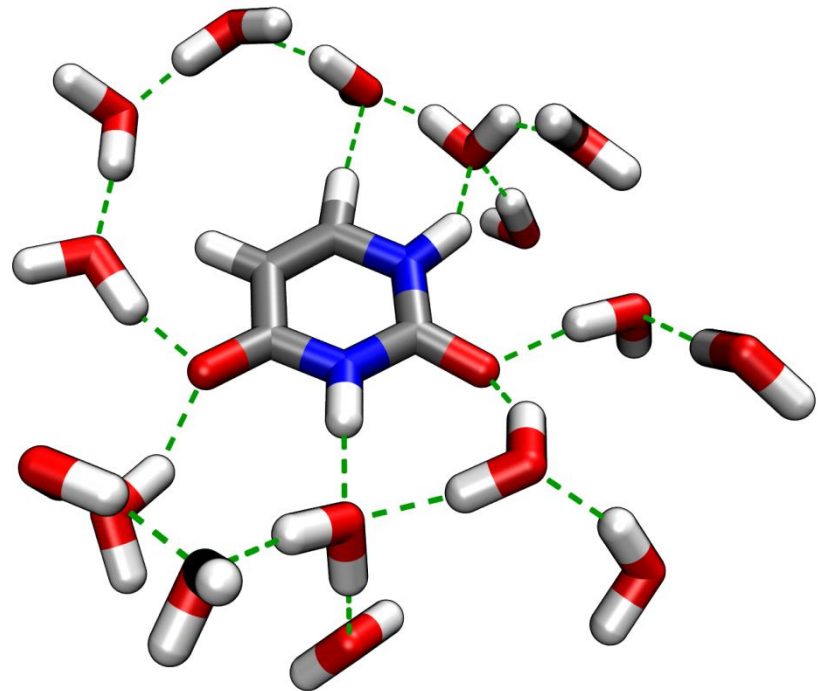
Resonance Raman Spectroscopy



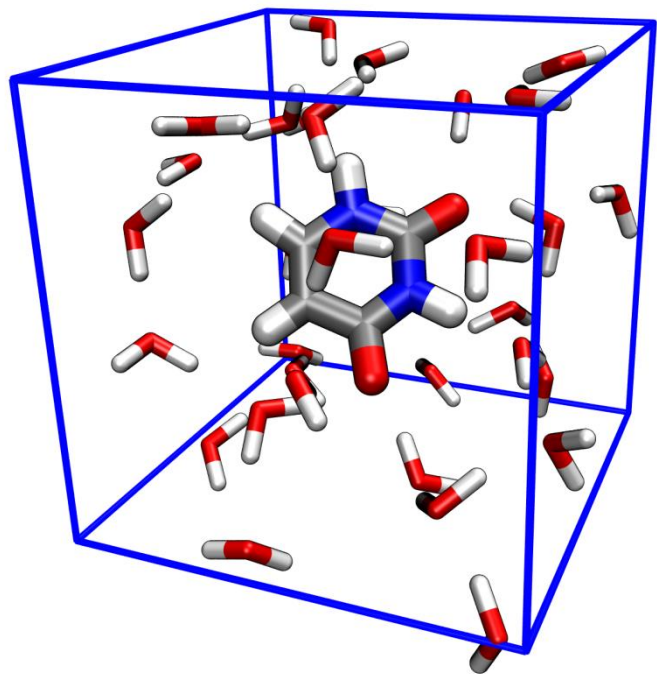
Uracil

Uracil is a worthwhile model system:

1. Important and ubiquitous in biological systems
2. Extended π system \rightarrow Absorption in near UV
3. Forms strong hydrogen bonds to water
 \rightarrow Strong solvent influence:



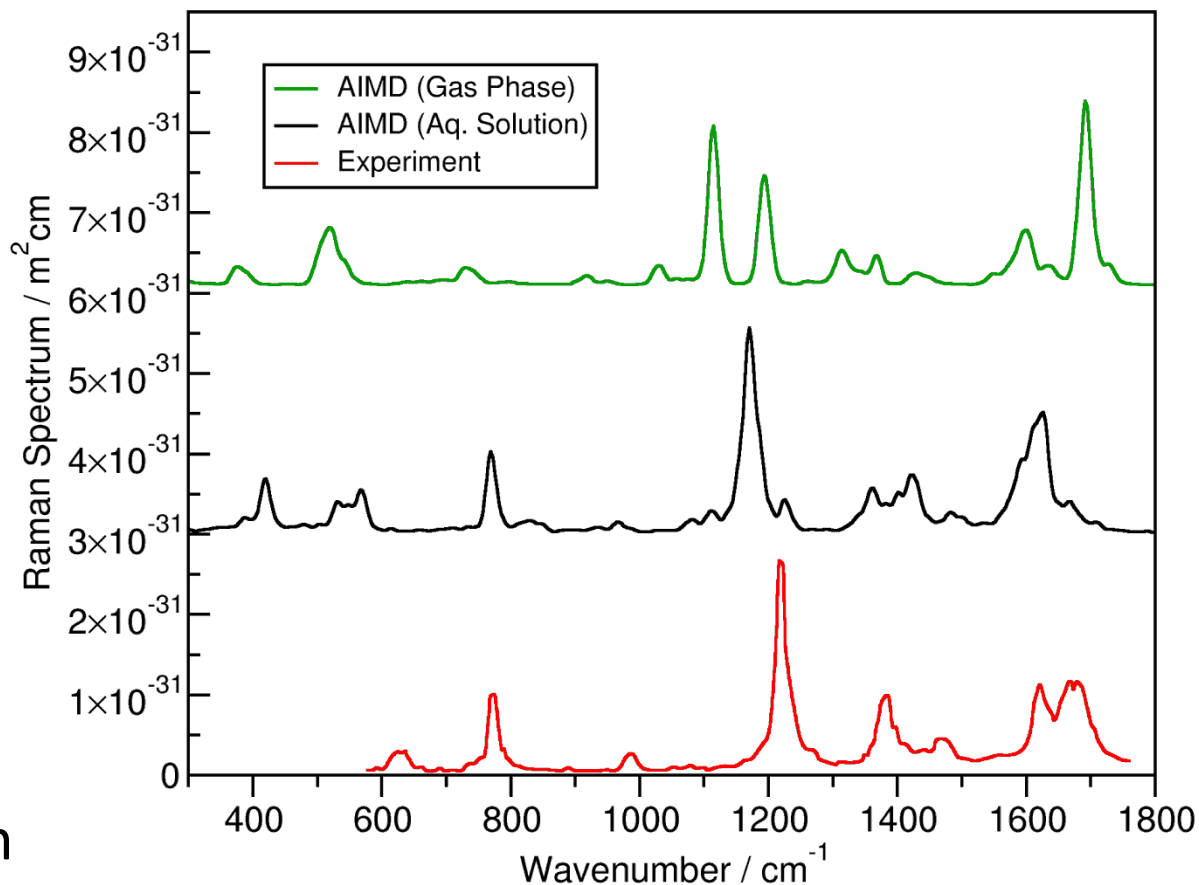
Resonance Raman Spectroscopy



Uracil + 32 H₂O, 300 K,
CP2k, BLYP, DZVP,
266 nm laser wavelength

Uracil in Water

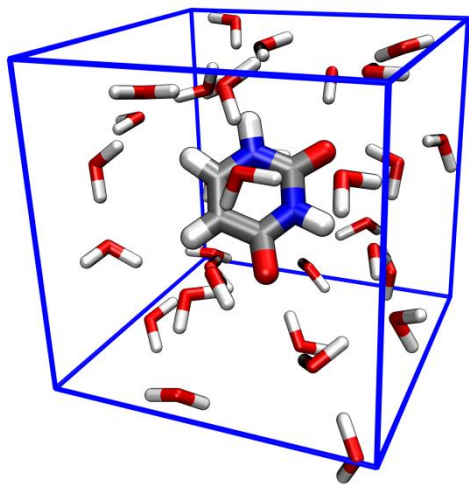
No shifting / scaling / empiricism,
truly predictive!



The first *ab initio* prediction of a bulk phase resonance Raman spectrum.

M. Brehm *et al.*, *J. Chem. Theor. Comput.* **2019**, 15 (7), 3901–3905.

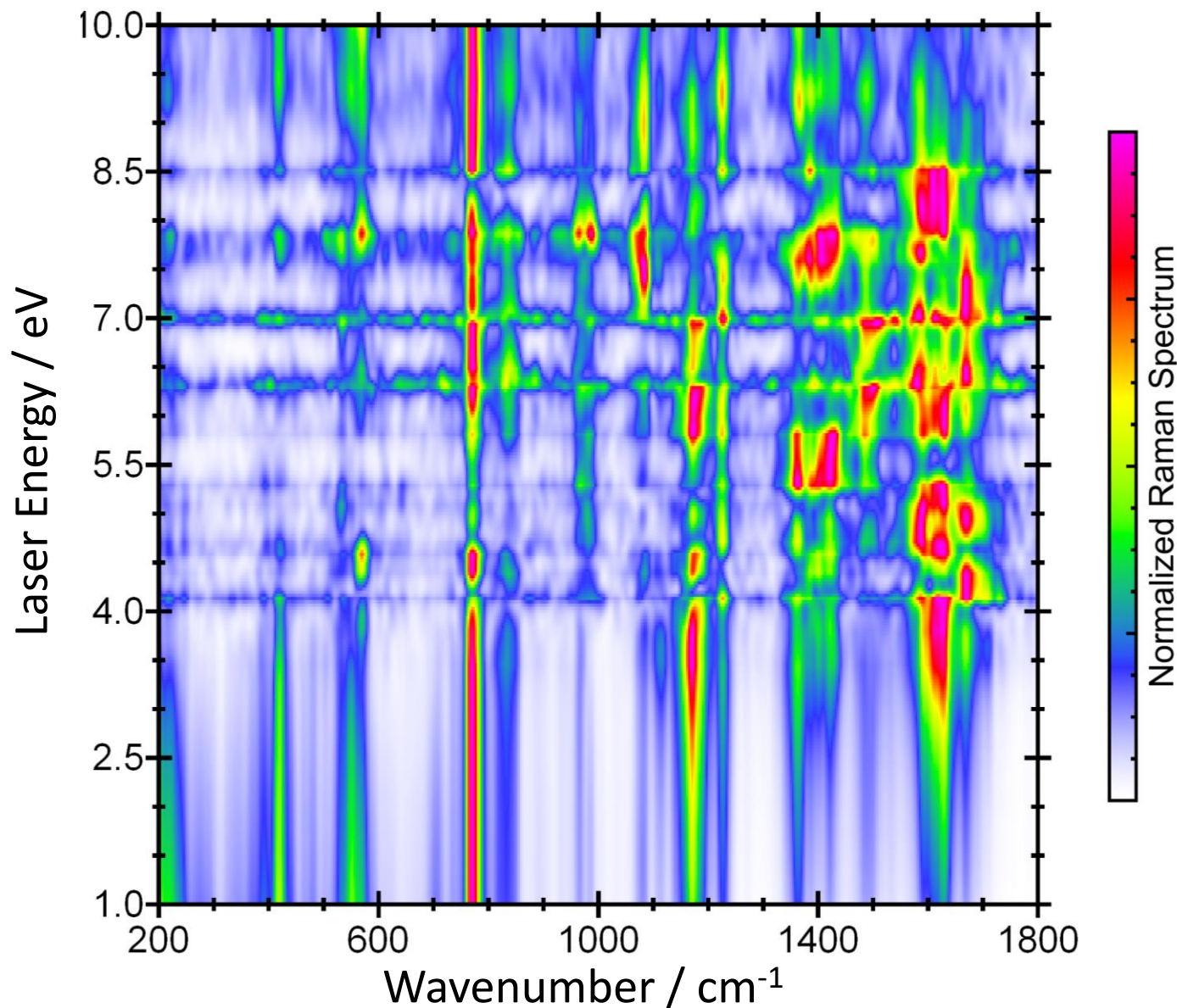
Resonance Raman Spectroscopy



All possible
resonance Raman
spectra in one plot!

Reveals details on
vibronic coupling

→ Allows to
design interesting
experiments



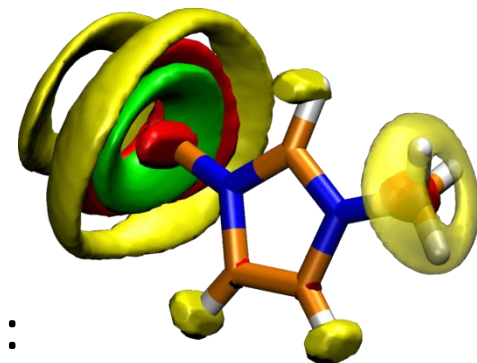
Conclusions

- The „full set“ of vibrational spectra (**Infrared, Raman, VCD, ROA**) can be routinely computed for complex bulk phase systems now
- Since 2019, even **resonance Raman** spectra are possible
- Includes full **solvent effect**, realistic **line shapes**, some **anharmonic effects** (*overtones, combination bands*)
- All methods are implemented in the **TRAVIS program package**:

<http://www.travis-analyzer.de>

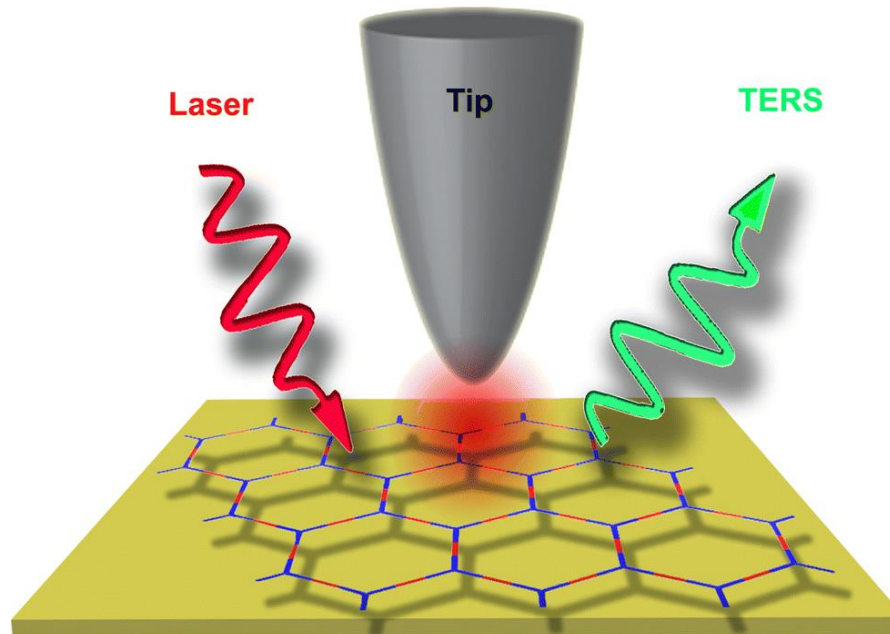
- The full workflow „**Idea → Spectrum**“ only relies on **free software** (CP2k, bqbttool, TRAVIS)
- A detailed **step-by-step tutorial** is available online:

<https://brehm-research.de/spectroscopy>



Vibrational Spectroscopy: Outlook

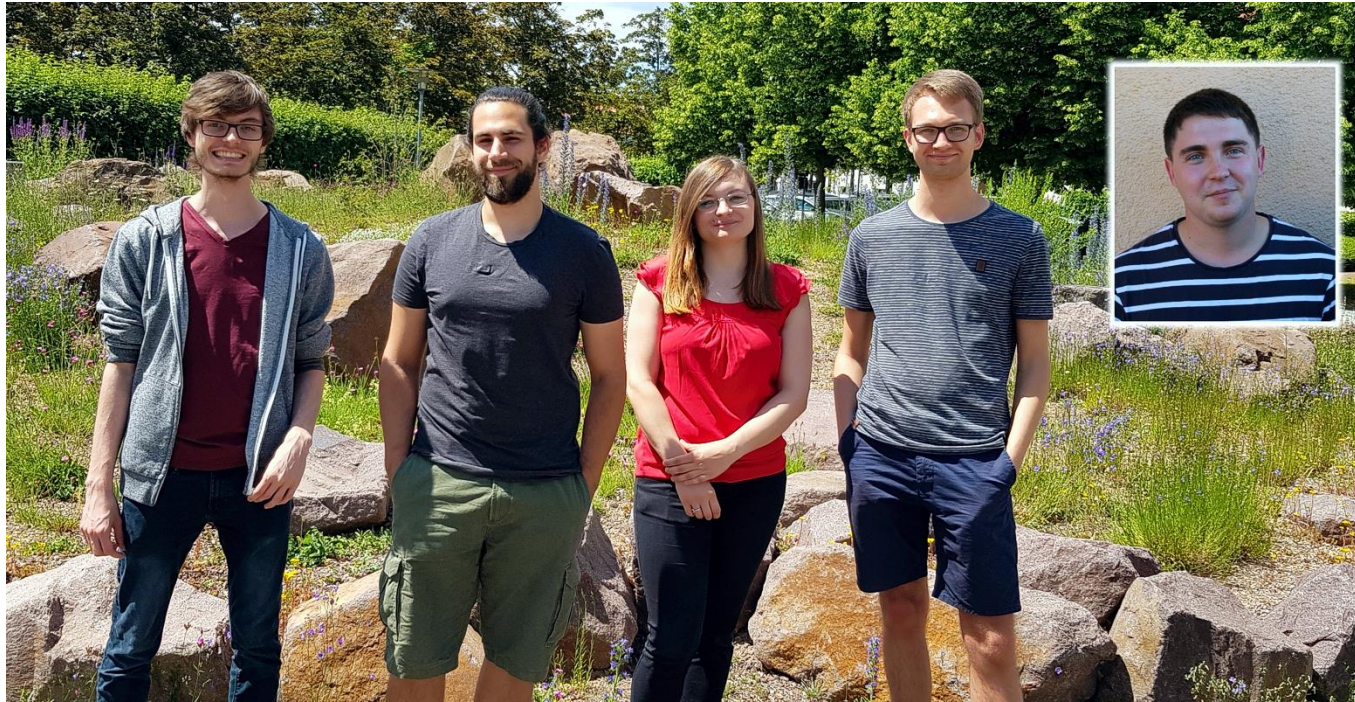
- Go **beyond GGA DFT** (only total electron density is used)
- Extend the methodology to **Resonance Raman Optical Activity (rROA)** beyond the single excitation limit
- Apply the formalism to **metal surfaces** and **nanoparticles**
→ *Ab initio* prediction of **SERS** and **TERS** spectra



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5. Practical Workflow for Spectra

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Trajectory Analyzer and Visualizer - Open-source freeware under GNU GPL v3

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               Martin Thomas (2012-2018)
               Sascha Gehrke (2016-2018), University of Bonn
               Barbara Kirchner (2009-2018), University of Bonn

http://www.travis-analyzer.de

Please cite: M. Brehm, B. Kirchner: J. Chem. Inf. Model. 2011, 51 (8), pp 2007-2023.

There is absolutely no warranty on any results obtained from TRAVIS.

# Running on sebserver01 at Tue Aug 28 09:28:37 2018 (PID 14375)
# Running in /home/brehm/test
# Code version: Aug 26 2018, Compiled at Aug 26 2018, 22:52:23, Compiler "6.2.0", GCC 6.2.0
# Target platform: Linux, Compile flags: DEBUG ARRAYS
# Machine: int=4b, long=8b, addr=8b, 0xA0B0C0D0=D0,C0,B0,A0.
# Home: /home/brehm, Executable: /home/brehm/travis_new/nobeta/travis
# Input from terminal, Output to terminal
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General Workflow

0. Preparation

→ *Starting configuration* **10 kiB**

1. Simulate trajectory

→ *XYZ file* **1 GiB**

2. Obtain electron density trajectories w/ ext. field

→ *CUBE files* **3 TiB**

3. Compress volumetric trajectories (optional)

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CP2k

bqbtool

TRAVIS

0.) Preparation

- Decide on the system composition ☺
- Prepare bulk phase cell, e.g. with PackMol
- Run force-field MD for equilibration (e.g. with OPLS-AA)
- Extract the last snapshot as starting configuration for AIMD


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1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (1/4)

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- „Officially“, you would need to converge your PW cutoff...
- A PW cutoff of 350 Ry is typically Ok for organic liquids
- NGRIDS 4 is a good setting for MOLOPT basis sets
- REL_CUTOFF 40 is default, 50 is more accurate

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- EPS_DEFAULT of 10^{-12} is often a good compromise

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1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (1/4)

EPS_SCF should always be
square root of EPS_DEFAULT

→ EPS_DEFAULT 1.0E-12 means
EPS_SCF 1.0E-6

This is a good compromise for
SCF convergence.

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  &MGRID
    CUTOFF 350
    NGRIDS 4
    REL_CUTOFF 40
  &END MGRID

  &QS
    EPS_DEFAULT 1.0E-12
  &END QS

  &SCF
    SCF_GUESS ATOMIC
    MAX_SCF 15
    &OT
      PRECONDITIONER FULL_KINETIC
      MINIMIZER DIIS
    &END
    &OUTER_SCF
      MAX_SCF 20
      EPS_SCF 1.0E-6
    &END
    EPS_SCF 1.0E-6
    &PRINT
      &RESTART
        &EACH
          MD 0
        &END EACH
      &END
    &END
  &END SCF

```

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (1/4)

- OT („Orbital Transformation“) is very fast and efficient for molecular liquids
- Choice of preconditioner is crucial for efficiency
- FULL_KINETIC is a fast choice for well-behaved MD runs
- If there are problems with SCF convergence, use FULL_SINGLE_INVERSE, or even FULL_ALL together with ENERGY_GAP 0.001

```

&FORCE_EVAL
  METHOD Quickstep
  &DFT
    BASIS_SET_FILE_NAME BASIS_MOLOPT
    POTENTIAL_FILE_NAME POTENTIAL

  &MGRID
    CUTOFF 350
    NGRIDS 4
    REL_CUTOFF 40
  &END MGRID

  &QS
    EPS_DEFAULT 1.0E-12
  &END QS

  &SCF
    SCF_GUESS ATOMIC
    MAX_SCF 15
    &OT
      PRECONDITIONER FULL_KINETIC
      MINIMIZER DIIS
    &END
    &OUTER_SCF
      MAX_SCF 20
      EPS_SCF 1.0E-6
    &END
    EPS_SCF 1.0E-6
  &PRINT
    &RESTART
      &EACH
        MD 0
      &END EACH
    &END
  &END
&END SCF

```

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (1/4)

- OUTER_SCF is important to cope with convergence problems, especially in the first steps
- Make sure to use the same EPS_SCF value at both positions!

```
&FORCE_EVAL
  METHOD Quickstep
  &DFT
    BASIS_SET_FILE_NAME BASIS_MOLOPT
    POTENTIAL_FILE_NAME POTENTIAL

  &MGRID
    CUTOFF 350
    NGRIDS 4
    REL_CUTOFF 40
  &END MGRID

  &QS
    EPS_DEFAULT 1.0E-12
  &END QS

  &SCF
    SCF_GUESS ATOMIC
    MAX_SCF 15
    &OT
      PRECONDITIONER FULL_KINETIC
      MINIMIZER DIIS
    &END
    &OUTER_SCF
      MAX_SCF 20
      EPS_SCF 1.0E-6
    &END
    EPS_SCF 1.0E-6
    &PRINT
      &RESTART
        &EACH
          MD 0
        &END EACH
      &END
    &END
  &END SCF
```

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (1/4)

- Stop printing WFN file in every MD step (can be large → slows down the simulation)

```
&XC
  &XC_FUNCTIONAL BLYP
  &END XC_FUNCTIONAL

  &XC_GRID
  XC_DERIV NN10_SMOOTH
  XC_SMOOTH_RHO NN10
  &END XC_GRID

  &vdW_POTENTIAL
  DISPERSION_FUNCTIONAL PAIR_POTENTIAL
  &PAIR_POTENTIAL
  TYPE DFTD3
  PARAMETER_FILE_NAME dftd3.dat
  REFERENCE_FUNCTIONAL BLYP
  &END PAIR_POTENTIAL
  &END vdW_POTENTIAL
&END XC
&END DFT

&SUBSYS
  &CELL
  ABC 19.8302 19.8302 19.8302
  &END CELL

  &COORD
  C 6.54092440 5.69704107 9.82218709
  H 6.10696440 5.01165107 10.56792709
  ...
  &END COORD
```

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (2/4)

&XC

```
&XC_FUNCTIONAL BLYP
&END XC_FUNCTIONAL
```

```
&XC_GRID
XC_DERIV NN10_SMOOTH
XC_SMOOTH_RHO NN10
&END XC_GRID
```

```
&vdW_POTENTIAL
DISPERSION_FUNCTIONAL PAIR_POTENTIAL
&PAIR_POTENTIAL
TYPE DFTD3
PARAMETER_FILE_NAME dftd3.dat
REFERENCE_FUNCTIONAL BLYP
&END PAIR_POTENTIAL
&END vdW_POTENTIAL
```

&END XC

&END DFT

&SUBSYS

&CELL

```
ABC 19.8302 19.8302 19.8302
```

&END CELL

&COORD

```
C 6.54092440 5.69704107 9.82218709
H 6.10696440 5.01165107 10.56792709
```

...

&END COORD

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (2/4)

- Take functional of your choice 😊
- For organic liquids, often BLYP and PBE are reasonable choices.

```

&XC
  &XC_FUNCTIONAL BLYP
  &END XC_FUNCTIONAL

  &XC_GRID
  XC_DERIV NN10_SMOOTH
  XC_SMOOTH_RHO NN10
  &END XC_GRID

  &vdW_POTENTIAL
  DISPERSION_FUNCTIONAL PAIR_POTENTIAL
  &PAIR_POTENTIAL
  TYPE DFTD3
  PARAMETER_FILE_NAME dftd3.dat
  REFERENCE_FUNCTIONAL BLYP
  &END PAIR_POTENTIAL
  &END vdW_POTENTIAL
&END XC
&END DFT

&SUBSYS
  &CELL
  ABC 19.8302 19.8302 19.8302
  &END CELL

  &COORD
  C 6.54092440 5.69704107 9.82218709
  H 6.10696440 5.01165107 10.56792709
  ...
  &END COORD

```

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (2/4)

- Smoothing mitigates the break of translational invariance due to the plane waves
- For cutoffs < 600 Ry (as we all use), this is **absolutely mandatory**

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (2/4)

- For organic liquids, you always want to use a dispersion correction
- Grimme's D3 is often a very good choice

```
&XC
  &XC_FUNCTIONAL BLYP
  &END XC_FUNCTIONAL

  &XC_GRID
    XC_DERIV NN10_SMOOTH
    XC_SMOOTH_RHO NN10
  &END XC_GRID

  &vdW_POTENTIAL
    DISPERSION_FUNCTIONAL PAIR_POTENTIAL
    &PAIR_POTENTIAL
      TYPE DFTD3
      PARAMETER_FILE_NAME dftd3.dat
      REFERENCE_FUNCTIONAL BLYP
    &END PAIR_POTENTIAL
  &END vdW_POTENTIAL
&END XC

&END DFT

&SUBSYS
  &CELL
    ABC 19.8302 19.8302 19.8302
  &END CELL

  &COORD
    C 6.54092440 5.69704107 9.82218709
    H 6.10696440 5.01165107 10.56792709
    ...
  &END COORD
```

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (3/4)

```
&KIND C
  BASIS_SET DZVP-MOLOPT-SR-GTH
  POTENTIAL GTH-BLYP-q4
&END KIND
```

```
&KIND H
  BASIS_SET DZVP-MOLOPT-SR-GTH
  POTENTIAL GTH-BLYP-q1
&END KIND
```

```
&KIND N
  BASIS_SET DZVP-MOLOPT-SR-GTH
  POTENTIAL GTH-BLYP-q5
&END KIND
```

```
&END SUBSYS
&END FORCE_EVAL
```

```
&GLOBAL
  PROJECT SomeSystem
  RUN_TYPE MD
  PRINT_LEVEL LOW
  FFTW_PLAN_TYPE EXHAUSTIVE
  FFTW_WISDOM_FILE_NAME wisdom.dat
&END GLOBAL
```

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (3/4)

- Basis sets of the type DZVP-MOLOPT-SR-GTH are a **very good compromise** for computing spectra
- For non-homogeneous systems (gas phase, interfaces), you may want to leave out the „-SR-“
- For high accuracy, you can also go to TZVP or even TZVPP.

```
&KIND C
  BASIS_SET DZVP-MOLOPT-SR-GTH
  POTENTIAL GTH-BLYP-q4
&END KIND
```

```
&KIND H
  BASIS_SET DZVP-MOLOPT-SR-GTH
  POTENTIAL GTH-BLYP-q1
&END KIND
```

```
&KIND N
  BASIS_SET DZVP-MOLOPT-SR-GTH
  POTENTIAL GTH-BLYP-q5
&END KIND
```

```
&END SUBSYS
&END FORCE_EVAL
```

```
&GLOBAL
  PROJECT SomeSystem
  RUN_TYPE MD
  PRINT_LEVEL LOW
  FFTW_PLAN_TYPE EXHAUSTIVE
  FFTW_WISDOM_FILE_NAME wisdom.dat
&END GLOBAL
```

```
&KIND C
  BASIS_SET DZVP-MOLOPT-SR-GTH
  POTENTIAL GTH-BLYP-q4
&END KIND

&KIND H
  BASIS_SET DZVP-MOLOPT-SR-GTH
  POTENTIAL GTH-BLYP-q1
&END KIND

&KIND N
  BASIS_SET DZVP-MOLOPT-SR-GTH
  POTENTIAL GTH-BLYP-q5
&END KIND

&END SUBSYS
&END FORCE_EVAL

&GLOBAL
  PROJECT SomeSystem
  RUN_TYPE MD
  PRINT_LEVEL LOW
  FFTW_PLAN_TYPE EXHAUSTIVE
  FFTW_WISDOM_FILE_NAME wisdom.dat
&END GLOBAL
```

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (3/4)

- This takes 1-2 minutes in the start of the run, but can make each MD step faster by $\approx 15\%$
- I recommend this for runs of 12 hours or longer
- The wisdom.dat file is written at the end, and makes FFT planning faster in following runs

&MOTION

&MD

ENSEMBLE NVT

STEPS 2000

TIMESTEP 0.5

&THERMOSTAT

TYPE NOSE

REGION MASSIVE

&NOSE

TIMECON 10.00

&END NOSE

&END THERMOSTAT

TEMPERATURE 350

&END MD

&PRINT

&RESTART

BACKUP_COPIES 0

&EACH

MD 1

&END EACH

&END RESTART

&RESTART_HISTORY

&EACH

MD 0

&END EACH

&END RESTART_HISTORY

&END PRINT

&END MOTION

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (4/4)

```
&MOTION
```

```
&MD
```

```
ENSEMBLE NVT
```

```
STEPS 2000
```

```
TIMESTEP 0.5
```

```
&THERMOSTAT
```

```
TYPE NOSE
```

```
REGION MASSIVE
```

```
&NOSE
```

```
TIMECON 10.00
```

```
&END NOSE
```

```
&END THERMOSTAT
```

```
TEMPERATURE 350
```

```
&END MD
```

```
&PRINT
```

```
&RESTART
```

```
BACKUP_COPIES 0
```

```
&EACH
```

```
MD 1
```

```
&END EACH
```

```
&END RESTART
```

```
&RESTART_HISTORY
```

```
&EACH
```

```
MD 0
```

```
&END EACH
```

```
&END RESTART_HISTORY
```

```
&END PRINT
```

```
&END MOTION
```

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (4/4)

- If you have hydrogen atoms, always use $\Delta t = 0.5$ fs
- **Don't** feel tempted to 1.0 fs (as in force field MD); every MD step will take more SCF cycles, such that you save almost nothing
- Solving the current PDE (for VCD and ROA) requires 0.5 fs even if no hydrogen atoms are present.

&MOTION

&MD

ENSEMBLE NVT

STEPS 2000

TIMESTEP 0.5

&THERMOSTAT

TYPE NOSE

REGION MASSIVE

&NOSE

TIMECON 10.00

&END NOSE

&END THERMOSTAT

TEMPERATURE 350

&END MD

&PRINT

&RESTART

BACKUP_COPIES 0

&EACH

MD 1

&END EACH

&END RESTART

&RESTART_HISTORY

&EACH

MD 0

&END EACH

&END RESTART_HISTORY

&END PRINT

&END MOTION

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (4/4)

- Massive thermostating and rather strong coupling (time constant of 10 fs) in the start

&MOTION

&MD

ENSEMBLE NVT

STEPS 2000

TIMESTEP 0.5

&THERMOSTAT

TYPE NOSE

REGION MASSIVE

&NOSE

TIMECON 10.00

&END NOSE

~~&END THERMOSTAT~~

TEMPERATURE 350

&END MD

&PRINT

&RESTART

BACKUP_COPIES 0

&EACH

MD 1

&END EACH

&END RESTART

&RESTART_HISTORY

&EACH

MD 0

&END EACH

&END RESTART_HISTORY

&END PRINT

&END MOTION

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (4/4)

- Use temperature of your choice
- As AIMD runs are quite short (picoseconds), higher temperature helps to improve sampling
- As „room temperature“, we typically use 350K

&MOTION

&MD

ENSEMBLE NVT

STEPS 2000

TIMESTEP 0.5

&THERMOSTAT

TYPE NOSE

REGION MASSIVE

&NOSE

TIMECON 10.00

&END NOSE

&END THERMOSTAT

TEMPERATURE 350

&END MD

&PRINT

&RESTART

BACKUP_COPIES 0

&EACH

MD 1

&END EACH

&END RESTART

&RESTART_HISTORY

&EACH

MD 0

&END EACH

&END RESTART_HISTORY

&END PRINT

&END MOTION

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration (4/4)

- Stop spamming all kinds of restart backup / history files
- Only one single restart file, which is written in every MD step

1.) Trajectory

a) Massive Equilibration

Run for ≈ 2000 time steps (1.0 ps)

```
&FORCE_EVAL
  &DFT
    &SCF
      SCF_GUESS RESTART
    &END SCF
  &END DFT
&END FORCE_EVAL

&MOTION
  &MD
    &THERMOSTAT
      REGION MASSIVE
      &NOSE
        TIMECON 100.00
      &END NOSE
    &END THERMOSTAT
  &END MD
&END MOTION

&EXT_RESTART
  EXTERNAL_FILE SomeSystem-1.restart
  RESTART_THERMOSTAT .FALSE.
&END
```

1.) Trajectory

b) Non-massive Equilibration

```
&FORCE_EVAL
  &DFT
    &SCF
      SCF_GUESS RESTART
    &END SCF
  &END DFT
&END FORCE_EVAL
```

```
&MOTION
  &MD
    &THERMOSTAT
      REGION MASSIVE
      &NOSE
        TIMECON 100.00
      &END NOSE
    &END THERMOSTAT
  &END MD
&END MOTION
```

```
&EXT_RESTART
  EXTERNAL_FILE SomeSystem-1.restart
  RESTART_THERMOSTAT .FALSE.
&END
```

1.) Trajectory

b) Non-massive Equilibration

- Restart from last WFN instead of initial guess

```
&FORCE_EVAL
  &DFT
    &SCF
      SCF_GUESS RESTART
    &END SCF
  &END DFT
&END FORCE_EVAL

&MOTION
  &MD
    &THERMOSTAT
      REGION MASSIVE
    &NOSE
      TIMECON 100.00
    &END NOSE
  &END THERMOSTAT
&END MD
&END MOTION

&EXT_RESTART
  EXTERNAL_FILE SomeSystem-1.restart
  RESTART_THERMOSTAT .FALSE.
&END
```

1.) Trajectory

b) Non-massive Equilibration

- Remove the „MASSIVE“ after the first equilibration phase

```
&FORCE_EVAL
  &DFT
    &SCF
      SCF_GUESS RESTART
    &END SCF
  &END DFT
&END FORCE_EVAL

&MOTION
  &MD
    &THERMOSTAT
      REGION MASSIVE
      &NOSE
        TIMECON 100.00
      &END NOSE
    &END THERMOSTAT
  &END MD
&END MOTION

&EXT_RESTART
  EXTERNAL_FILE SomeSystem-1.restart
  RESTART_THERMOSTAT .FALSE.
&END
```

1.) Trajectory

b) Non-massive Equilibration

- Weaker thermostat coupling (time constant 100 fs) for second equilibration and production run
- Strong thermostat coupling might distort the dynamics and spectra...


```
&FORCE_EVAL
  &DFT
    &SCF
      SCF_GUESS RESTART
    &END SCF
  &END DFT
&END FORCE_EVAL
```

```
&MOTION
  &MD
    &THERMOSTAT
      REGION MASSIVE
      &NOSE
        TIMECON 100.00
      &END NOSE
    &END THERMOSTAT
  &END MD
&END MOTION
```

```
&EXT_RESTART
  EXTERNAL_FILE SomeSystem-1.restart
  RESTART_THERMOSTAT .FALSE.
&END
```

1.) Trajectory

b) Non-massive Equilibration

- You need the EXT_RESTART block now
- Make sure the name of the restart file matches
- After turning off MASSIVE, you want RESTART_THERMOSTATE .FALSE.

1.) Trajectory

b) Non-massive Equilibration

Run for $\approx 20\,000$ time steps (10.0 ps)

```
&EXT_RESTART  
  EXTERNAL_FILE SomeSystem-1.restart  
  RESTART_THERMOSTAT.FALSE.  
&END
```

1.) Trajectory

c) Production Run

```
&EXT_RESTART
EXTERNAL_FILE SomeSystem-1_restart
RESTART_THERMOSTAT .FALSE.
&END
```

1.) Trajectory

c) Production Run

- Don't forget to remove
RESTART_THERMOSTATE .FALSE.
before starting production run

1.) Trajectory

c) Production Run

Run for $\approx 60\,000$ time steps (30.0 ps)

Now we have a 30 ps production trajectory which contains all motions for the spectra.

2.) Electron Density

- We traverse the trajectory again, and store volumetric electron density in every n -th frame
- For IR and VCD: Only one field-free calculation required
- For Raman and ROA: Field-free + 3 field directions \rightarrow 4 runs
- For IR and Raman: Sufficient to consider every 8th frame (\rightarrow every 4.0 fs)
- For VCD and ROA: Need every frame (every 0.5 fs)

2.) Electron Density (1/2)

```
&FORCE_EVAL
  &DFT
    &PERIODIC_EFIELD
      INTENSITY 5.0E-3
      POLARISATION 1.0 0.0 0.0
    &END PERIODIC_EFIELD

    &PRINT
      &E_DENSITY_CUBE
        STRIDE 1 1 1
        FILENAME =result.cube
        APPEND
      &END
    &END PRINT

  &LOCALIZE
    METHOD CRAZY
    JACOBI_FALLBACK
    MAX_ITER 500
    &PRINT
      &WANNIER_CENTERS
        IONS+CENTERS
        FILENAME =wannier.xyz
      &EACH
        MD 1
      &END EACH
    &END
  &END PRINT
&END LOCALIZE

&END DFT
&END FORCE_EVAL
```

```
&FORCE_EVAL
```

```
&DFT
```

```
&PERIODIC_EFIELD
```

```
INTENSITY 5.0E-3
```

```
POLARISATION 1.0 0.0 0.0
```

```
&END PERIODIC_EFIELD
```

```
&PRINT
```

```
&E_DENSITY_CUBE
```

```
STRIDE 1 1 1
```

```
FILENAME =result.cube
```

```
APPEND
```

```
&END
```

```
&END PRINT
```

```
&LOCALIZE
```

```
METHOD CRAZY
```

```
JACOBI_FALLBACK
```

```
MAX_ITER 500
```

```
&PRINT
```

```
&WANNIER_CENTERS
```

```
IONS+CENTERS
```

```
FILENAME =wannier.xyz
```

```
&EACH
```

```
MD 1
```

```
&END EACH
```

```
&END
```

```
&END PRINT
```

```
&END LOCALIZE
```

```
&END DFT
```

```
&END FORCE_EVAL
```

2.) Electron Density (1/2)

- We need an external electric field which works with periodic systems.
- An external field strength of $5.0E-3$ a.u. is a good compromise between noise and linearity (corresponds to $2.5 * 10^9$ V/m !)
- POLARIZATION gives the field vector (here: positive X direction)

2.) Electron Density (1/2)

```
&FORCE_EVAL
  &DFT
    &PERIODIC_EFIELD
      INTENSITY 5.0E-3
      POLARISATION 1.0 0.0 0.0
    &END PERIODIC_EFIELD

    &PRINT
      &E_DENSITY_CUBE
        STRIDE 1 1 1
        FILENAME =result.cube
        APPEND
      &END
    &END PRINT

  &LOCALIZE
    METHOD CRAZY
    JACOBI_FALLBACK
    MAX_ITER 500
    &PRINT
      &WANNIER_CENTERS
        IONS+CENTERS
        FILENAME =wannier.xyz
      &EACH
        MD 1
      &END EACH
    &END
  &END PRINT
&END LOCALIZE

&END DFT
&END FORCE_EVAL
```

- Write the electron density in each MD step to a CUBE trajectory
- STRIDE 1 1 1 is vital for Voronoi integration

2.) Electron Density (1/2)

```
&FORCE_EVAL
  &DFT
    &PERIODIC_EFIELD
      INTENSITY 5.0E-3
      POLARISATION 1.0 0.0 0.0
    &END PERIODIC_EFIELD

    &PRINT
      &E_DENSITY_CUBE
        STRIDE 1 1 1
        FILENAME =result.cube
        APPEND
      &END
    &END PRINT

    &LOCALIZE
      METHOD CRAZY
      JACOBI_FALLBACK
      MAX_ITER 500
      &PRINT
        &WANNIER_CENTERS
          IONS+CENTERS
          FILENAME =wannier.xyz
          &EACH
            MD 1
          &END EACH
        &END
      &END PRINT
    &END LOCALIZE

  &END DFT
&END FORCE_EVAL
```

- Don't compute Wannier centers if you don't have to (can waste a lot of time if CRAZY does not converge)
- If you really need it, insert this section
- Higher numbers for MAX_ITER typically are of no use (if it did not converge after 500 iterations, it will often never converge)

2.) Electron Density (2/2)

```
&MOTION
  &MD
    ENSEMBLE REFTRAJ
    STEPS 1024
    &REFTRAJ
      EVAL_ENERGY_FORCES
      FIRST_SNAPSHOT 1
      TRAJ_FILE_NAME SomeSystem-pos-1.xyz
    &END REFTRAJ
  &END MD
&PRINT
  &RESTART
    &EACH
      MD 0
    &END EACH
  &END RESTART
  &RESTART_HISTORY
    &EACH
      MD 0
    &END EACH
  &END RESTART_HISTORY
&END PRINT
&END MOTION
```

```
&EXT_RESTART
  EXTERNAL_FILE SomeSystem-1.restart
&END
```

&MOTION

```
&MD
  ENSEMBLE REFTRAJ
  STEPS 1024
  &REFTRAJ
    EVAL_ENERGY_FORCES
    FIRST_SNAPSHOT 1
    TRAJ_FILE_NAME SomeSystem-pos-1.xyz
  &END REFTRAJ
&END MD
```

```
&PRINT
  &RESTART
    &EACH
      MD 0
    &END EACH
  &END RESTART
  &RESTART_HISTORY
    &EACH
      MD 0
    &END EACH
  &END RESTART_HISTORY
&END PRINT
&END MOTION
```

```
&EXT_RESTART
EXTERNAL_FILE SomeSystem-1.restart
&END
```

2.) Electron Density (2/2)

- Follow the pre-computed reference trajectory instead of doing a „true“ MD
- Make sure to specify the correct reference trajectory file name
- Enter the FIRST_SNAPSHOT and STEPS according to your needs
- EVAL_ENERGY_FORCES is important to re-compute the electron structure

2.) Electron Density (2/2)

```
&MOTION
  &MD
    ENSEMBLE REFTRAJ
    STEPS 1024
    &REFTRAJ
      EVAL_ENERGY_FORCES
      FIRST_SNAPSHOT 1
      TRAJ_FILE_NAME SomeSystem-pos-1.xyz
    &END REFTRAJ
  &END MD
  &PRINT
    &RESTART
      &EACH
        MD 0
      &END EACH
    &END RESTART
    &RESTART_HISTORY
      &EACH
        MD 0
      &END EACH
    &END RESTART_HISTORY
  &END PRINT
&END MOTION
```

```
&EXT_RESTART
  EXTERNAL_FILE SomeSystem-1.restart
&END
```

- This time: No restart files at all, because we just follow the reference trajectory

2.) Electron Density (2/2)

```
&MOTION
&MD
  ENSEMBLE REFTRAJ
  STEPS 1024
  &REFTRAJ
    EVAL_ENERGY_FORCES
    FIRST_SNAPSHOT 1
    TRAJ_FILE_NAME SomeSystem-pos-1.xyz
  &END REFTRAJ
&END MD
&PRINT
  &RESTART
    &EACH
      MD 0
    &END EACH
  &END RESTART
  &RESTART_HISTORY
    &EACH
      MD 0
    &END EACH
  &END RESTART_HISTORY
&END PRINT
&END MOTION
```

```
&EXT_RESTART
EXTERNAL_FILE SomeSystem-1.restart
&END
```

- ~~EXT_RESTART~~ section not required for ENSEMBLE REFTRAJ.

3.) Compress Volumetric Trajectories (Optional)

- Using the `bqbtool`, we can compress the CUBE trajectories
- Typical saving of space is factor 30 – 40 (for $\Delta t = 0.5$ fs)

→ Gigabytes instead of Terabytes

Takes ≈ 5 seconds per frame on 1 CPU core

- If you don't want to keep the electron density data, you can leave out this step

Command:

```
bqbtool compress cube result.cube result.bqb
```

or

```
travis compress cube result.cube result.bqb
```

4.) Solve current PDE, perform Voronoi Integration

For every atom in each trajectory frame, we want to compute the electromagnetic properties („EMP“). These include:

- Electric dipole vector *(for IR, Raman, VCD, ROA)*
- Electric quadrupole tensor *(for ROA)*
- Electric current vector *(for VCD, ROA)*
- Magnetic dipole vector *(for VCD, ROA)*

This gives one EMP file per trajectory.

Takes around 1 second per frame *(only electric moments)*
or around 15 seconds per frame *(magnetic moments required)*.

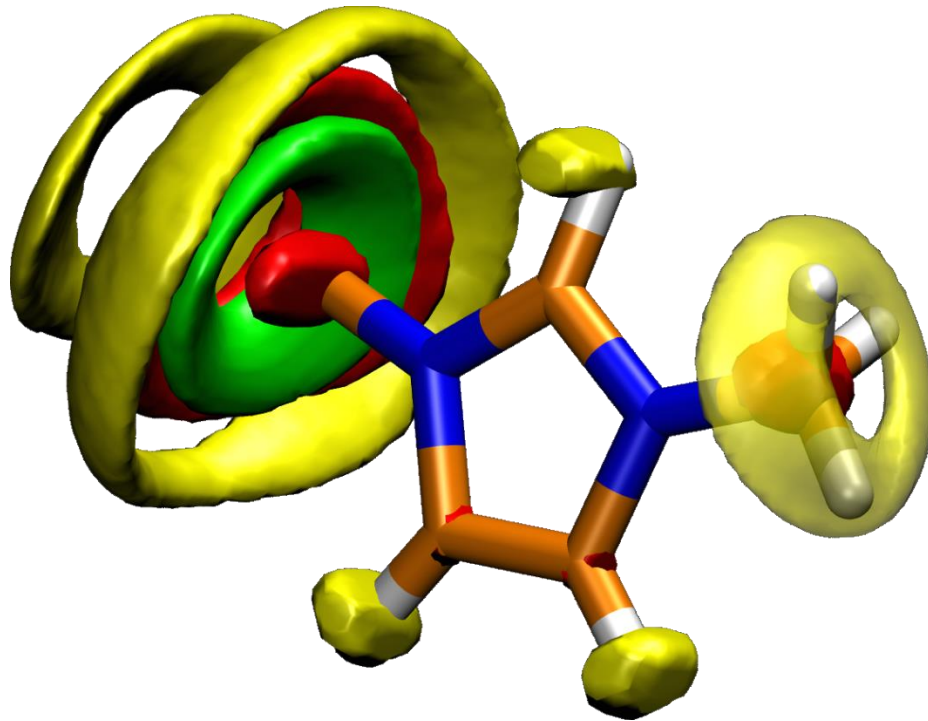
If we have trajectories with external electric field,
we can compute the polarizabilities by finite differences.

5.) Compute spectra from EMP property files

Supply the single field-free EMP file (*for IR, VCD*)
or the set of four EMP files (*for Raman, ROA*) to TRAVIS.

Computation of spectra from EMP files
takes $\approx 1 - 2$ minutes in total 😊

All computationally demanding parts
have already been performed before.



Thank you for your attention!