



# **Unravelling Non Covalent Interactions within Flexible Biomolecules: from electron density topology to gas phase spectroscopy**

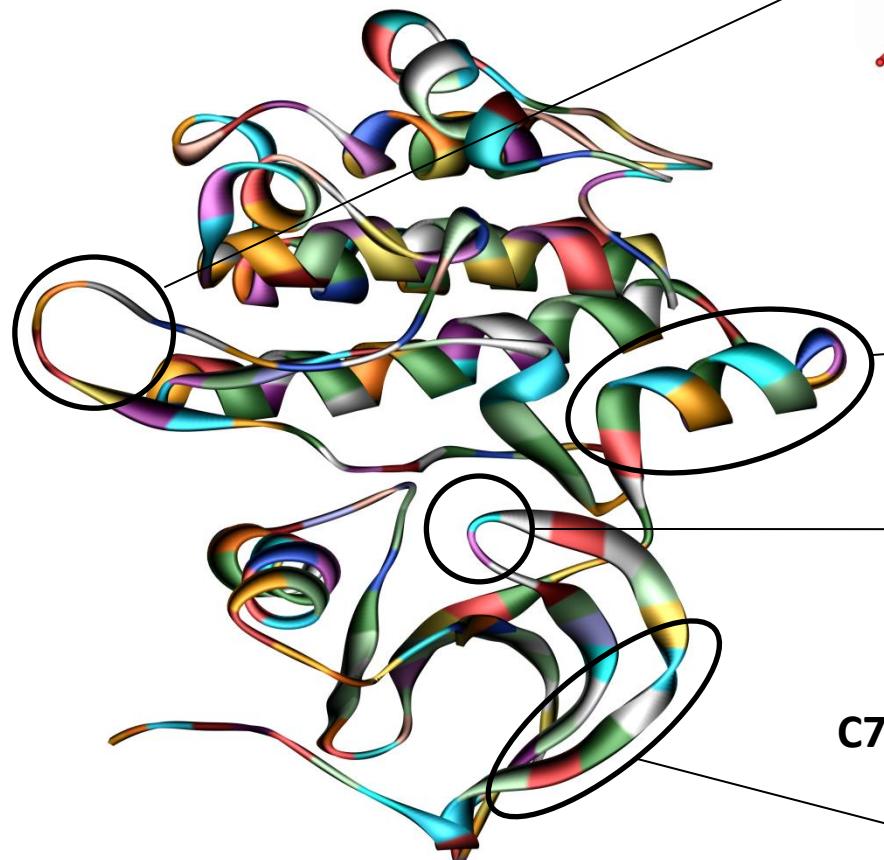
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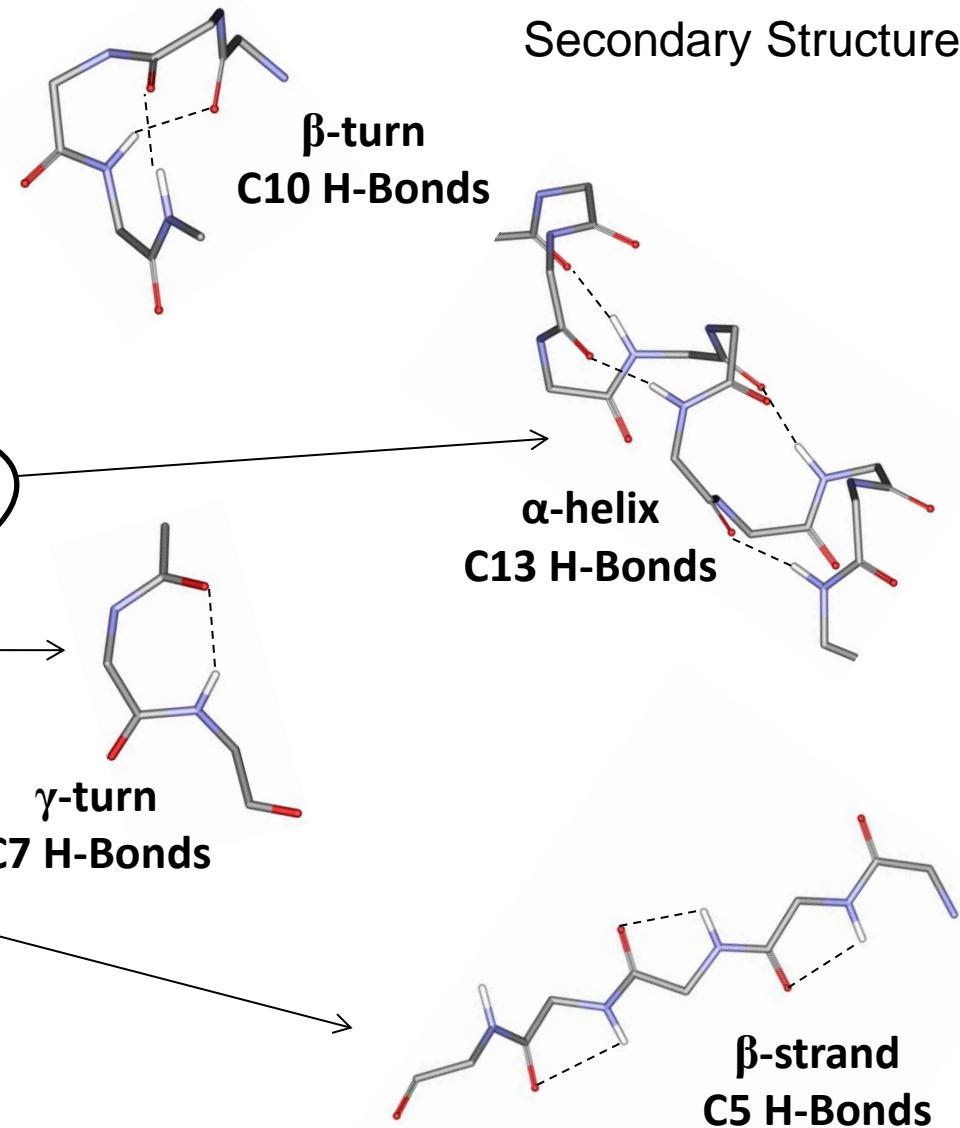
Topological Approches to Intermolecular interactions  
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# Common Binding Patterns within Proteins.

Tertiary Structure

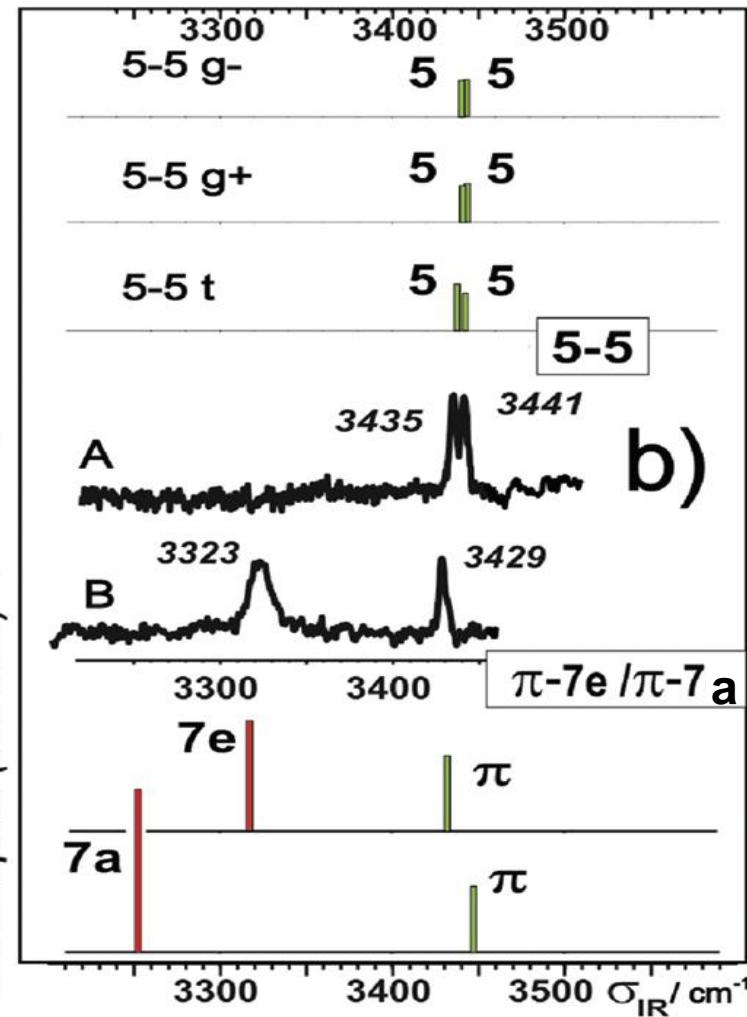
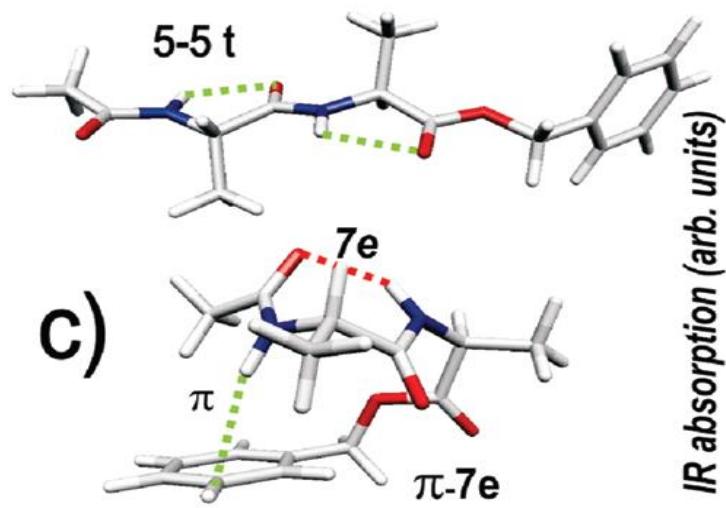
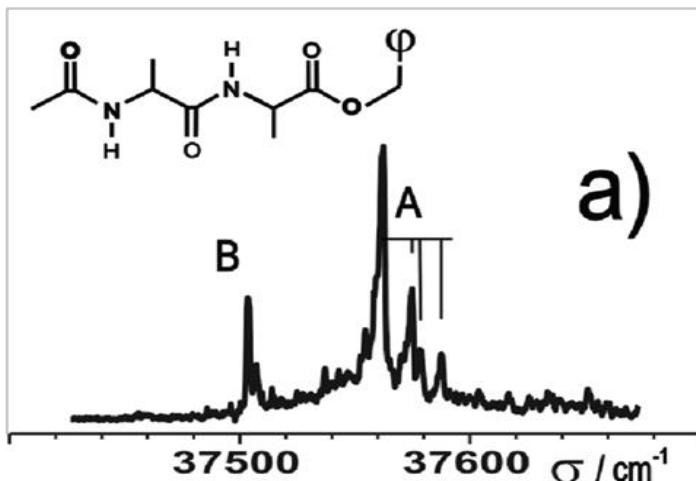


Secondary Structure

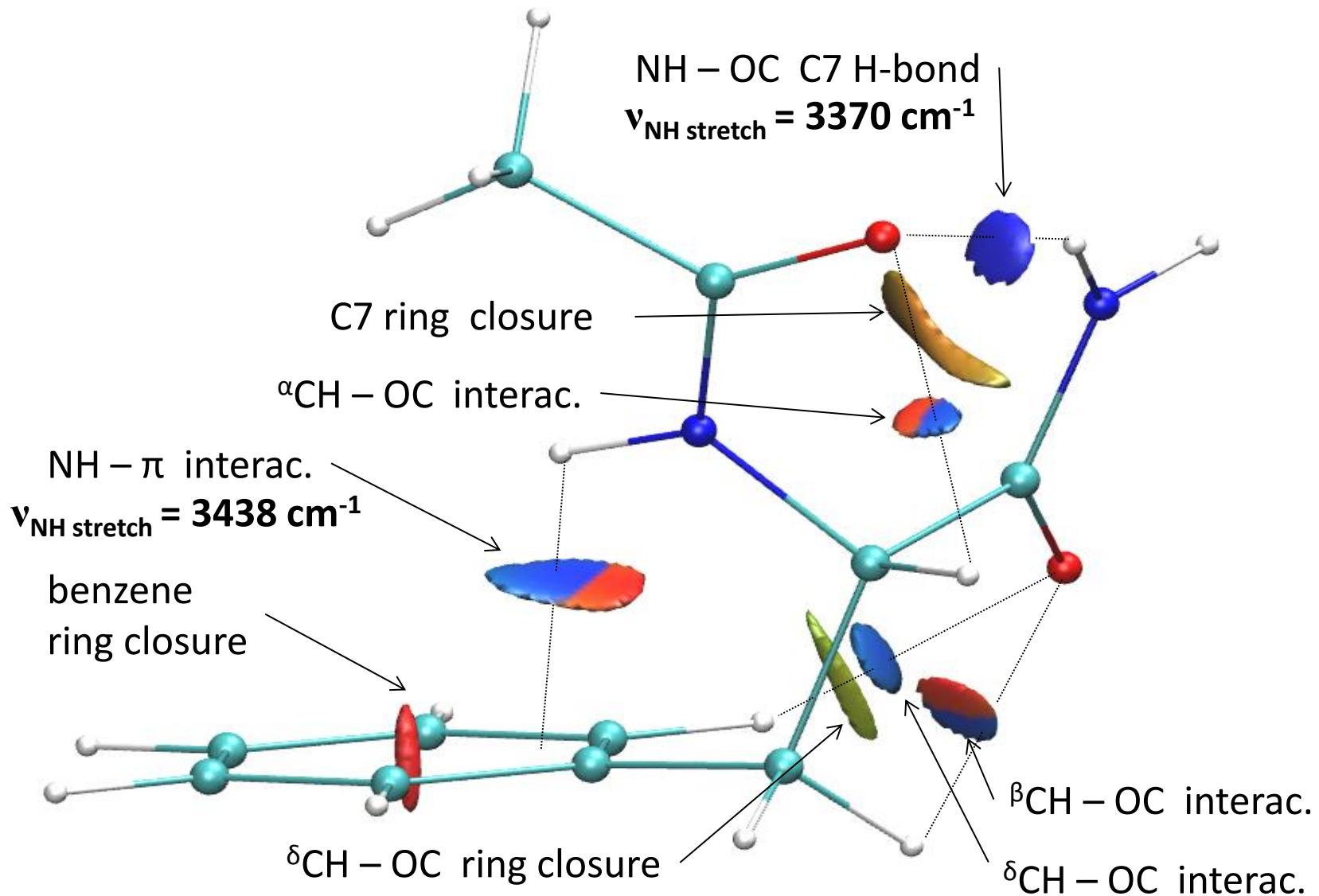


# Ac-(Ala)<sub>2</sub>-O-Bzl: experimental data:

Jet cooled, double resonance (UV/IR), gas phase spectroscopy

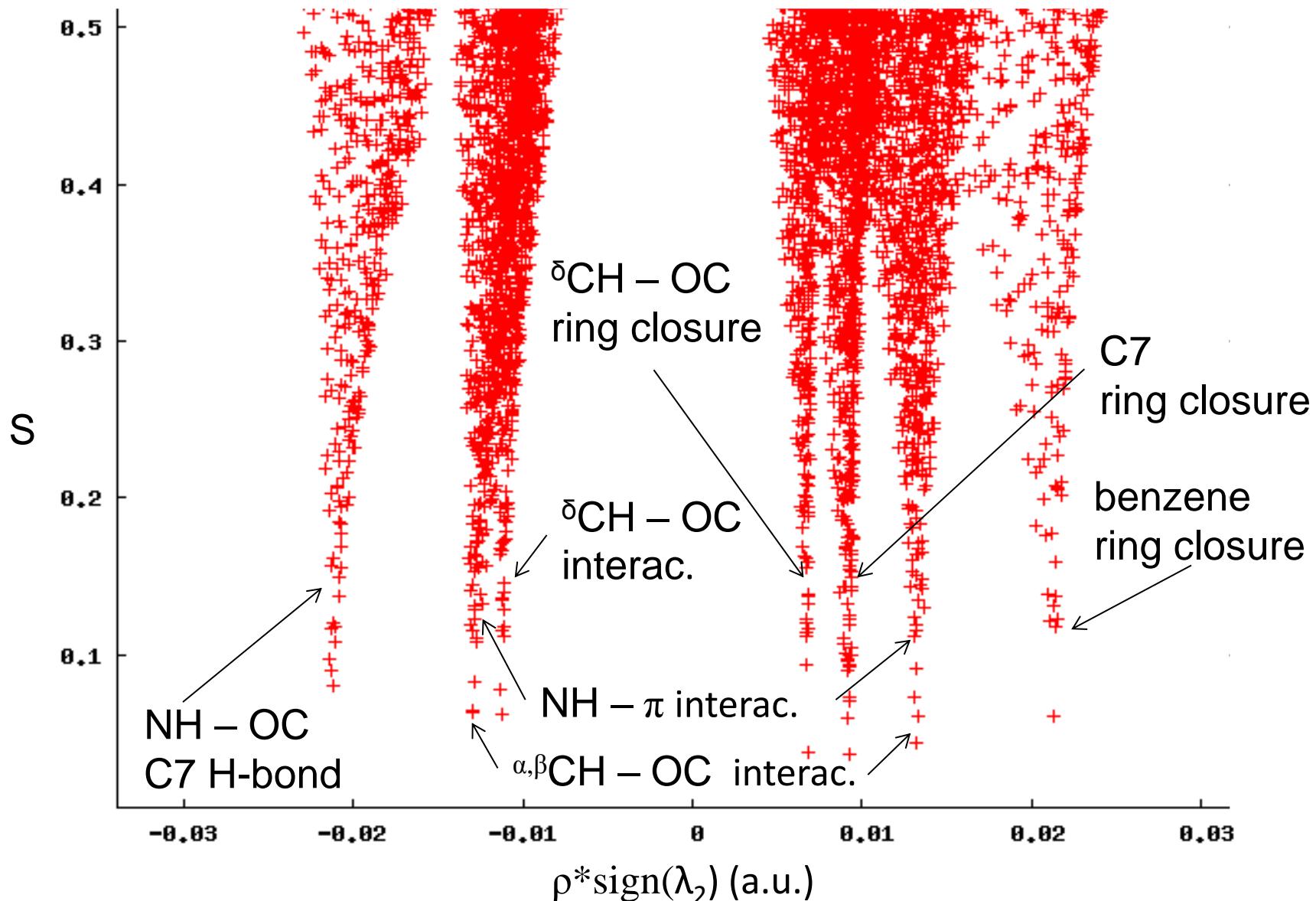


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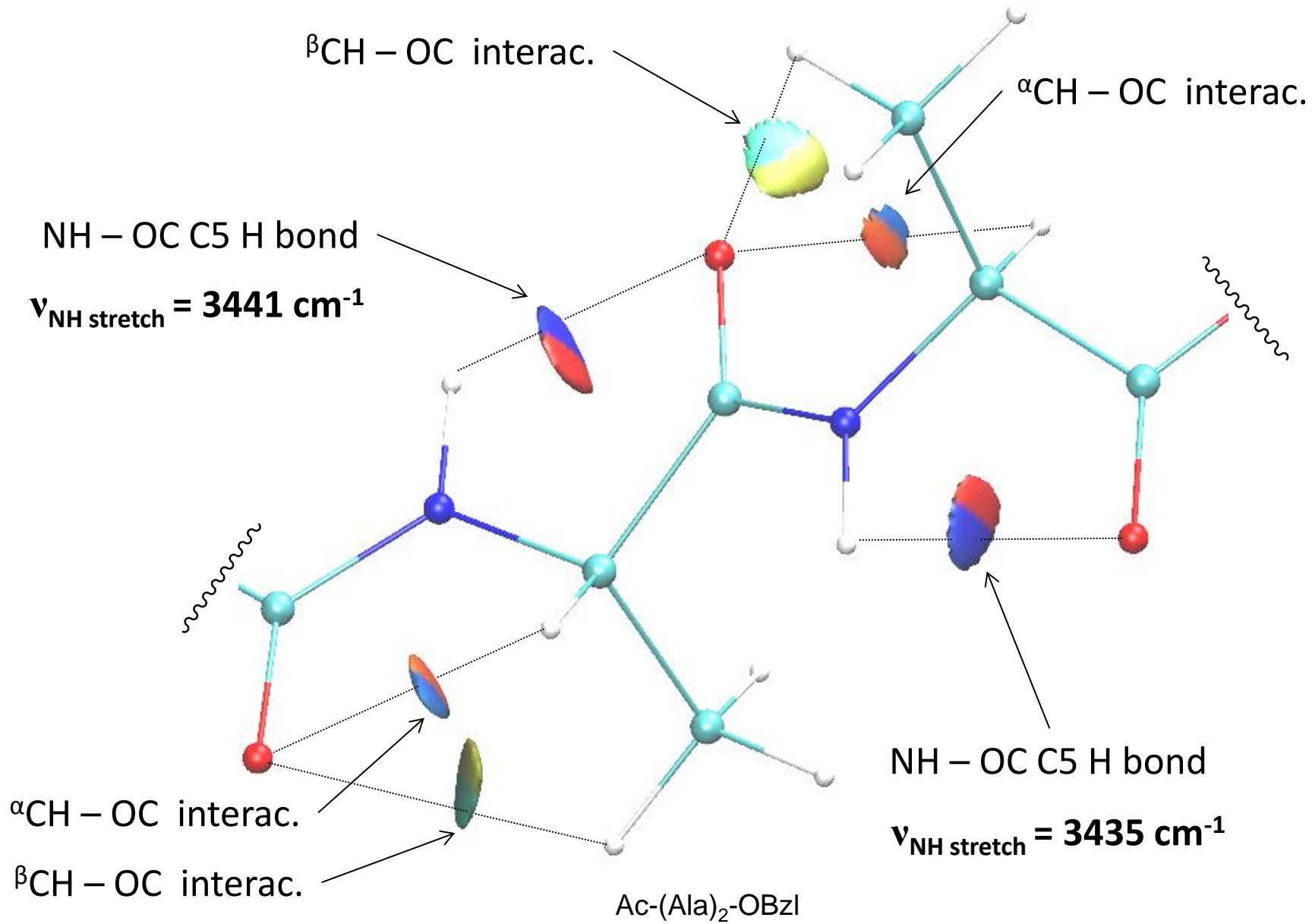


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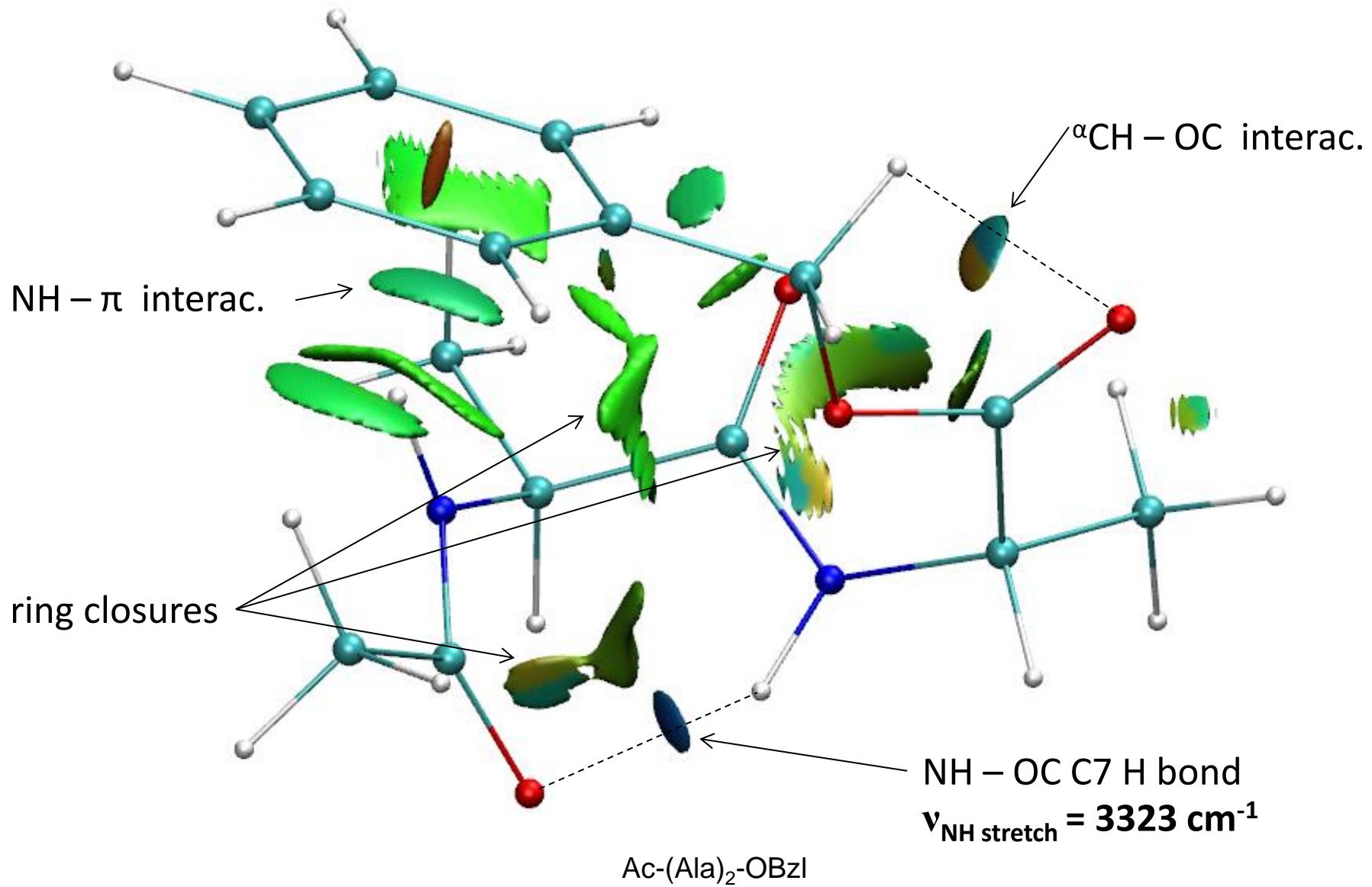
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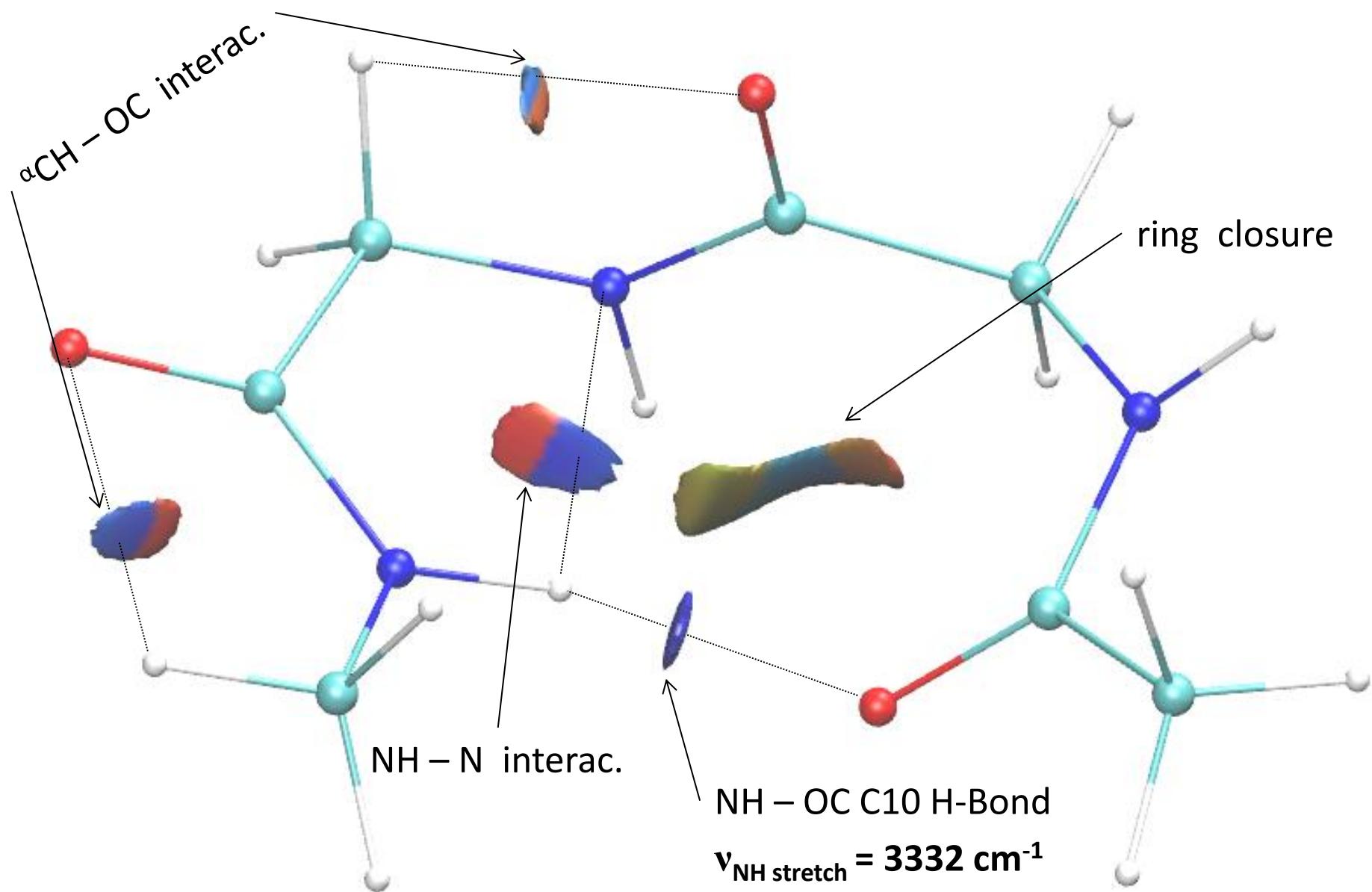
# The $\beta$ -strand: an example of constrained C5 NH---OC bonds



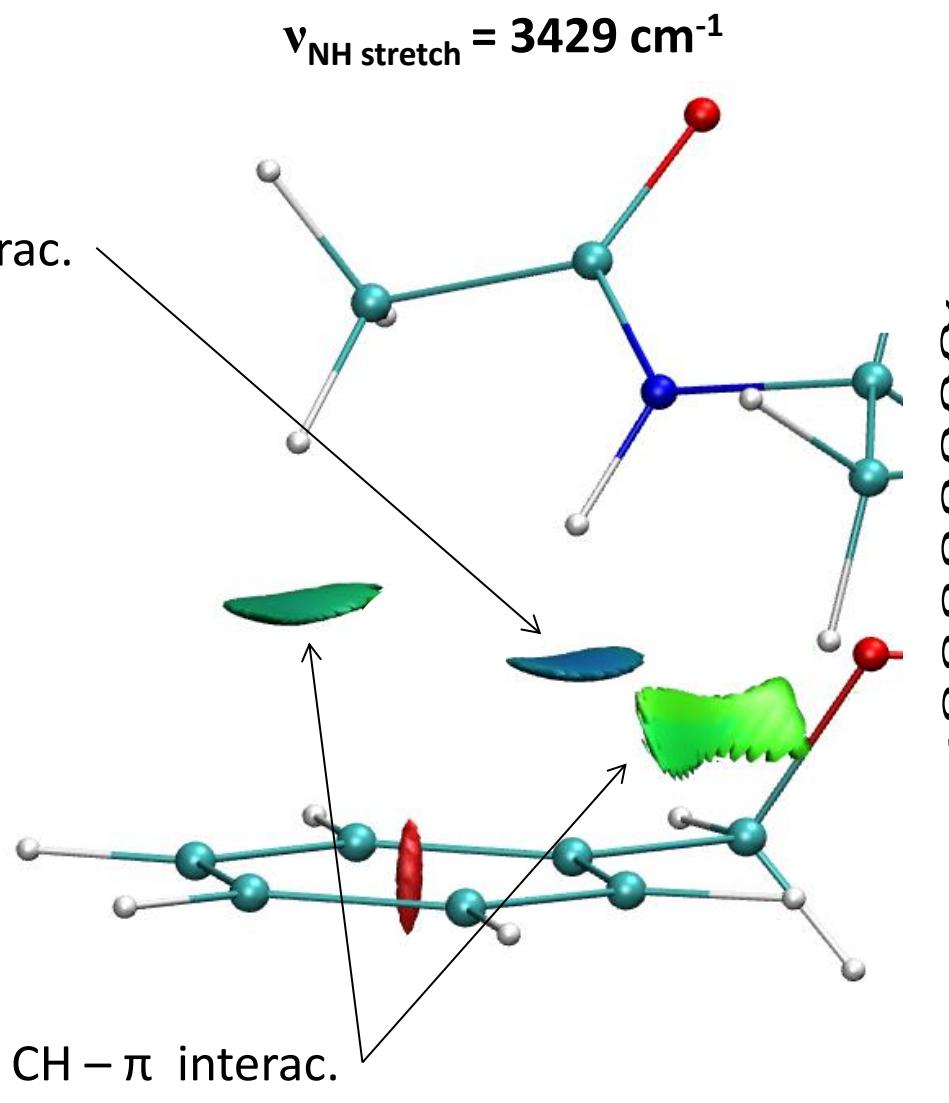
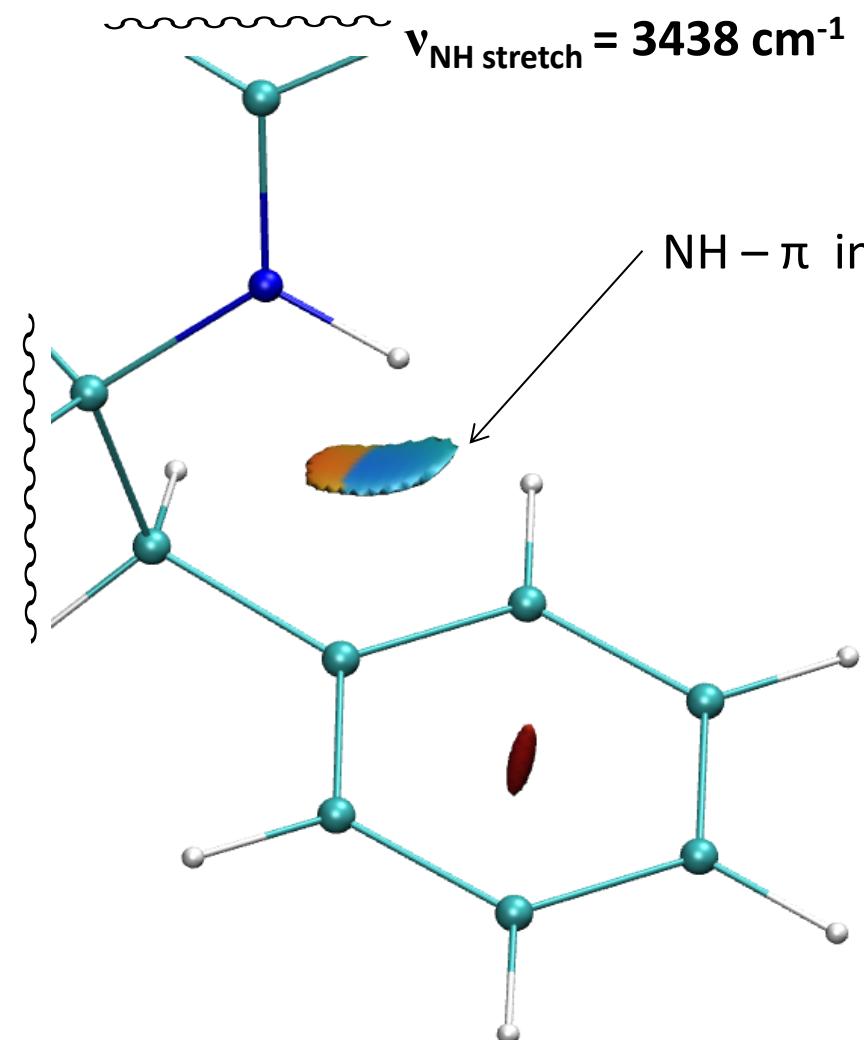
## $\gamma$ -turns, as examples of intramolecular C7 rings



## $\beta$ -turns, with $C_{10}$ H-bonds



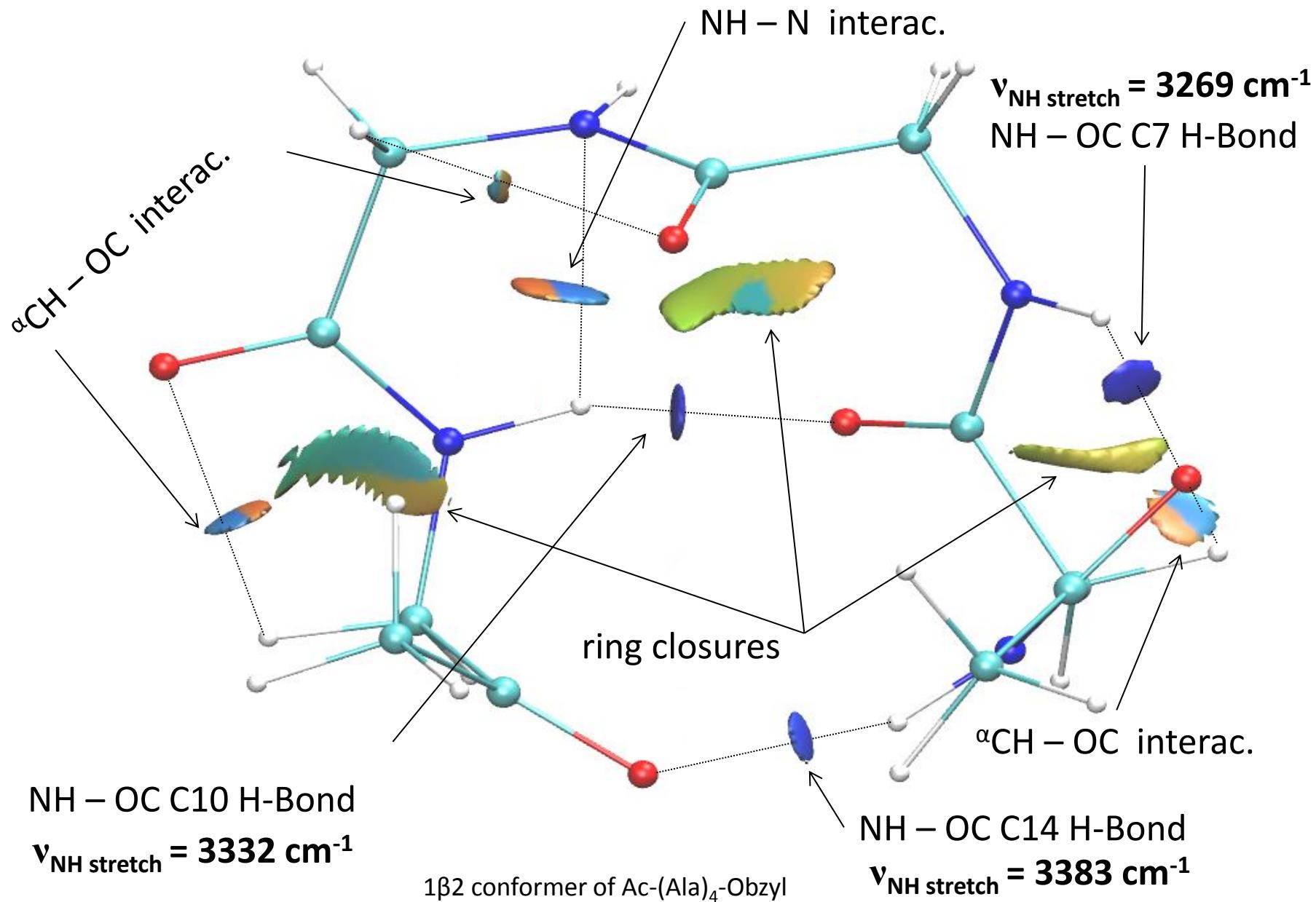
# NH- $\pi$ interactions



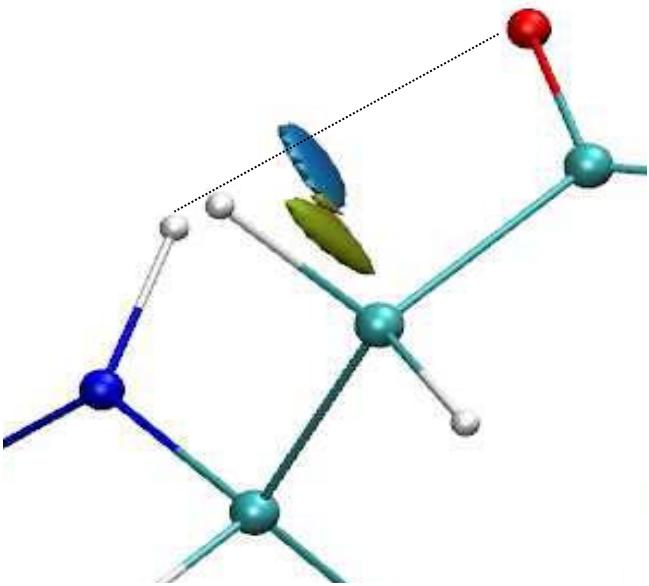
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## Example of a large $\beta$ turn conformation



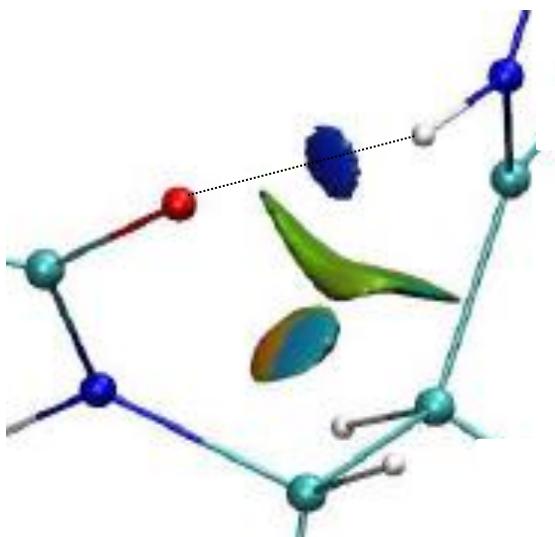
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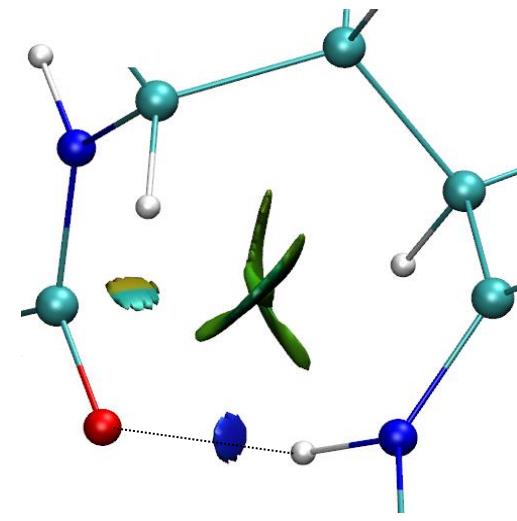
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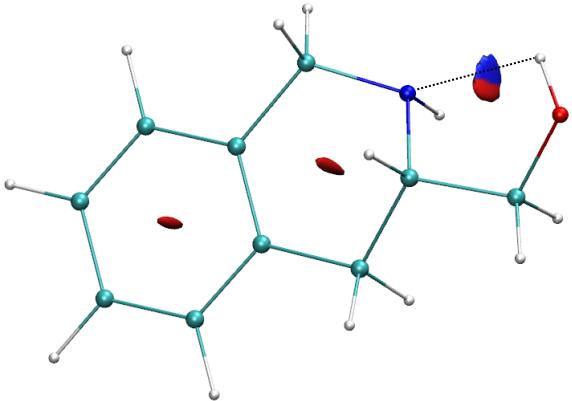
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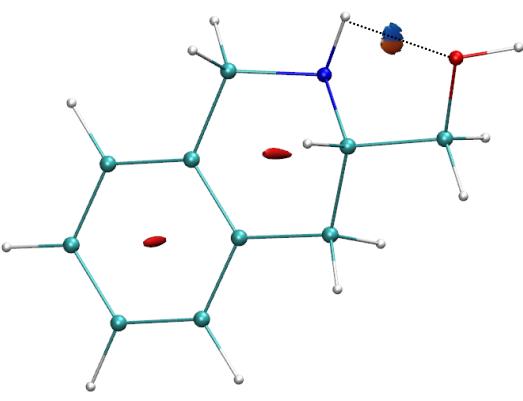
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# Aminoalcohols as Examples to Consider the OH stretch Probe



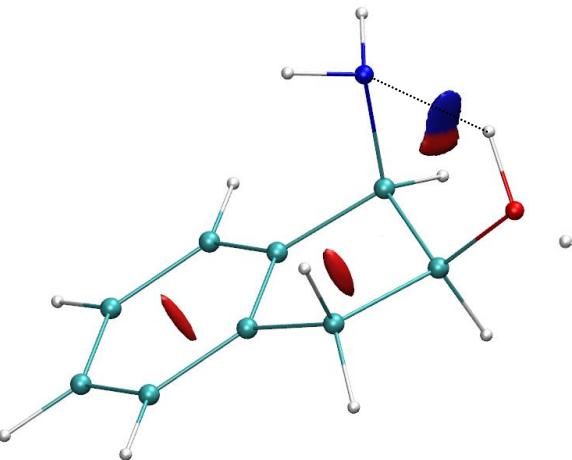
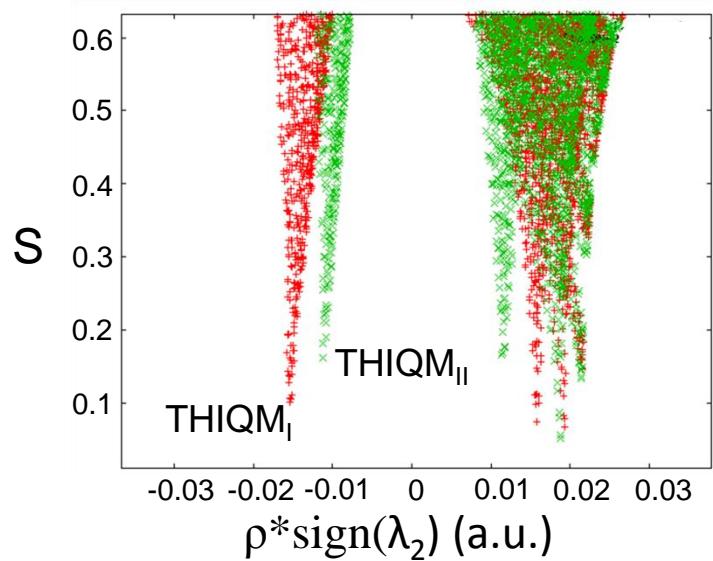
THIQM<sub>I</sub>

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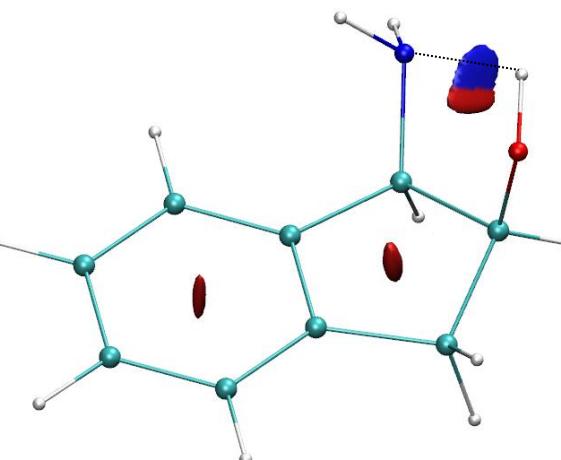
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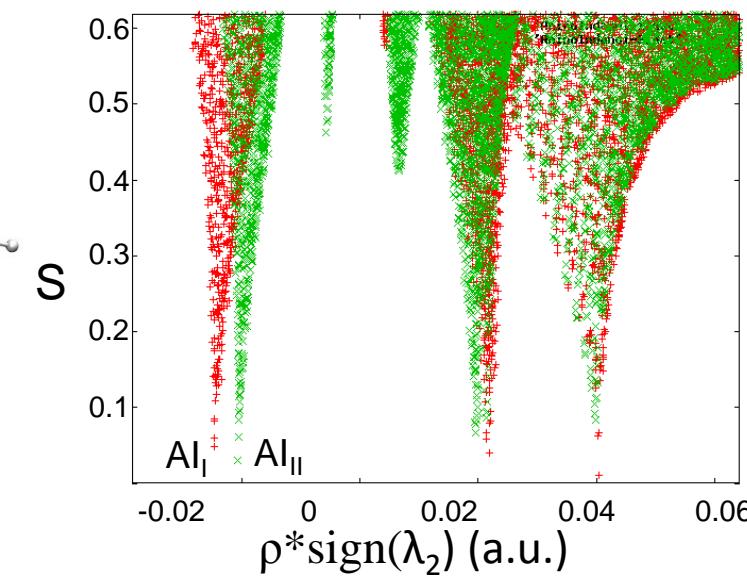
Al<sub>I</sub>

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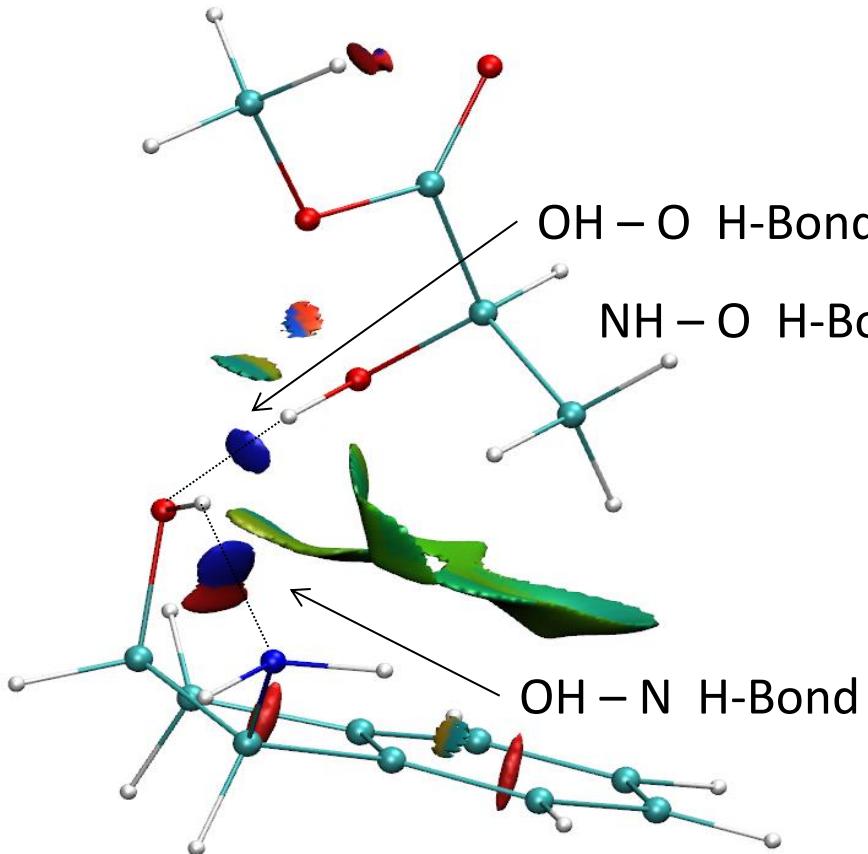


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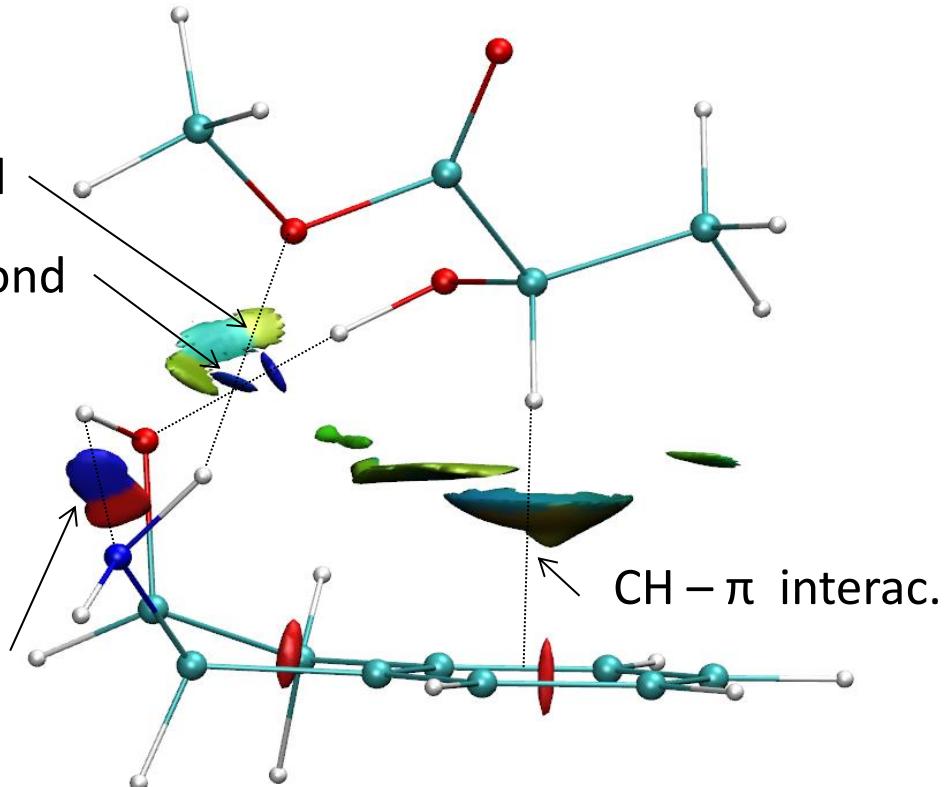
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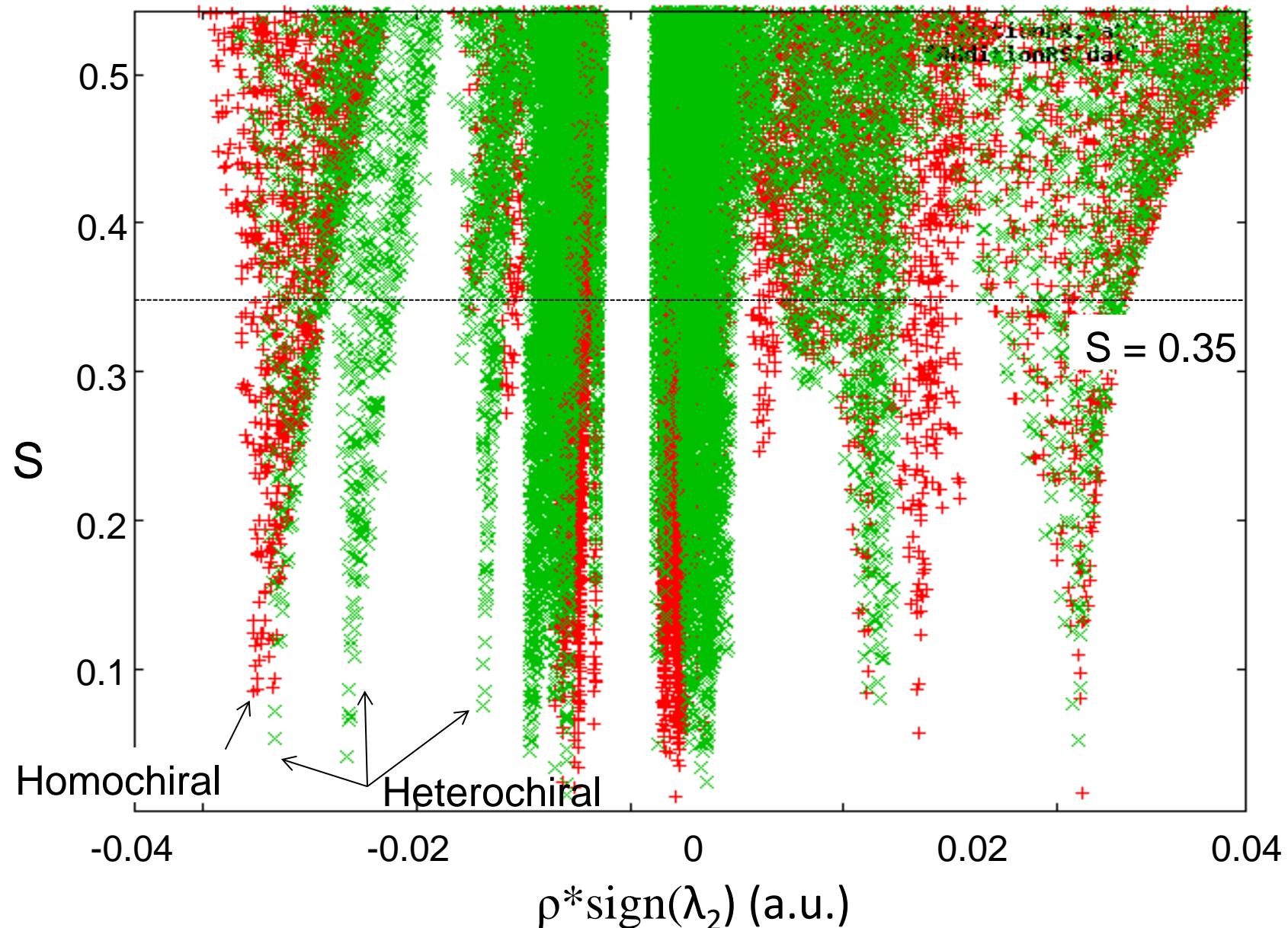


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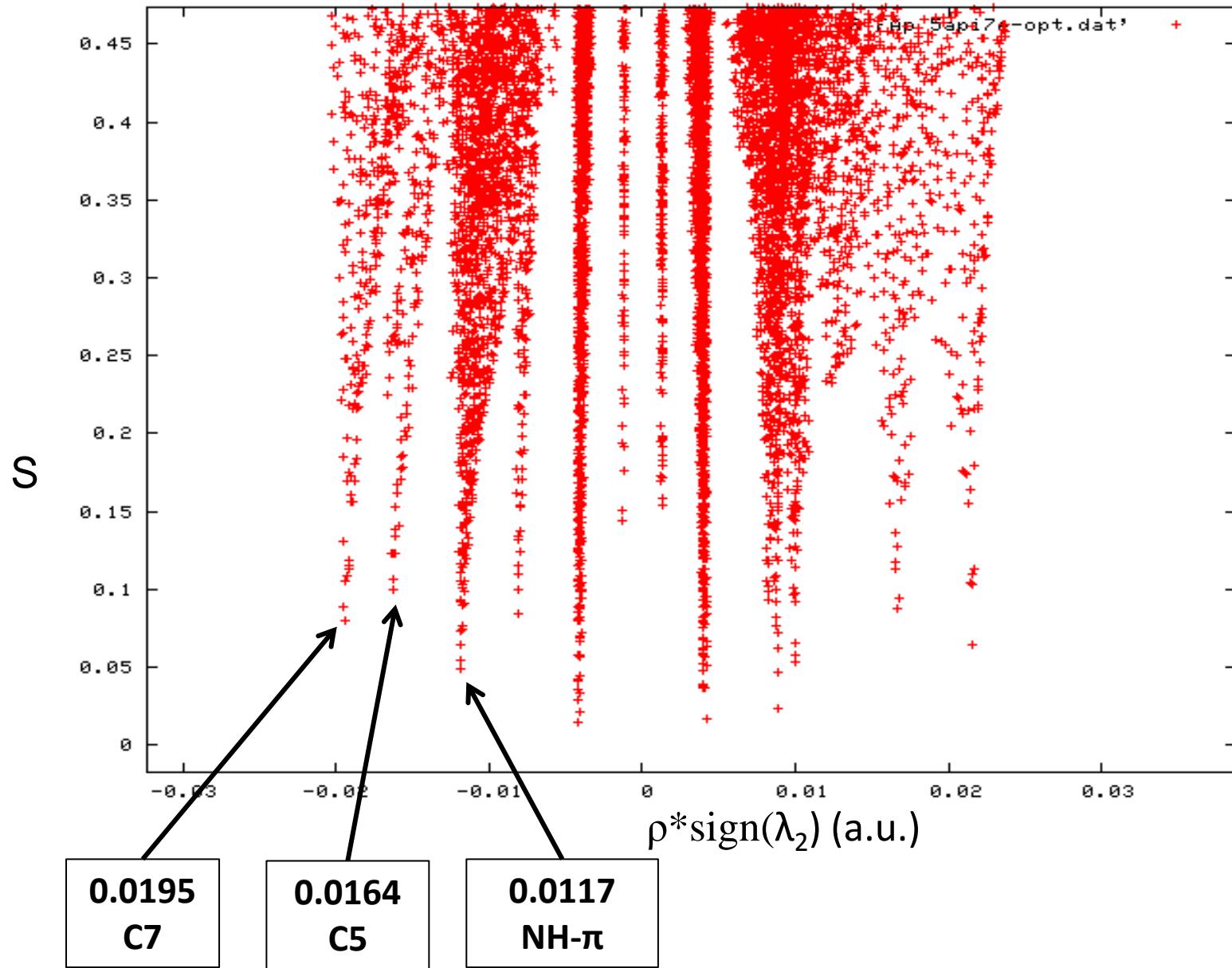


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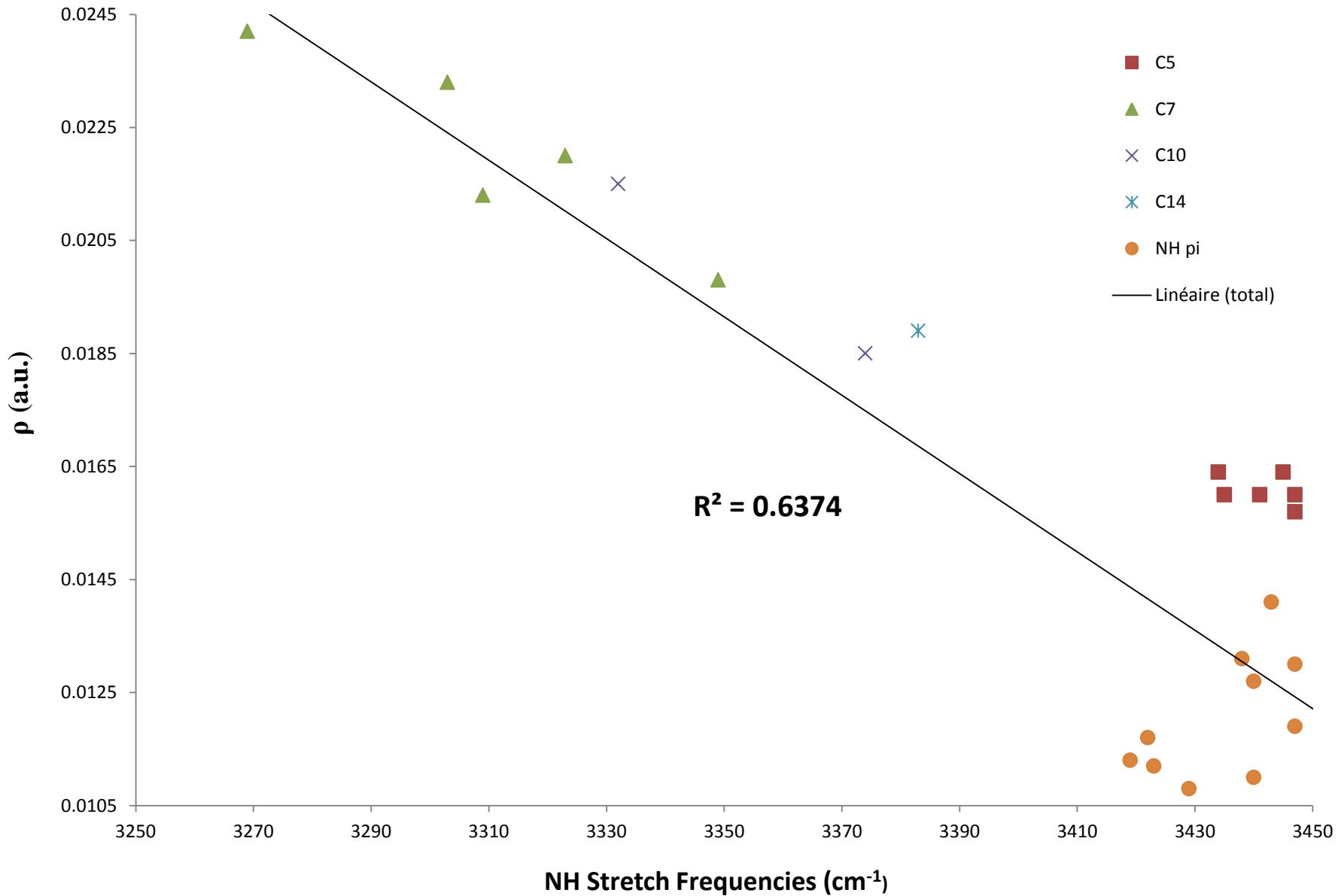
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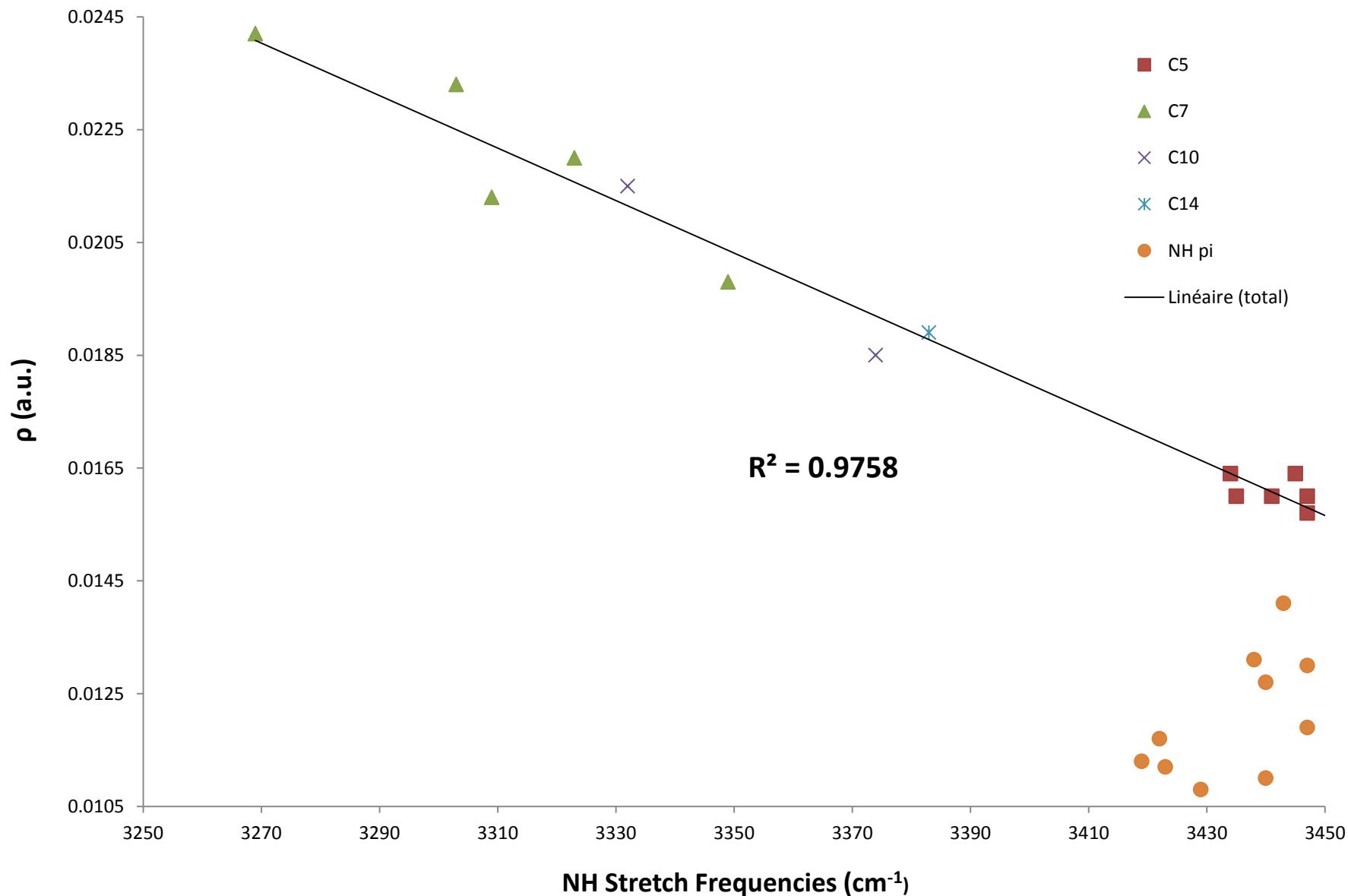
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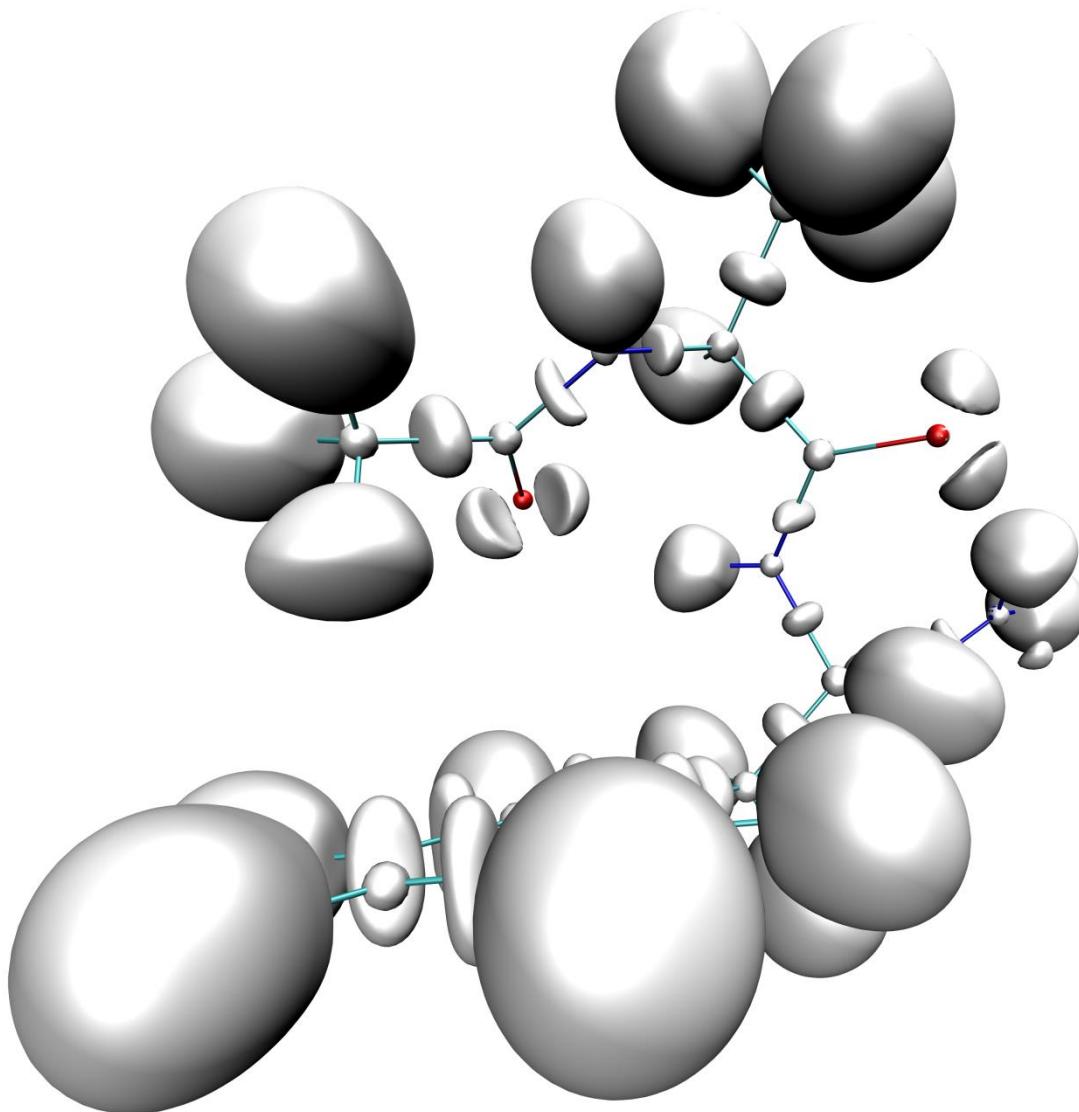
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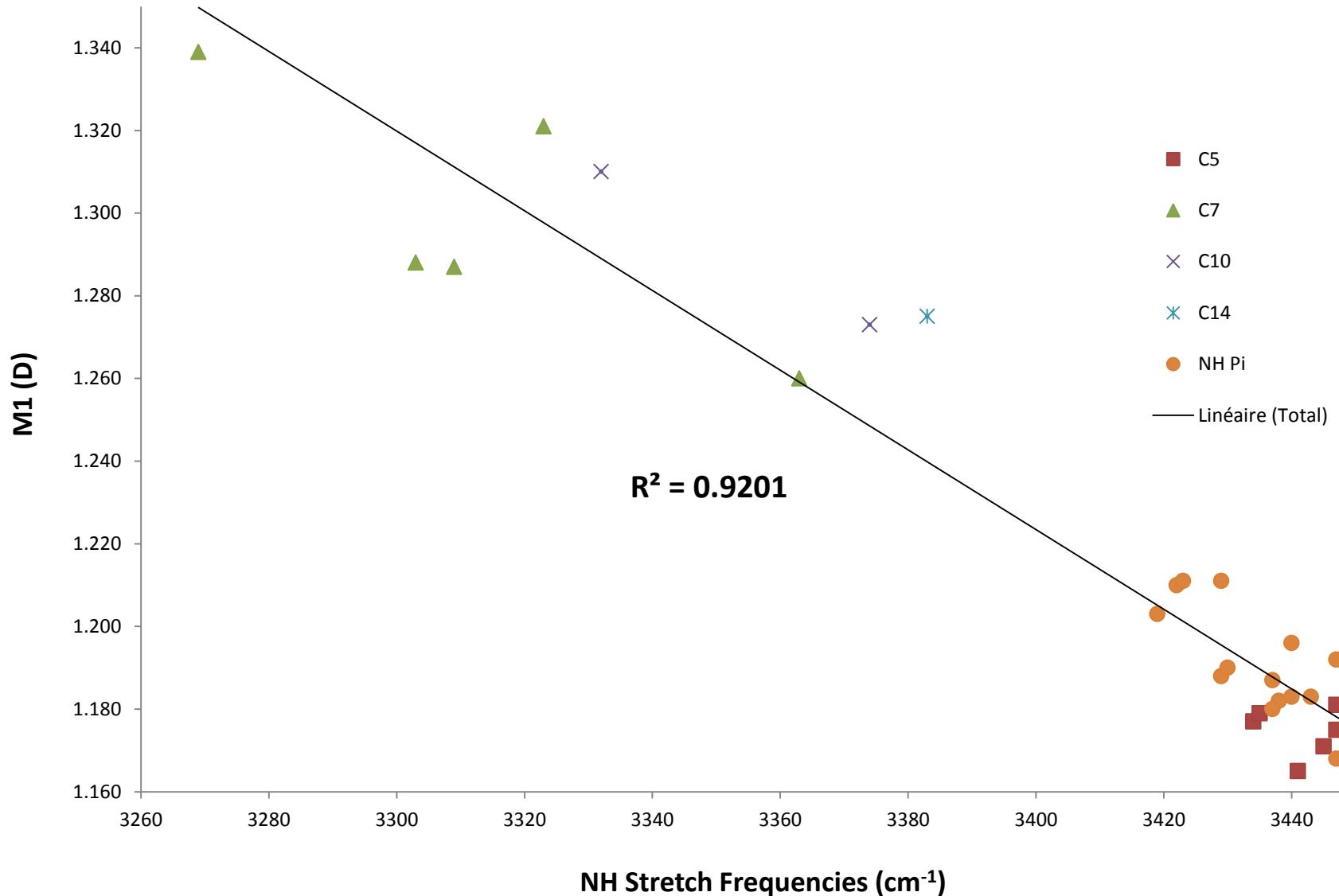
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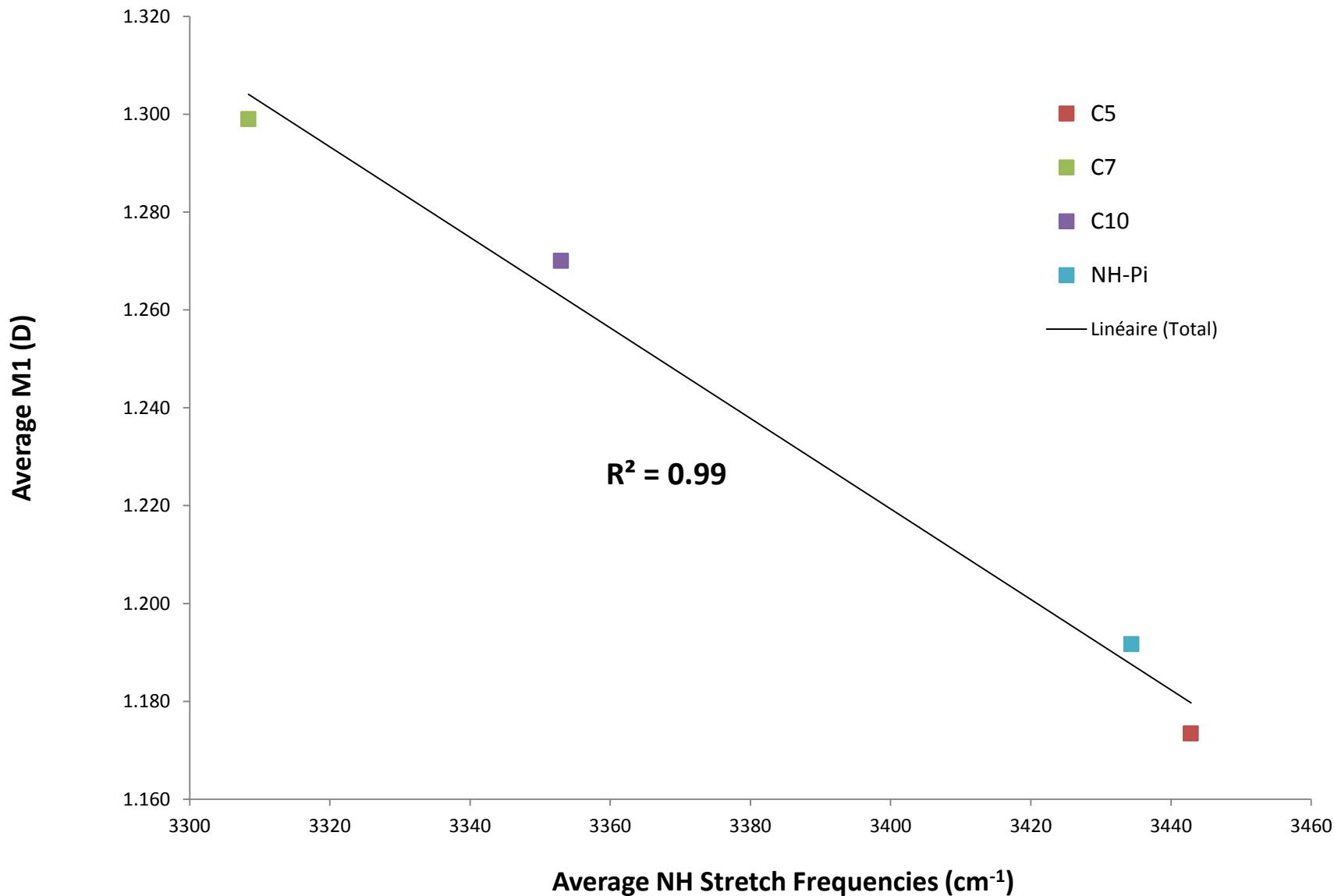
$$\begin{aligned} M1,x(\Omega) &= \int_{\Omega} (x - X_c) F(r) d\tau \\ M1,y(\Omega) &= \int_{\Omega} (y - Y_c) F(r) d\tau \\ M1,z(\Omega) &= \int_{\Omega} (z - Z_c) F(r) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

Distributed Electrostatic Moments based on the ELF Partition (DEMEP)

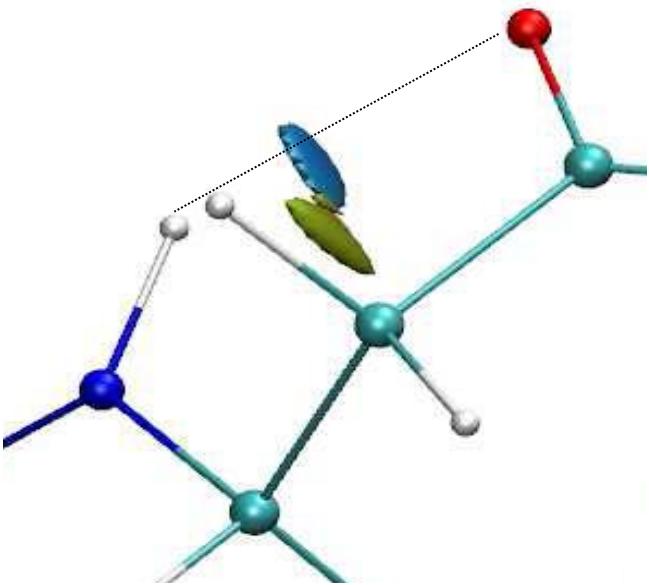
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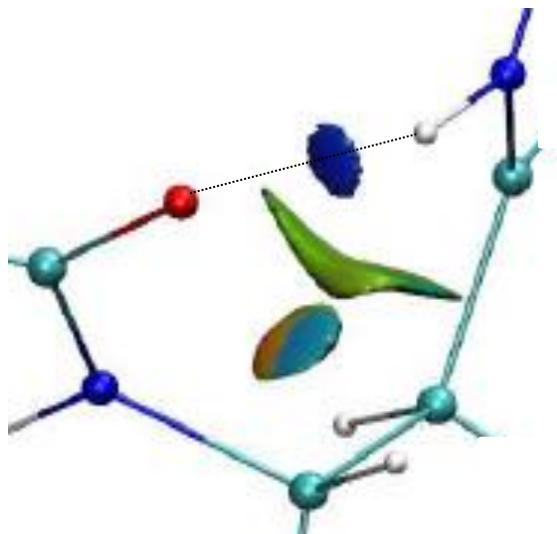
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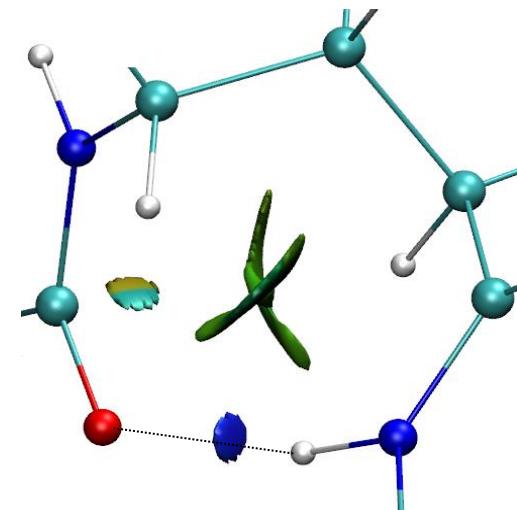
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# Conclusion

To – partially at least – answer Andrea's questions:

Quantum Chemical Topology Techniques, we have used here, provide both qualitative and quantitative results.

Qualitative ones clearly highlight the capability of a quantum interpretative technique to help the experimentalists to unveil key interactions influencing the geometries and vibrational frequencies in systems difficult to interpret.

The quantitative use of such quantum interpretative techniques is aimed to facilitate the spectroscopic assignments.

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