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# Variational energy decomposition analysis of single chemical bonds



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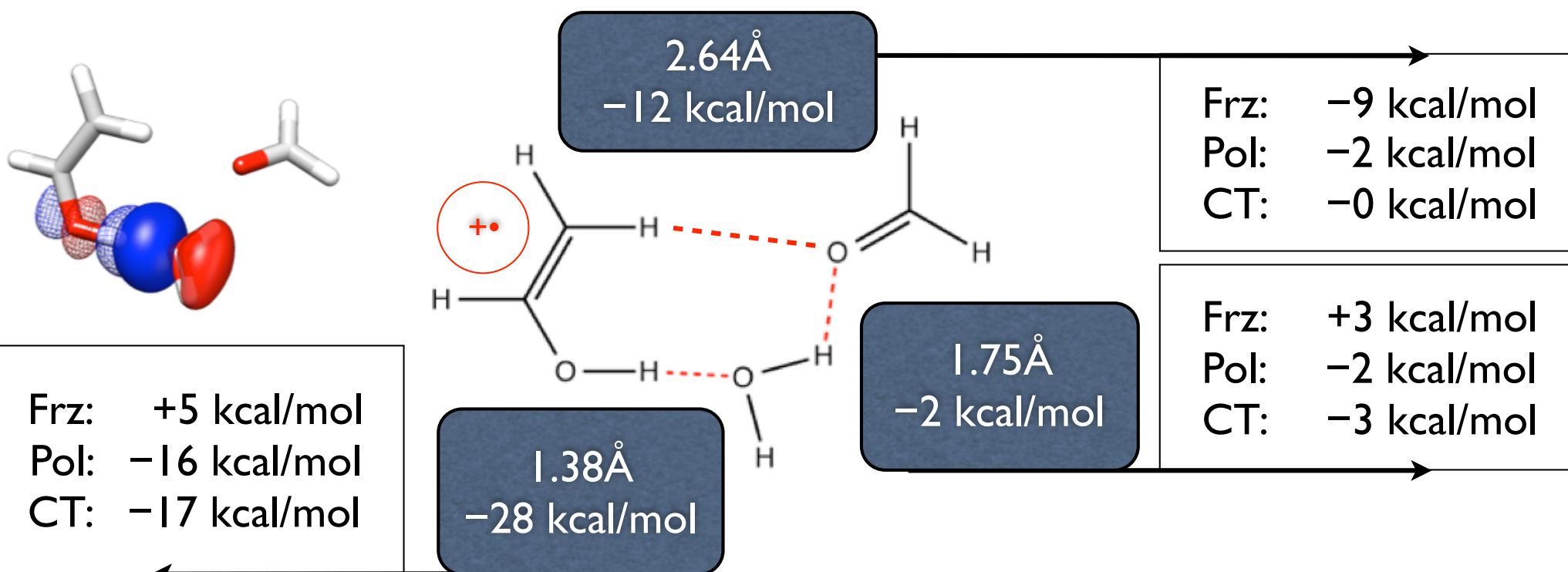


# Variational DFT energy decomposition analysis (EDA)

## “Absolutely localized MO’s”: ALMO-EDA Version 2

$$\Delta E = \Delta E_{\text{FRZ}} + \Delta E_{\text{POL}} + \Delta E_{\text{CT}}$$

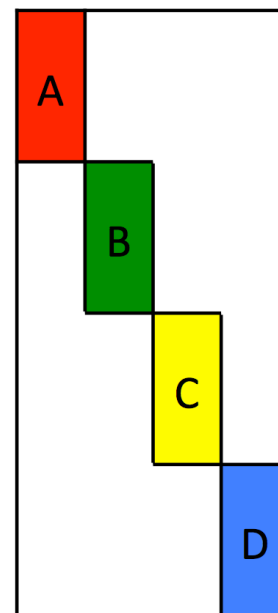
- **FRZ:** Frozen orbital interactions: electrostatics, sterics, VdW
- **POL:** Polarization treated via fragment-blocked SCF (ALMOs)
- **CT:** Donor-acceptor interactions: pairwise + higher order



## An EDA for intermolecular interactions:

3 variational energies define 3 main interaction energies

- **Frozen energy.**  $\Delta E_{\text{FRZ}} = E_{\text{FRZ}} - \sum_f E_f$ 
  - Find orbitals of isolated fragments (“frozen orbitals”)
  - Variationally evaluate the energy with frozen orbitals
    - This frozen density obeys the Pauli Principle
- **Polarization energy.**  $\Delta E_{\text{POL}} = E_{\text{POL}} - E_{\text{FRZ}}$ 
  - Do fragment-blocked SCF in the frozen + **FERF-DQ** basis
  - **FERFs** are Fragment Electrical Response Functions
    - SVD response to a **uniform electric (D)** field
      - Gives **3** polarization functions per frozen orbital (x,y,z)
    - SVD response to a **field gradient (Q)**
      - Gives an extra **5** functions per frozen orbital
  - This is ALMO with a useful basis set limit!



• **Total energy.**

$$\Delta E_{\text{CT}} = E_{\text{TOT}} - E_{\text{POL}}$$

## An EDA for single chemical bonds:

4 variational energies define 4 main interaction energies

- High spin frozen energy.  $\Delta E_{\text{FRZ}} = E_{\text{FRZ}} - \sum_f E_f$ 
  - Find orbitals of isolated fragments (“frozen orbitals”)
  - Variationally evaluate the **triplet** energy with **frozen** orbitals
- Spin-coupling energy.  $\Delta E_{\text{SC}} = E_{\text{SC}} - E_{\text{FRZ}}$ 
  - Couple the 2 open shell orbitals to a singlet (two configurations)
  - Evaluate this **two**-configuration energy with **frozen** orbitals
    - Isolates energy lowering due to spin-coupling (pairing)
- Polarization energy.  $\Delta E_{\text{POL}} = E_{\text{POL}} - E_{\text{FRZ}}$ 
  - Do fragment-blocked **TCSCF** in the frozen + FERF-DQ basis
  - Provides a useful basis set limit!
- Total energy.  $\Delta E_{\text{CT}} = E_{\text{TOT}} - E_{\text{POL}}$ 
  - Final result: CAS(2,2) or perfect pairing energy (~80% of binding)

# Let's look at some single bonds! (Daniel Levine)

