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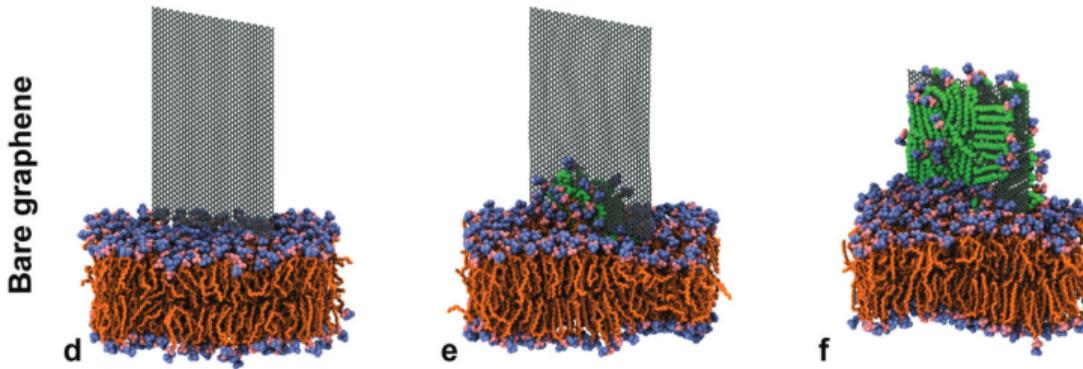
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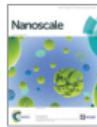
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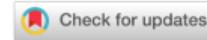
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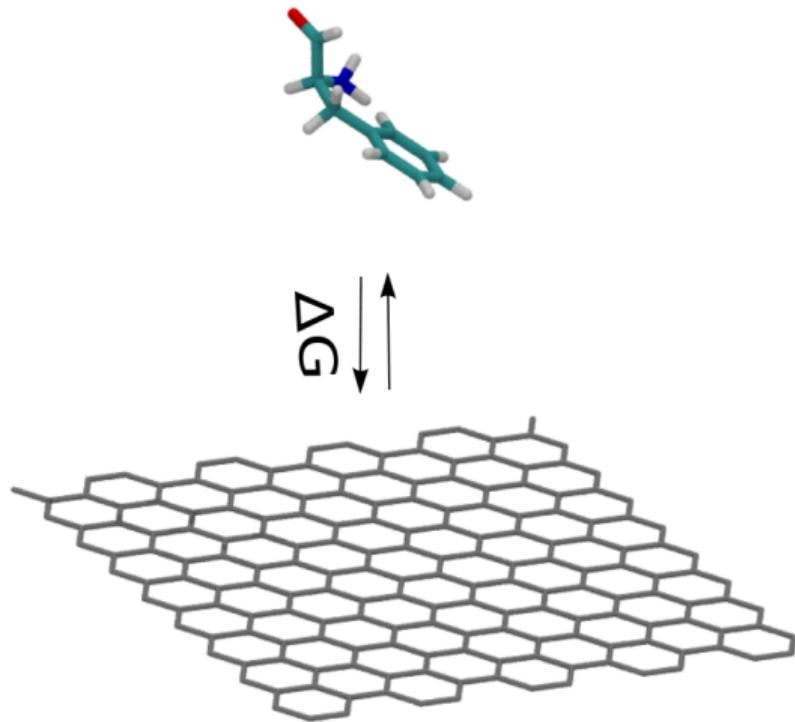
However...

- There is a lack of descriptions based on amino acid composition.
- There is a lack of rigorous thermodynamic descriptions of adsorption processes on graphene.

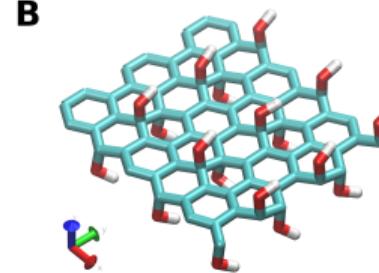
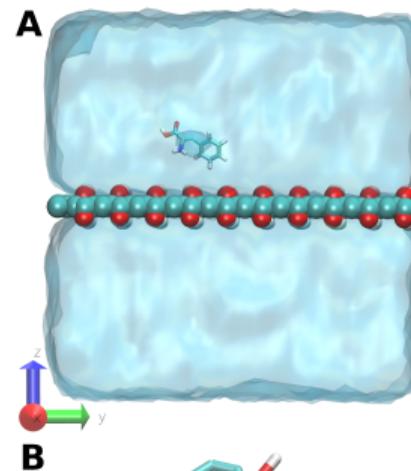
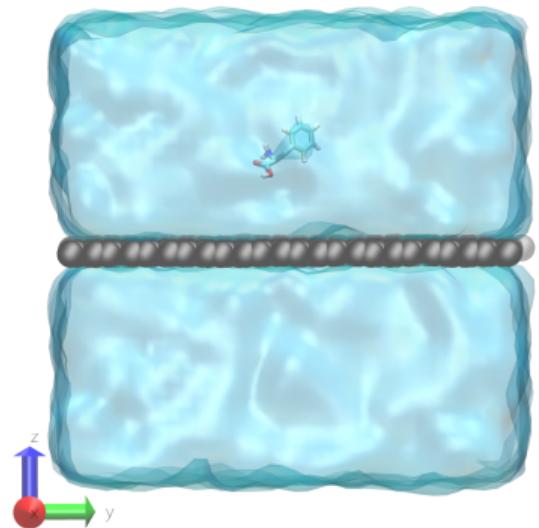
# Simulations

## Free Energy of Adsorption

- All proteinogenic amino acids are being studied.
- $\xi$  is defined as the distance between  $\mathbf{q}_{\alpha\text{-carbon}}$  and COM(graphene), times (dot product) (0, 0, 1).
- $\Delta A_{ads} = A^{adsorbed} - A^{free}$
- $\Delta A_{ads}$  was calculated using GROMOS with the umbrella sampling method.



# Simulated Systems



## Free Energy, Energy, and Entropy

$$\Delta A_{ads} = \langle A \rangle_{adsorbed} - \langle A \rangle_{free}$$

$$\langle A \rangle_{ab} = \frac{\sum_{i=a}^b A(\xi_i) p(\xi_i)}{\sum_{i=a}^b p(\xi_i)}$$

$$p(\xi_i) = \frac{e^{-\beta \text{PMF}(\xi_i)}}{\sum e^{-\beta \text{PMF}(\xi)}}$$

$$\Delta E_{ads} = \langle E \rangle_{adsorbed} - \langle E \rangle_{free}$$

$$T \Delta S_{ads} = \Delta E_{ads} - \Delta A_{ads}$$

## Computing other properties

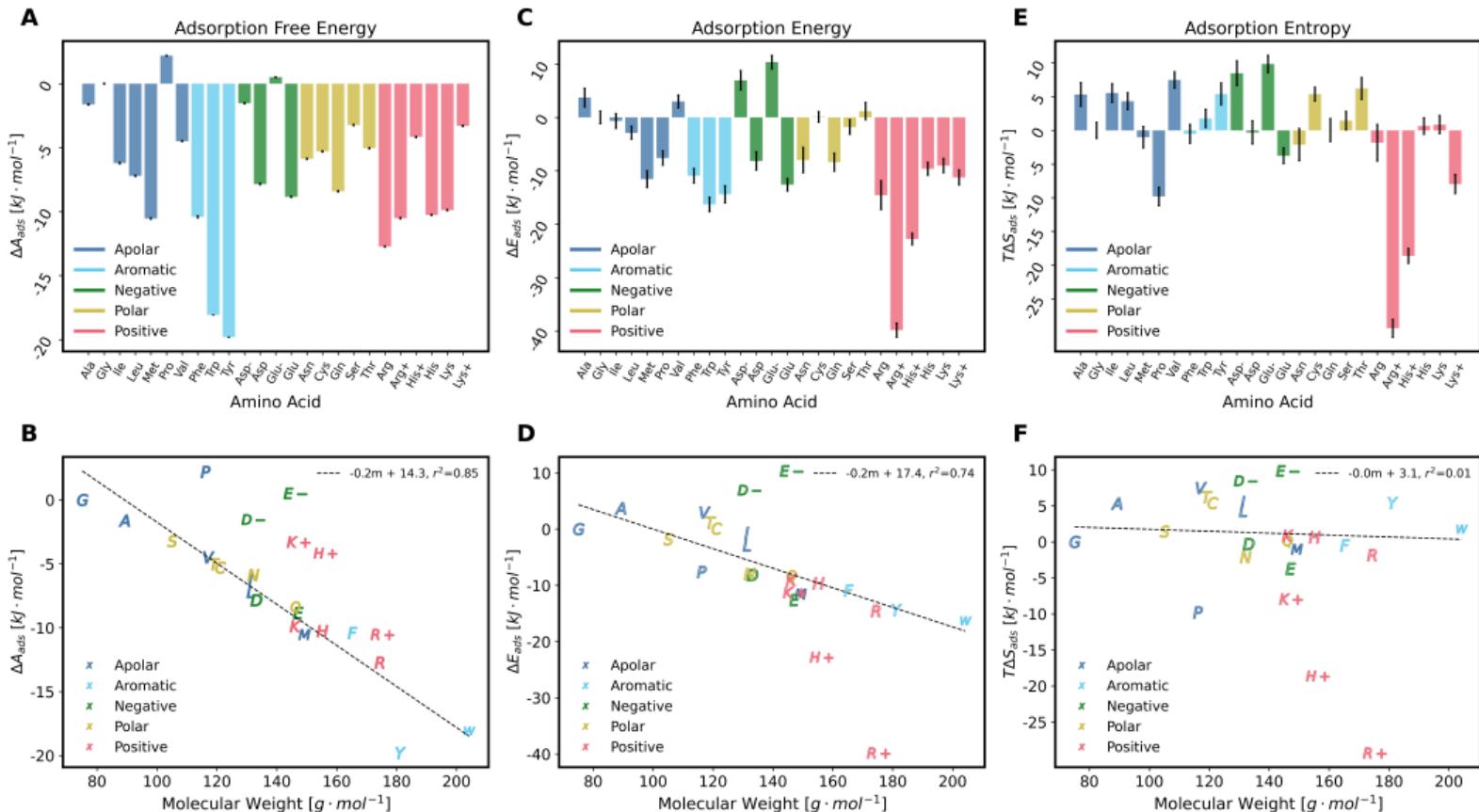
$$\langle T(\xi) \rangle = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} T_{i,j} e^{-\beta(A_i - V_{bias})} \delta\xi_{i,j}}{\sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^{N_i} e^{-\beta(A_i - V_{bias})} \delta\xi_{i,j}}$$

$\Delta A^{ads}, \Delta E^{ads}, T\Delta S^{ads}$ 

Amino acid	$\Delta A$	$\Delta E$	$T\Delta S$
Alanine	$-10.3 \pm 0.1$	$-12.5 \pm 1.8$	$-2.2 \pm 1.8$
Arginine	$-21.4 \pm 0.0$	$-30.7 \pm 2.7$	$-9.3 \pm 2.7$
Arginine (+)	$-19.2 \pm 0.1$	$-56.0 \pm 1.3$	$-36.8 \pm 1.3$
Asparagine	$-14.5 \pm 0.0$	$-24.1 \pm 2.4$	$-9.6 \pm 2.4$
Aspartic Acid (-)	$-10.2 \pm 0.1$	$-9.2 \pm 1.8$	$1.0 \pm 1.8$
Aspartic Acid	$-16.5 \pm 0.1$	$-24.3 \pm 1.7$	$-7.8 \pm 1.7$
Cysteine	$-14.0 \pm 0.1$	$-16.1 \pm 1.0$	$-2.1 \pm 1.0$
Glutamic Acid (-)	$-8.2 \pm 0.0$	$-5.8 \pm 1.3$	$2.3 \pm 1.3$
Glutamic Acid	$-17.5 \pm 0.1$	$-28.8 \pm 1.2$	$-11.3 \pm 1.2$
Glutamine	$-17.1 \pm 0.1$	$-24.5 \pm 1.7$	$-7.5 \pm 1.7$
Glycine	$-8.7 \pm 0.0$	$-16.2 \pm 1.2$	$-7.5 \pm 1.2$
Histidine (+)	$-12.8 \pm 0.1$	$-38.9 \pm 1.1$	$-26.1 \pm 1.1$
Histidine	$-18.9 \pm 0.1$	$-25.8 \pm 1.2$	$-6.9 \pm 1.2$

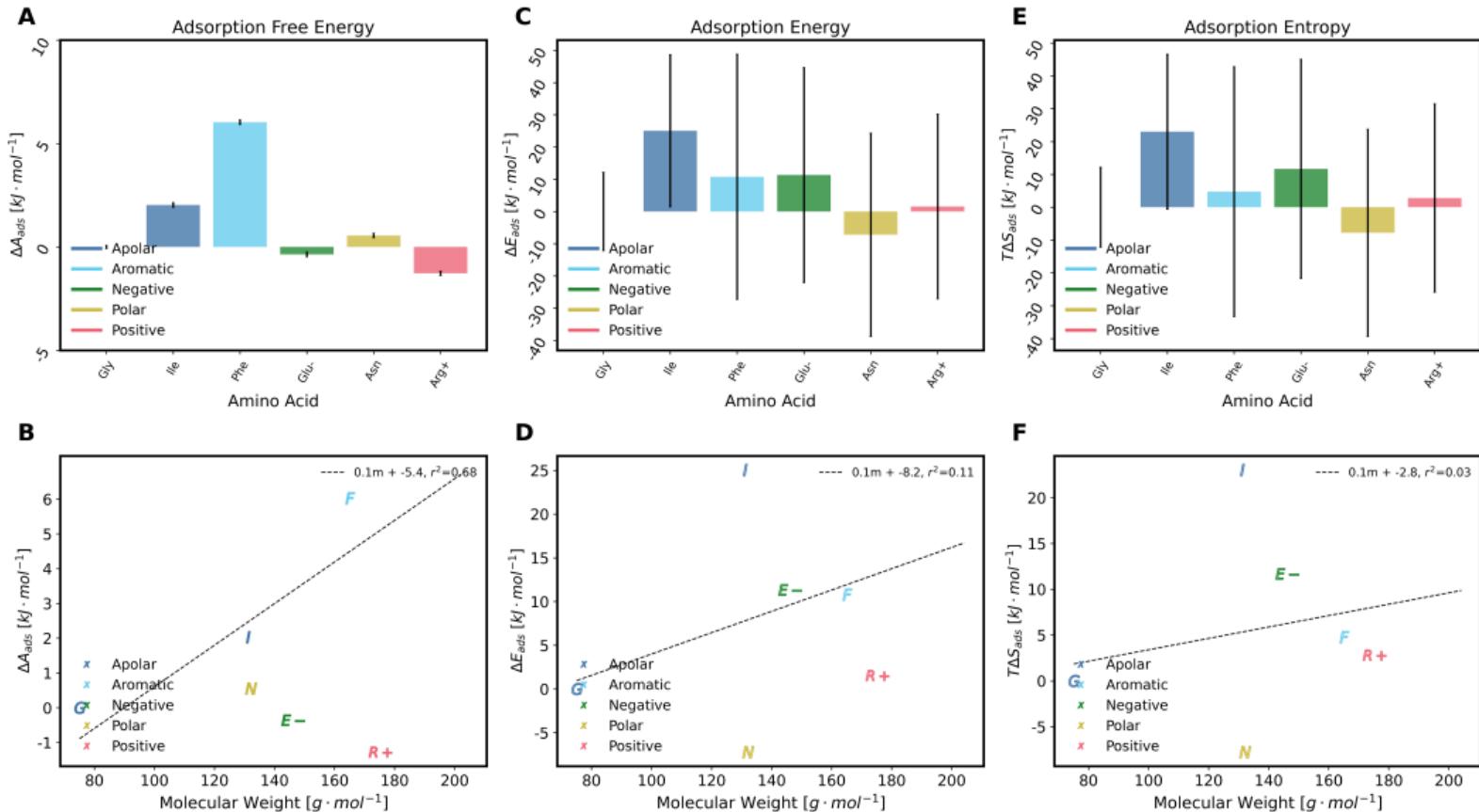
Amino acid	$\Delta A$	$\Delta E$	$T\Delta S$
Isoleucine	$-14.9 \pm 0.1$	$-16.8 \pm 1.4$	$-2.0 \pm 1.4$
Leucine	$-15.9 \pm 0.1$	$-19.1 \pm 1.3$	$-3.2 \pm 1.3$
Lysine	$-18.5 \pm 0.1$	$-25.2 \pm 1.4$	$-6.7 \pm 1.4$
Lysine (+)	$-12.0 \pm 0.1$	$-27.4 \pm 1.4$	$-15.5 \pm 1.4$
Methionine	$-19.2 \pm 0.1$	$-27.7 \pm 1.6$	$-8.5 \pm 1.6$
Phenylalanine	$-19.1 \pm 0.1$	$-27.1 \pm 1.4$	$-8.0 \pm 1.4$
Proline	$-6.5 \pm 0.0$	$-23.8 \pm 1.4$	$-17.3 \pm 1.4$
Serine	$-11.9 \pm 0.1$	$-18.0 \pm 1.4$	$-6.1 \pm 1.4$
Threonine	$-13.7 \pm 0.1$	$-15.0 \pm 1.6$	$-1.3 \pm 1.6$
Tryptophan	$-26.7 \pm 0.0$	$-32.5 \pm 1.4$	$-5.7 \pm 1.4$
Tyrosine	$-28.5 \pm 0.0$	$-30.6 \pm 1.6$	$-2.1 \pm 1.6$
Valine	$-13.2 \pm 0.0$	$-13.2 \pm 1.2$	$0.0 \pm 1.2$

# Adsorption over Pristine Graphene



Amino acid	$\Delta A$	$\Delta E$	$T\Delta S$
Arginine (+)	$-5.4 \pm 0.1$	$-11.0 \pm 28.7$	$-5.5 \pm 28.7$
Asparagine	$-3.6 \pm 0.1$	$-19.7 \pm 31.5$	$-16.1 \pm 31.5$
Glutamic Acid (-)	$-4.5 \pm 0.1$	$-1.2 \pm 33.3$	$3.3 \pm 33.3$
Glycine	$-4.2 \pm 0.1$	$-12.5 \pm 12.2$	$-8.4 \pm 12.2$
Isoleucine	$-2.1 \pm 0.1$	$12.5 \pm 23.6$	$14.7 \pm 23.6$
Phenylalanine	$1.9 \pm 0.1$	$-1.7 \pm 38.0$	$-3.6 \pm 38.0$

# Adsorption over Oxidized Graphene



## Adsorption of Penta-Alanine over pristine graphene

	$\Delta A^{ads}$	$\Delta E^{ads}$	$T\Delta S^{ads}$
Alanine			
Mono	$-10.3 \pm 0.1$	$-12.5 \pm 1.8$	$-2.2 \pm 1.8$
Penta (Prediction)	$-43.3 \pm 0.4$	$-52.5 \pm 7.6$	$-9.24 \pm 7.6$
Penta (Stretched)	$-40.4 \pm 0.1$	$-48.8 \pm 6.7$	$-8.4 \pm 6.7$
Penta (Helix)	$-6.3 \pm 0.1$	$-32.6 \pm 5.4$	$-26.2 \pm 5.5$