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(OR When a Vibrating Molecule Is a Divisible Set of Vibrating Fragments)



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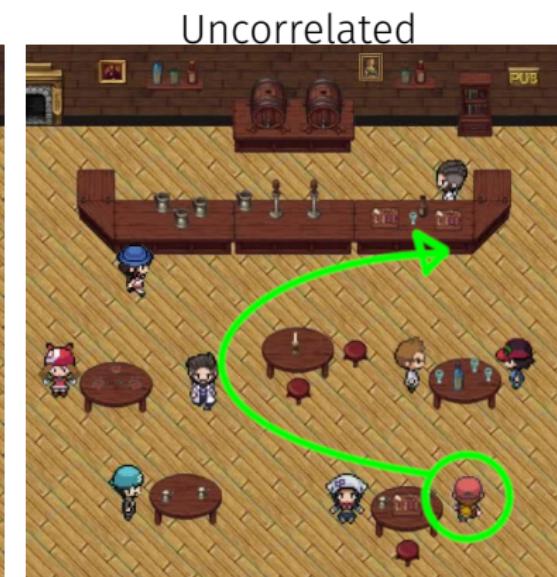
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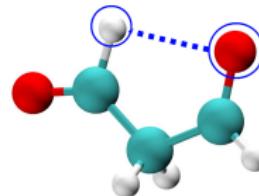
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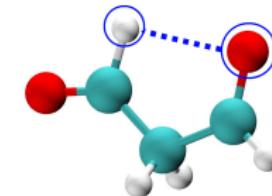
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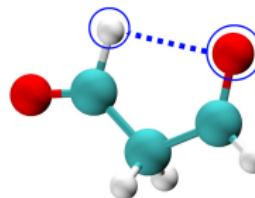
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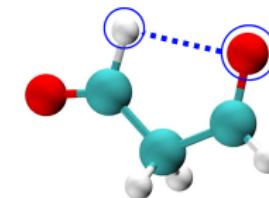
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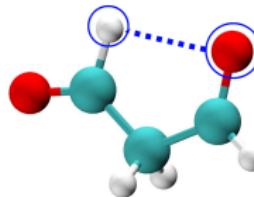
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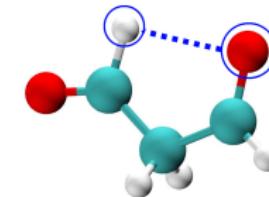
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- When can we say a molecule is composed of **dynamically independent groups**?



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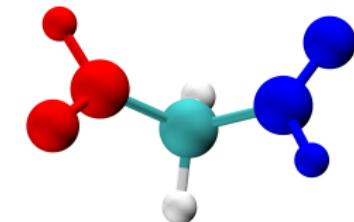
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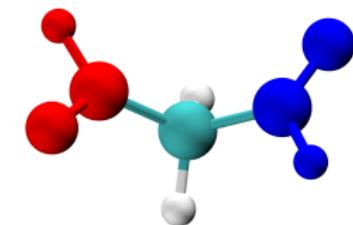
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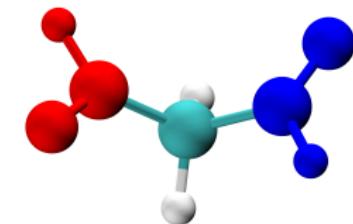
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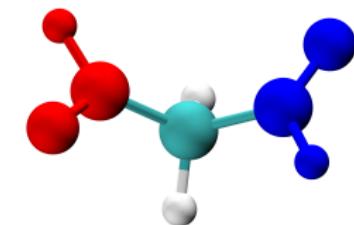
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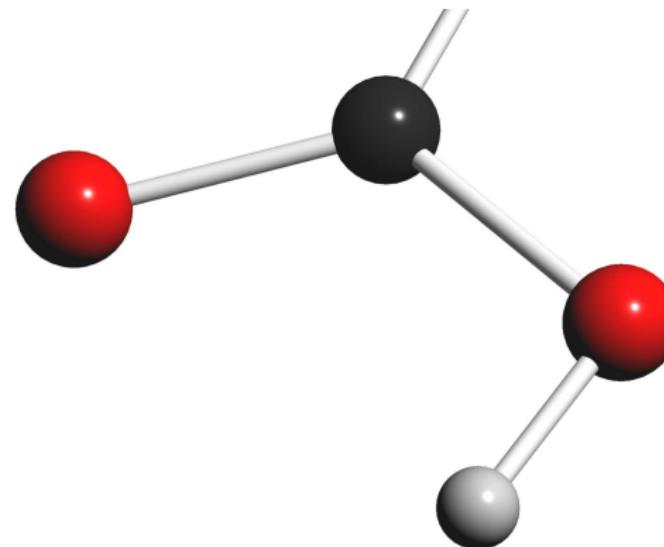
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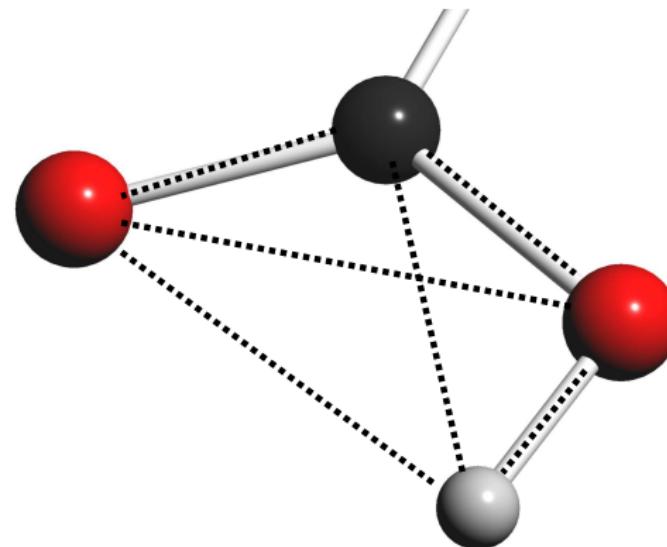
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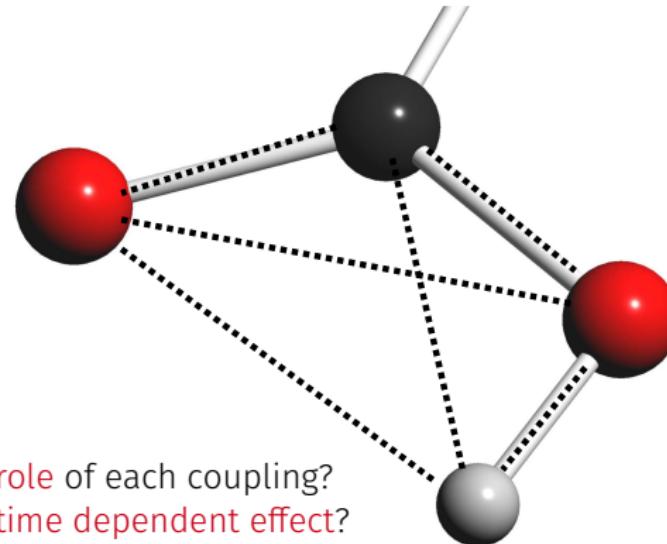
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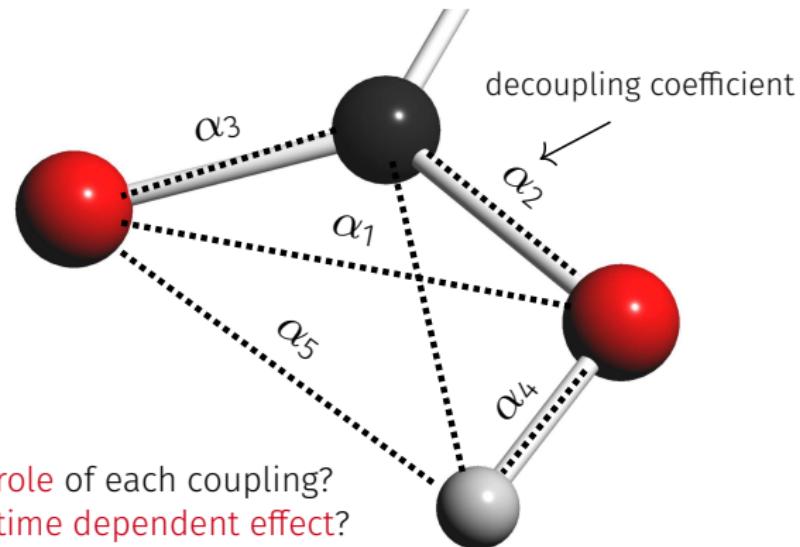
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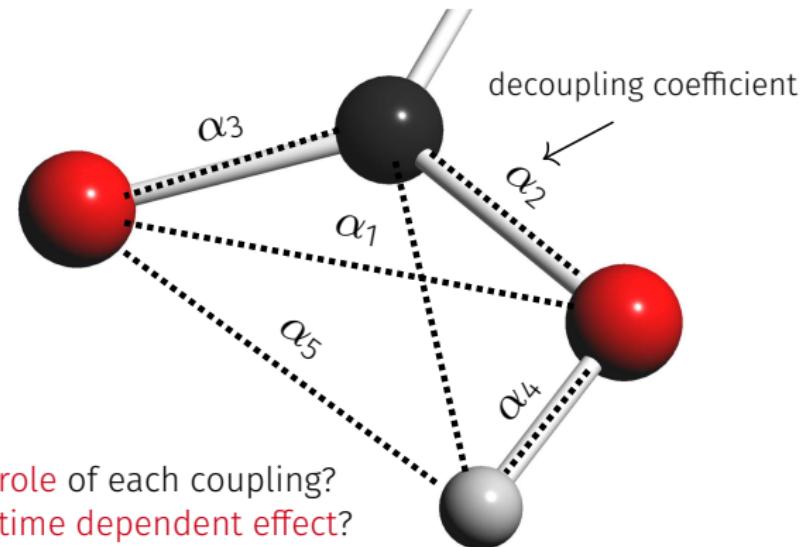
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Define the pair-decoupled Hamiltonian

$$H(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{p}; \alpha_1; \alpha_2; \dots; \alpha_n) = \tilde{H}(\tilde{\mathbf{q}}, \tilde{\mathbf{p}})$$



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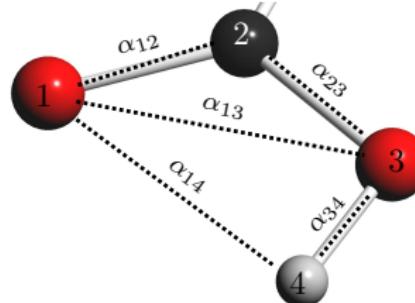
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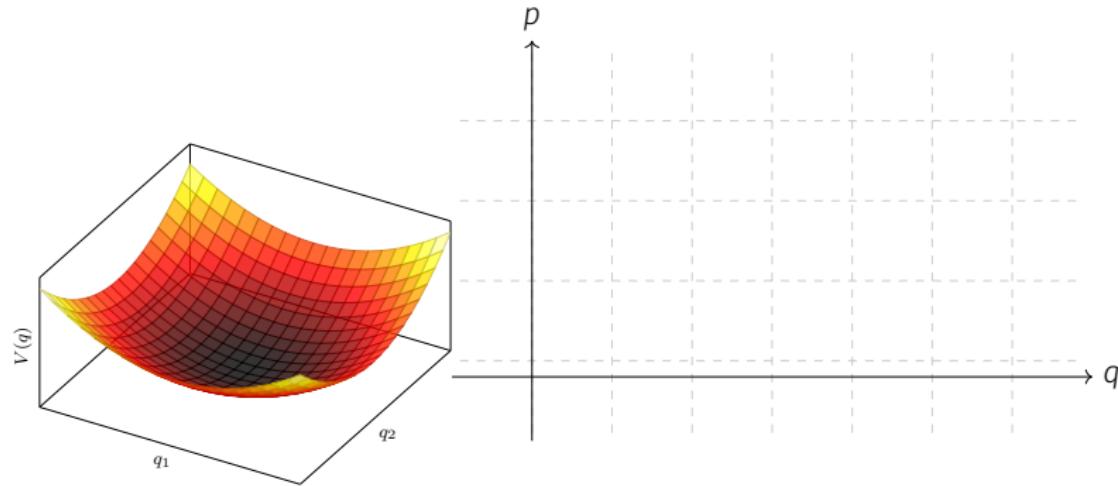
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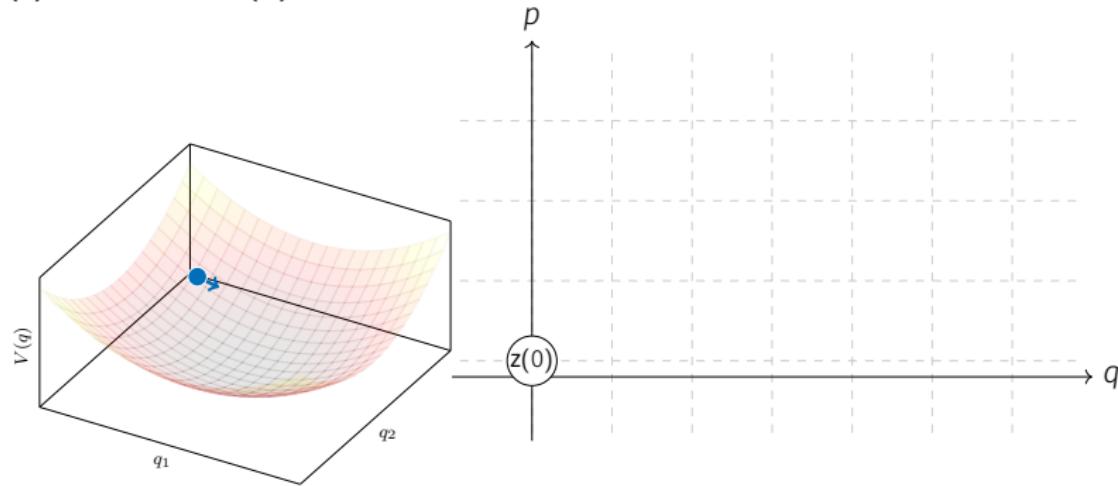
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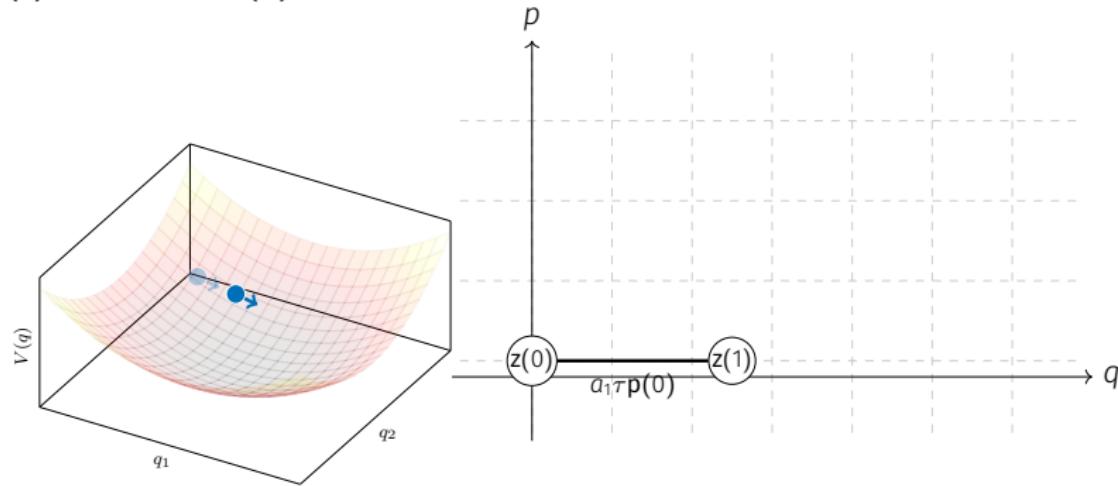
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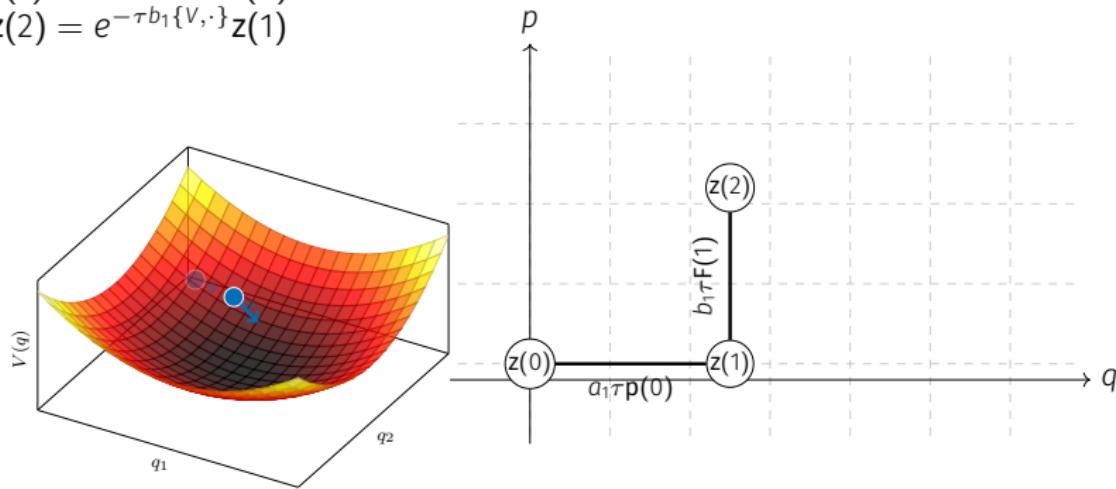
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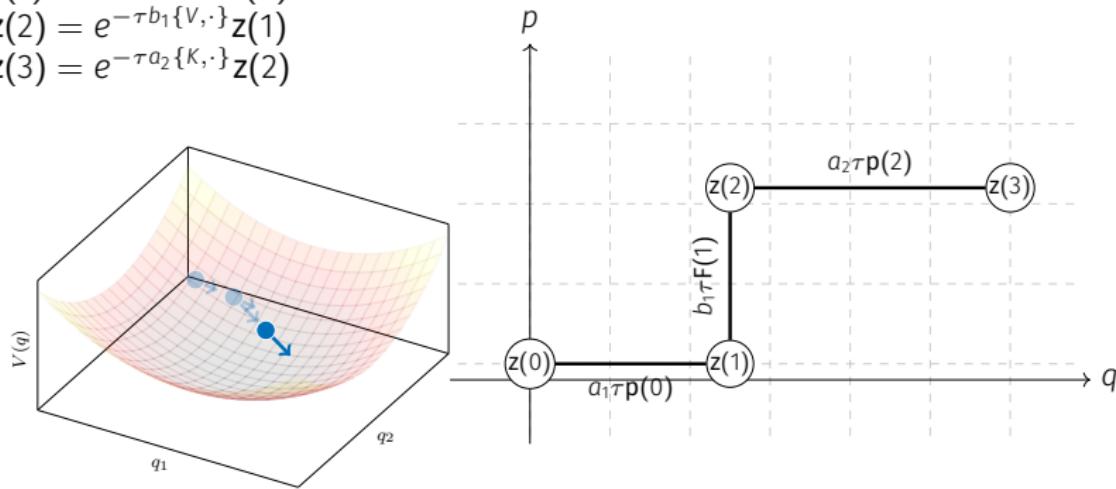
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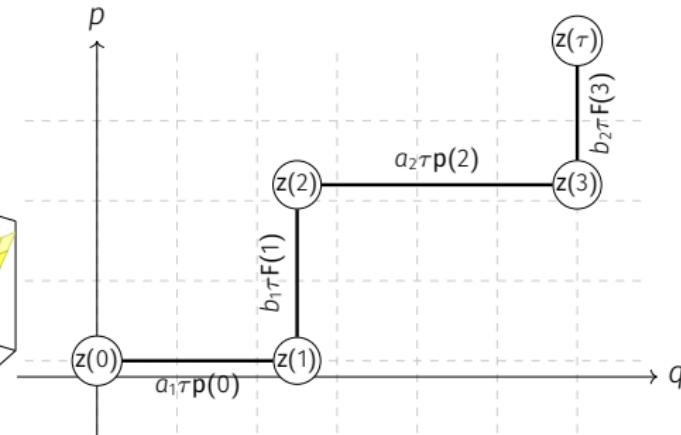
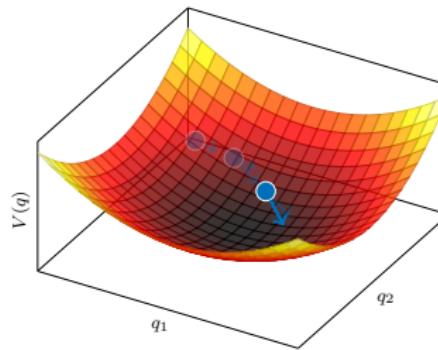
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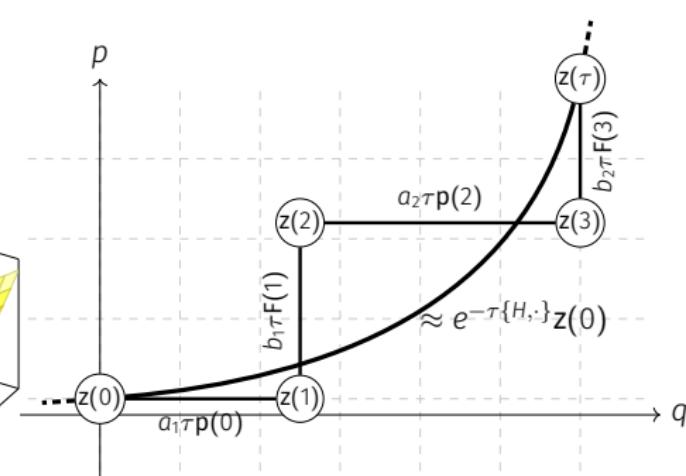
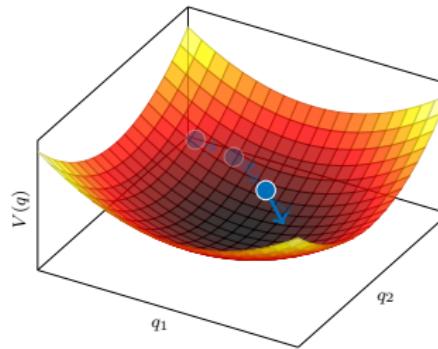
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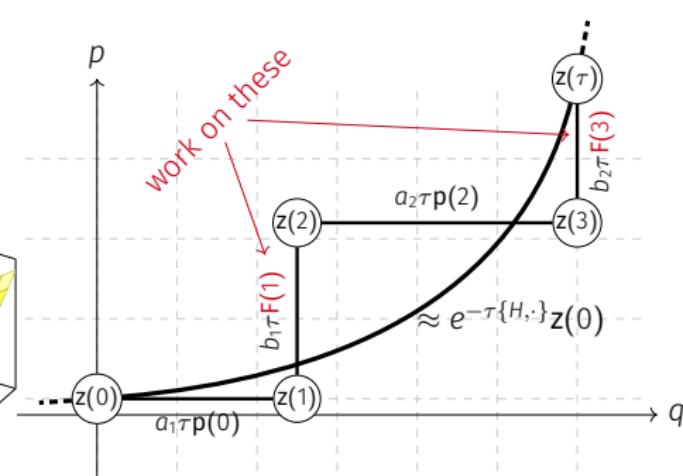
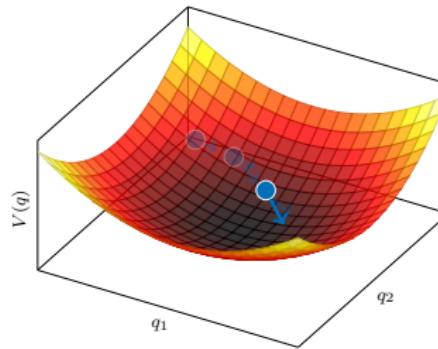
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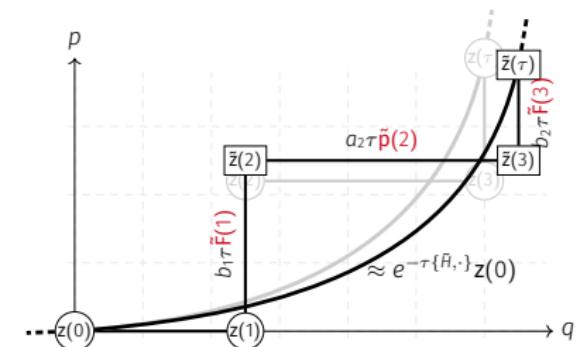
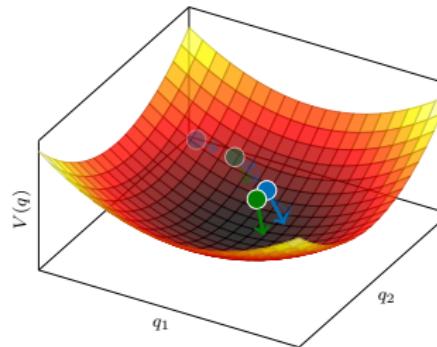
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a_k	$1/2$	$1/2$	0	0
b_k	0	1	0	0
c_k	$1/2$	$1/2$	0	0
a_k	$\frac{(2^{1/3} + 2^{-1/3} + 2)}{6}$	$\frac{-(2^{1/3} + 2^{-1/3} - 1)}{6}$	$\frac{-(2^{1/3} + 2^{-1/3} - 1)}{6}$	$\frac{(2^{1/3} + 2^{-1/3} + 2)}{6}$
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c_k	$\frac{(2^{1/3} + 2^{-1/3} + 2)}{6}$	$\frac{-(2^{1/3} + 2^{-1/3} - 1)}{6}$	$\frac{-(2^{1/3} + 2^{-1/3} - 1)}{6}$	$\frac{(2^{1/3} + 2^{-1/3} + 2)}{6}$
a_k	$\sqrt{3}/6 + 1/2$	$-\sqrt{3}/3$	$\sqrt{3}/3$	$-\sqrt{3}/6 + 1/2$
b_k	0	$-\sqrt{3}/6 + 1/4$	$1/2$	$\sqrt{3}/6 + 1/4$
c_k	$5/26$	$8\sqrt{3}/39 + 4/13$	$-8\sqrt{3}/39 + 4/13$	$5/26$
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b_k	0	$-\sqrt{3}/6 + 1/4$	$1/2$	$\sqrt{3}/6 + 1/4$
c_k	$5\sqrt{3}/48$	$\sqrt{3}/8 + 1/2$	$-\sqrt{3}/8 + 1/2$	$-5\sqrt{3}/48$
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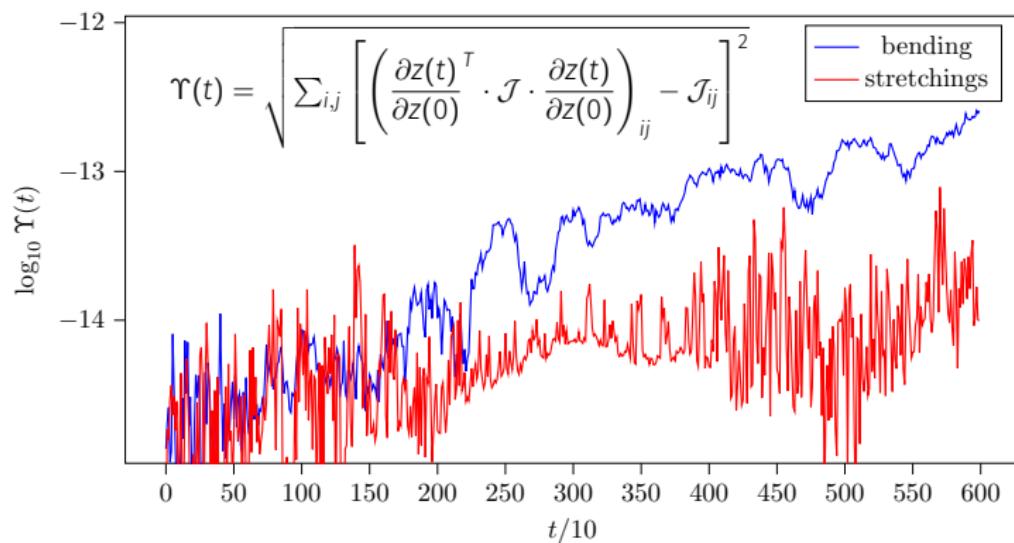
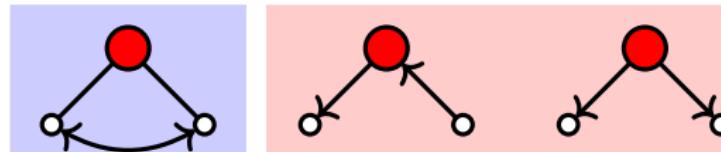
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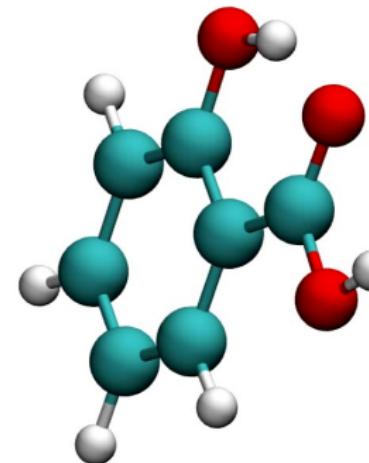
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Salicylic Acid vibrates on a plane

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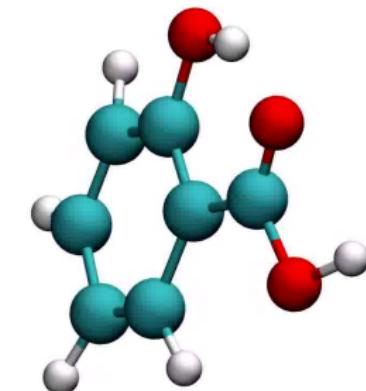
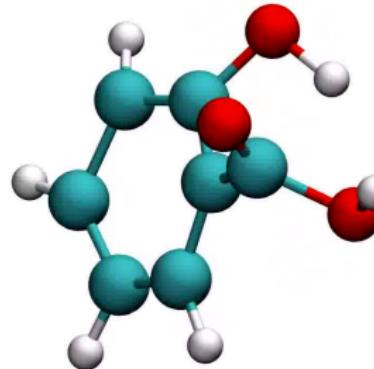
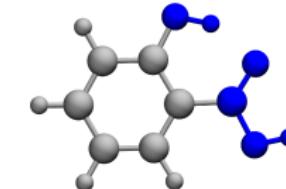
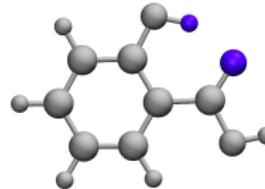
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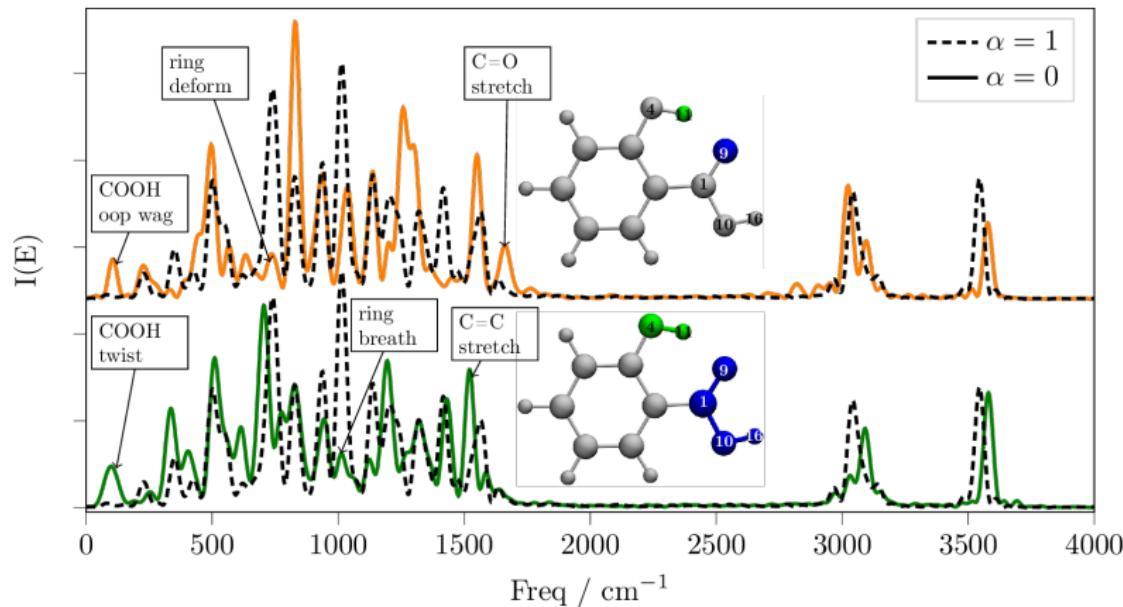
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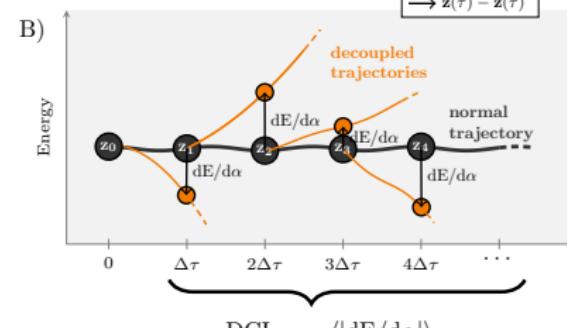
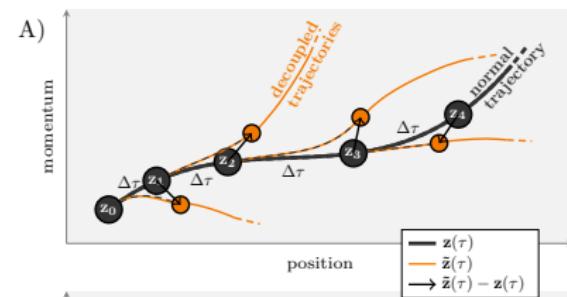
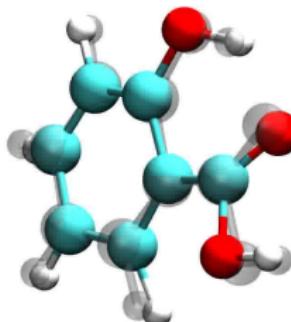
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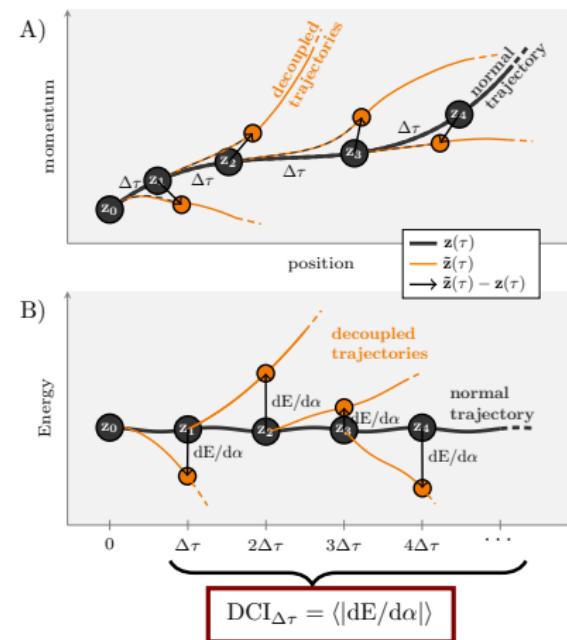
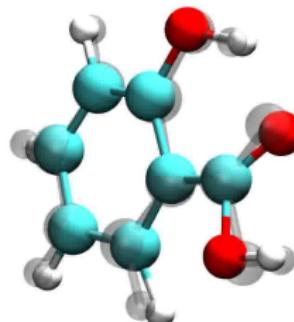
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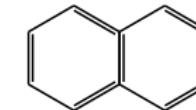
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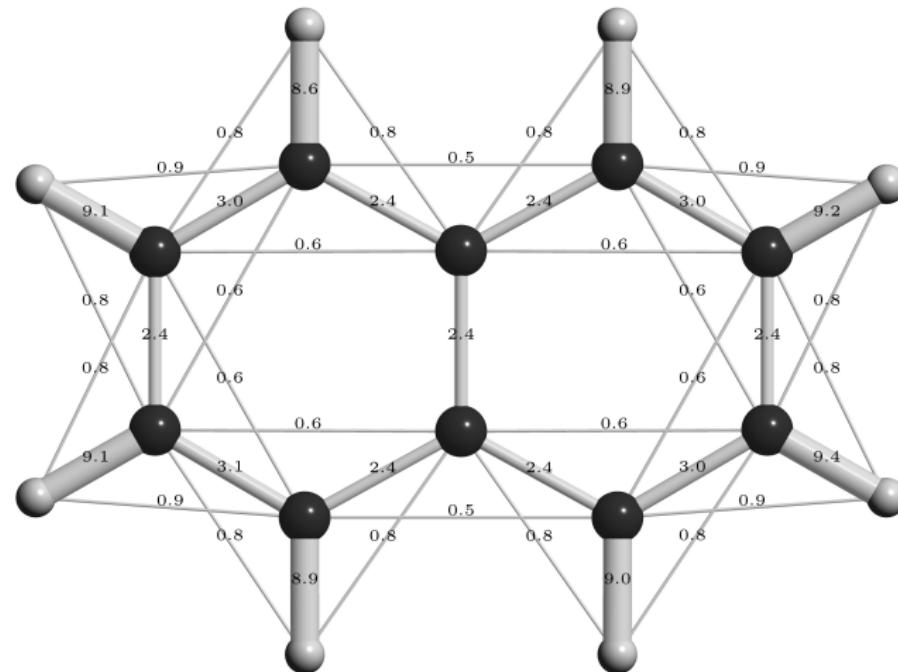
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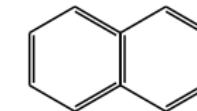
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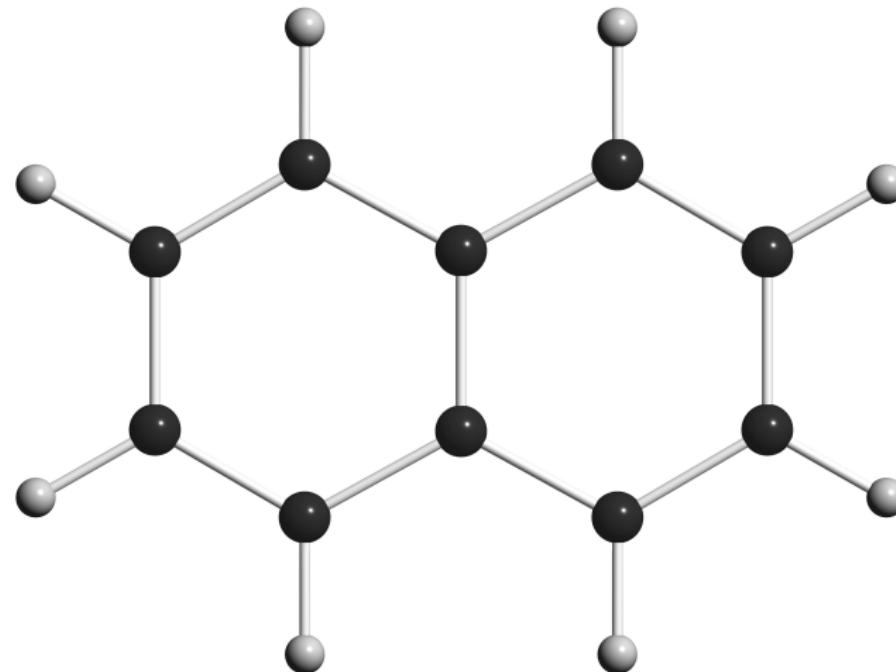
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$$\alpha = 1$$

threshold = $1.0 - 2.3 \mu\text{Hartree}$





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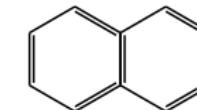
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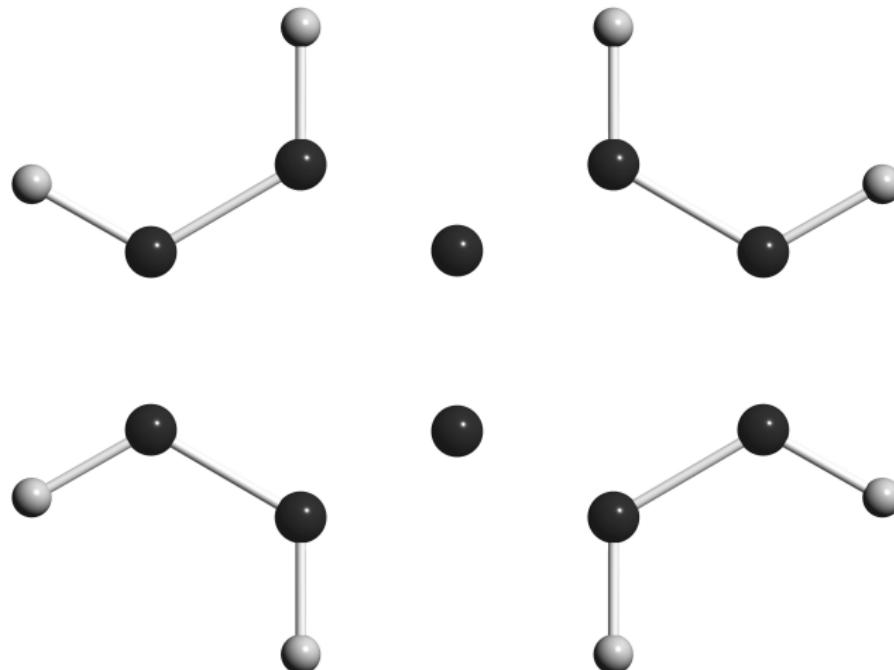
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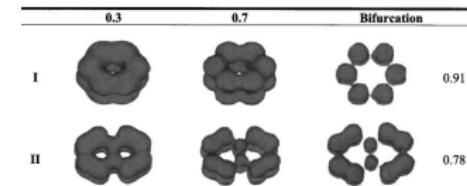
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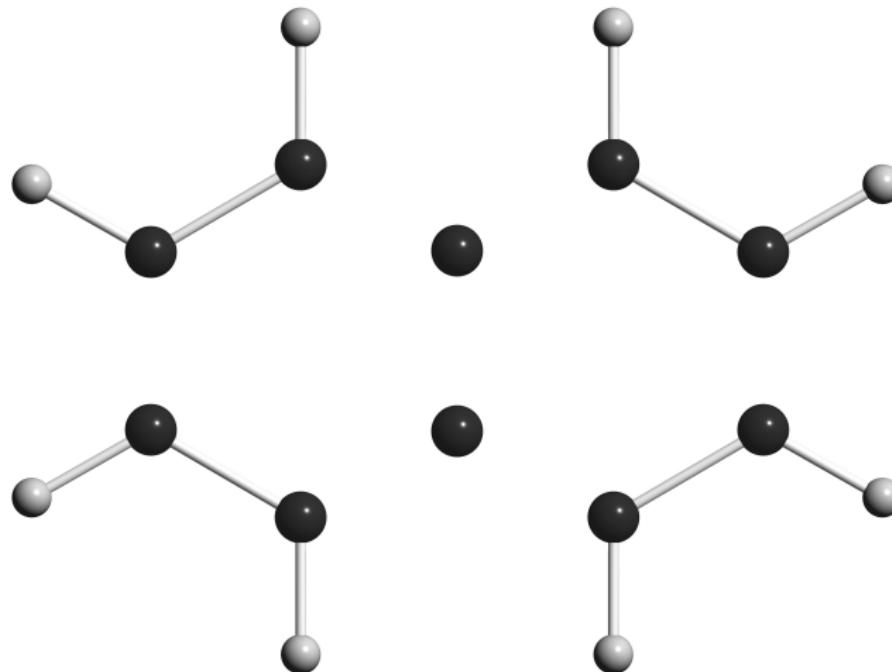
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Picture from J.C. Santos, et al., *J. Chem. Phys.* (2004)





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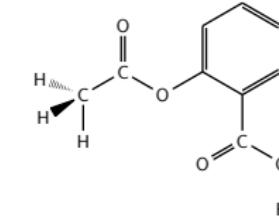
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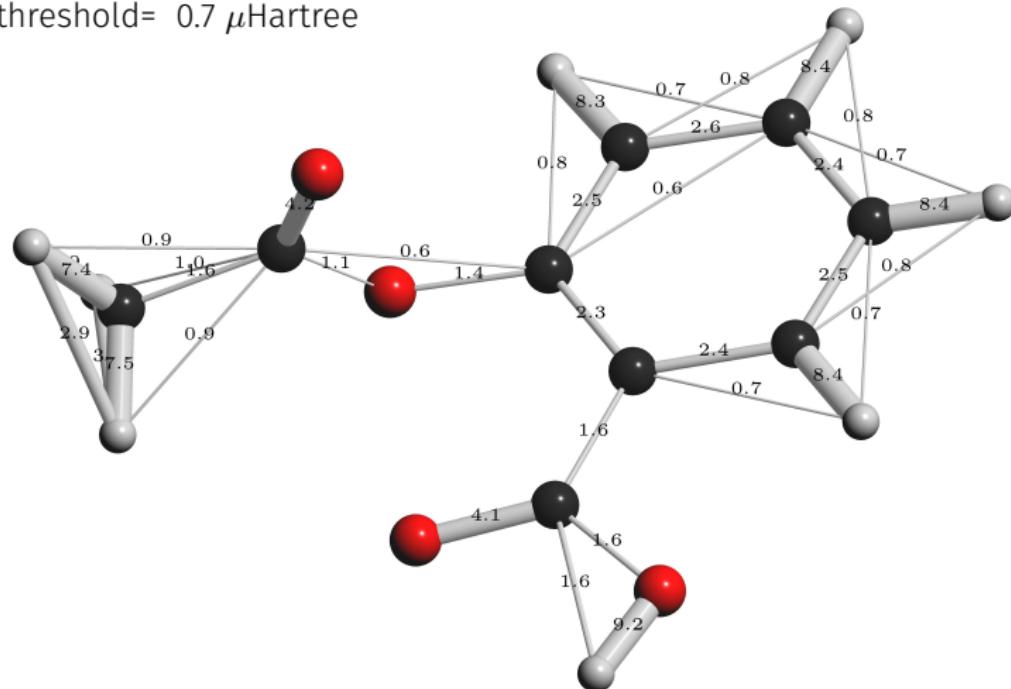
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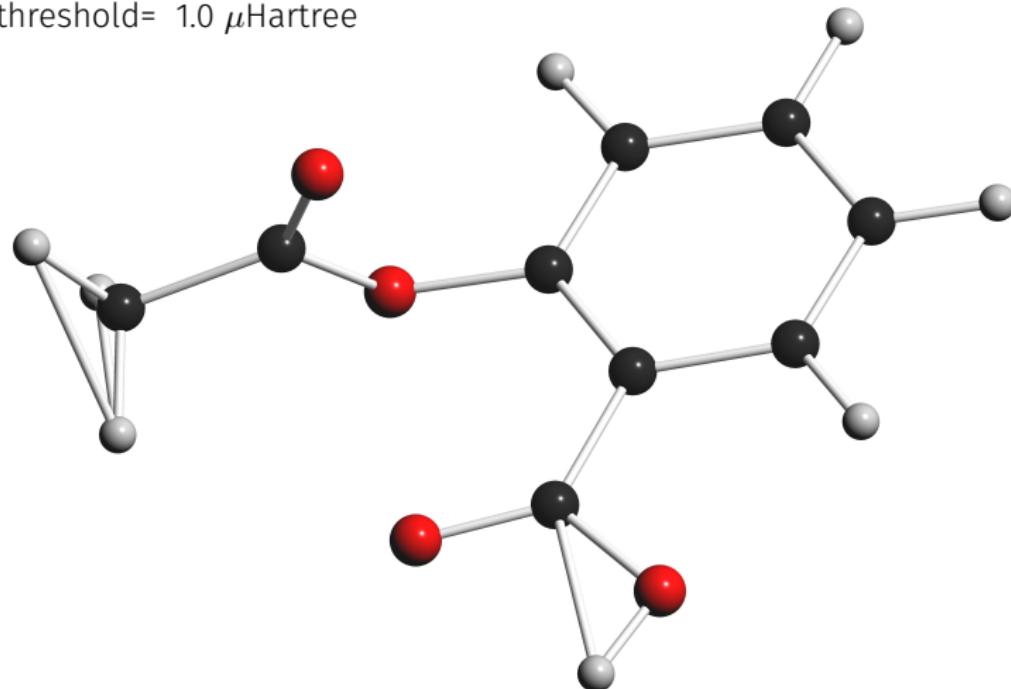
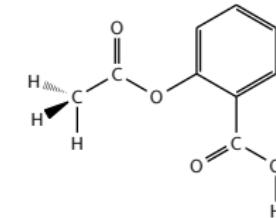
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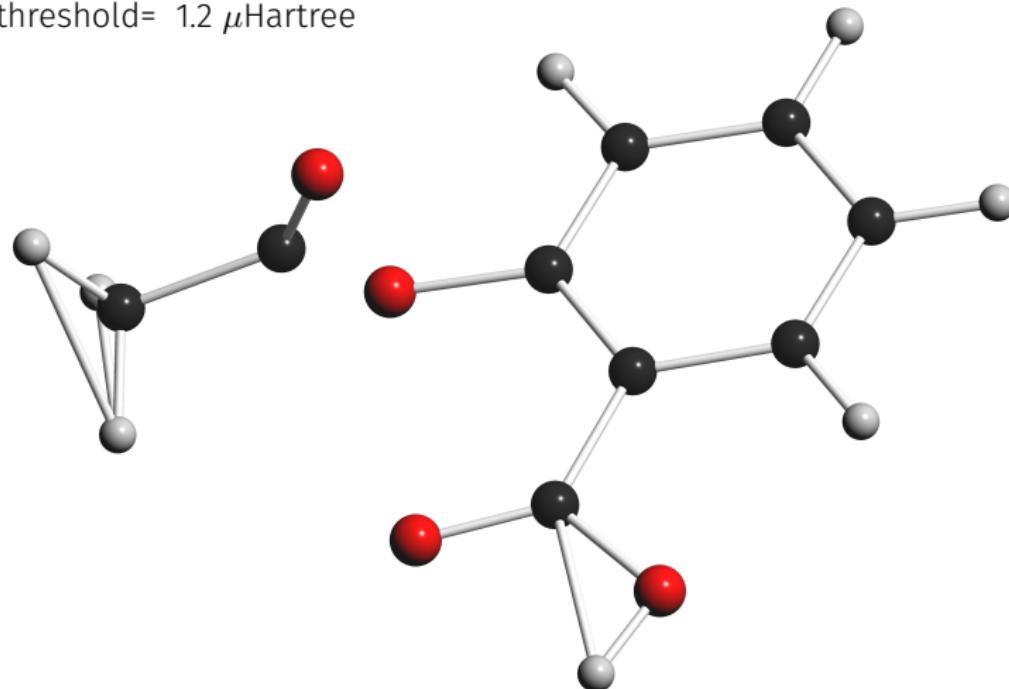
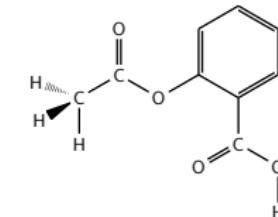
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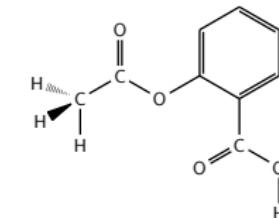
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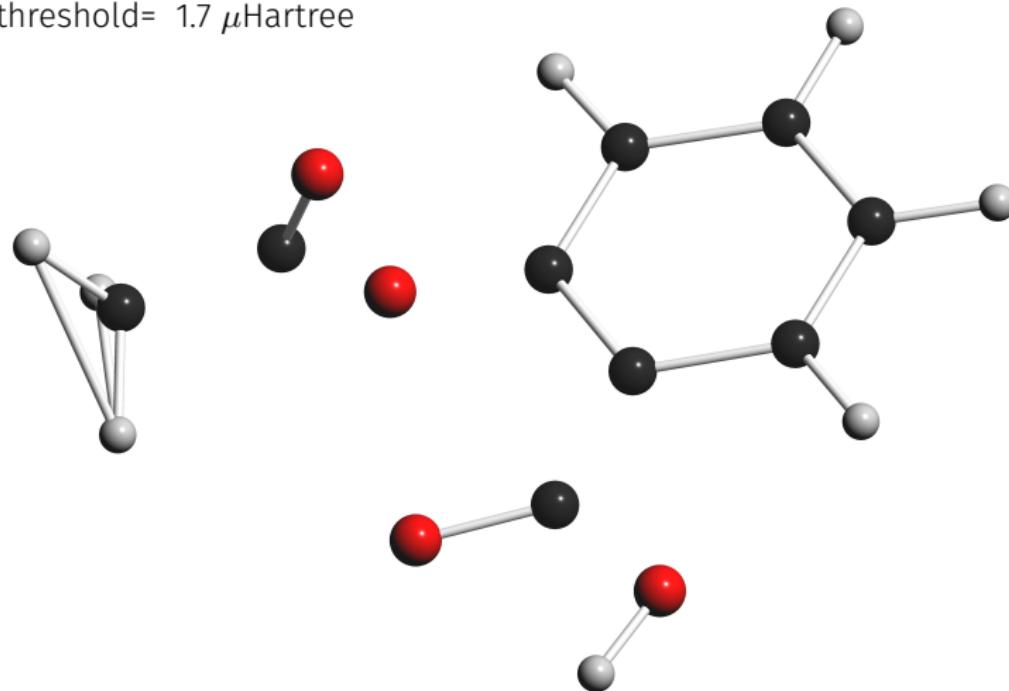
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$$\alpha = 1$$

threshold= $1.7 \mu\text{Hartree}$





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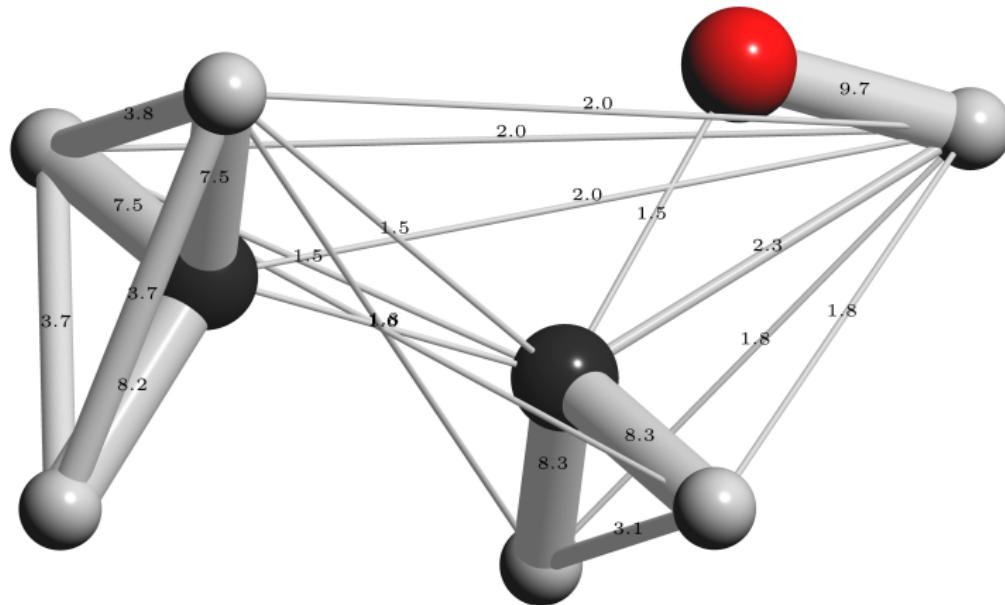
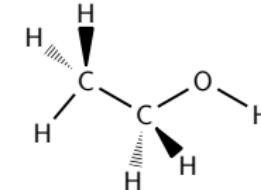
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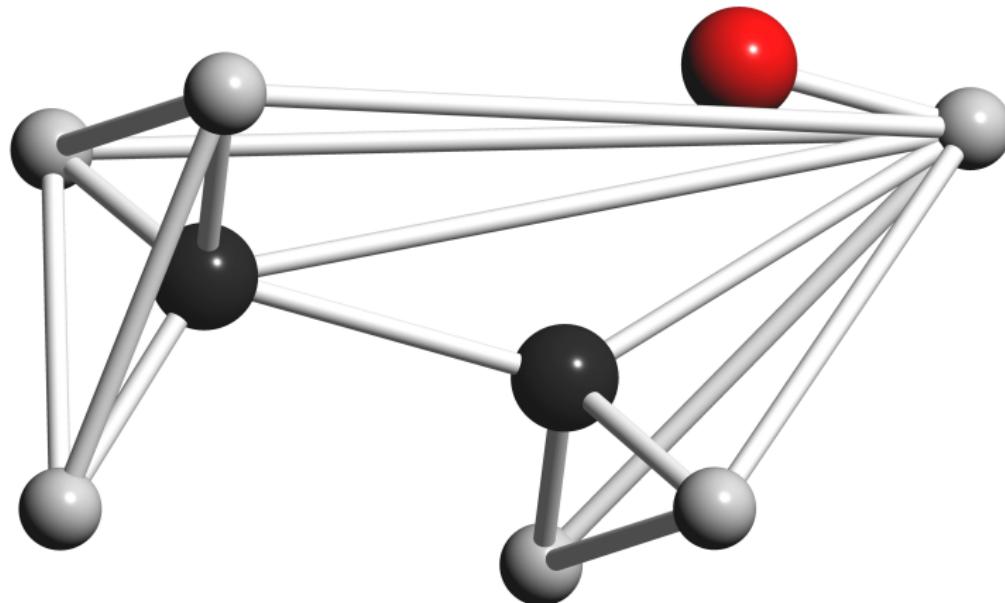
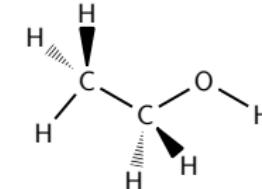
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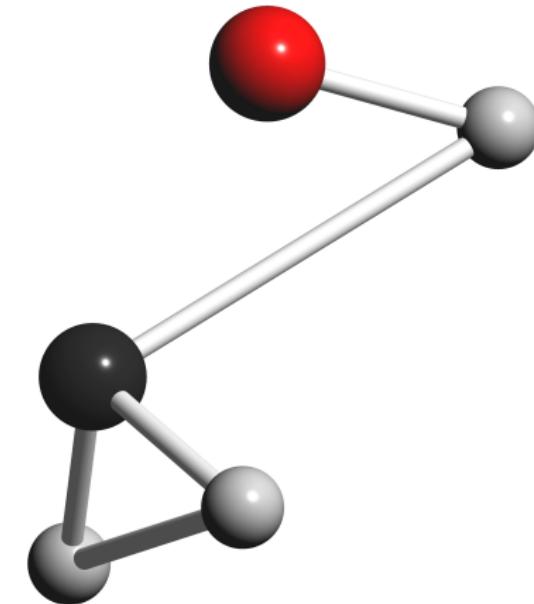
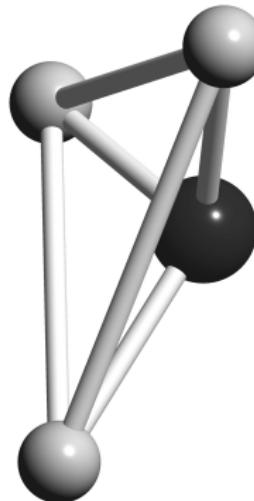
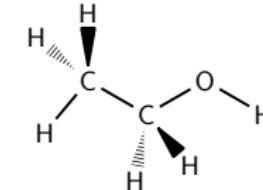




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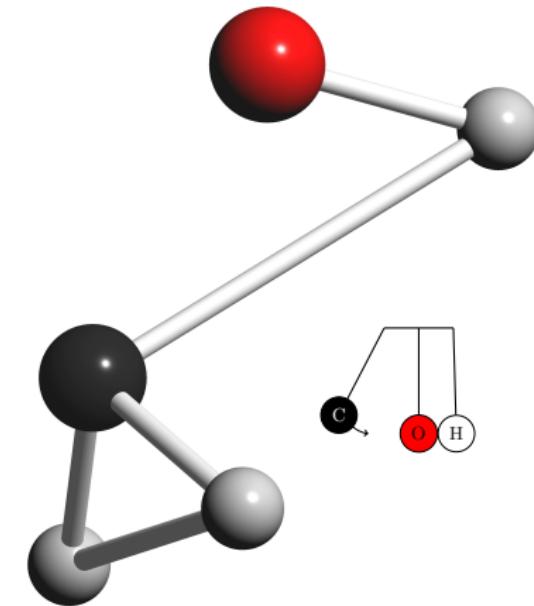
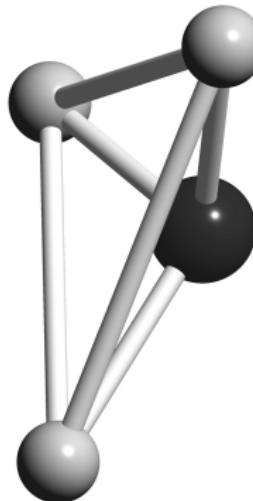
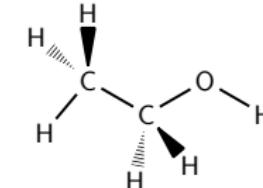
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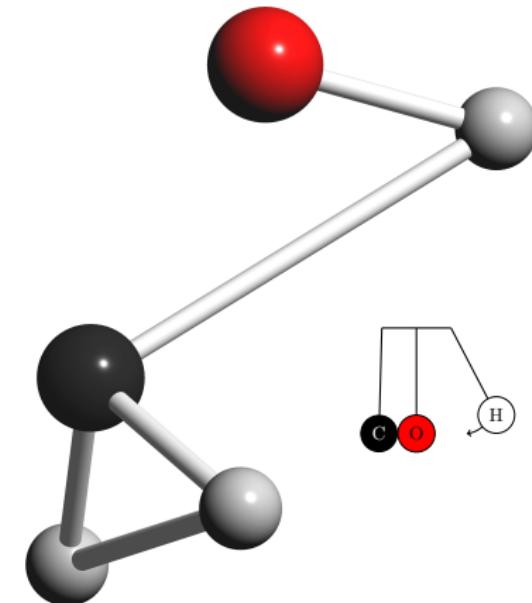
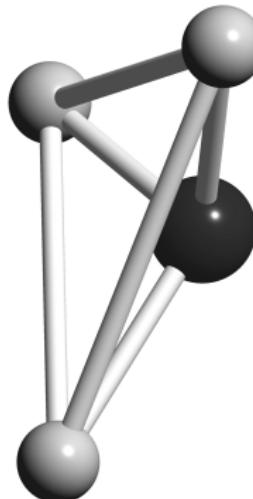
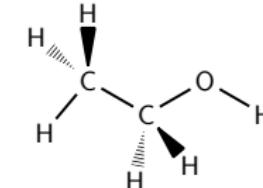
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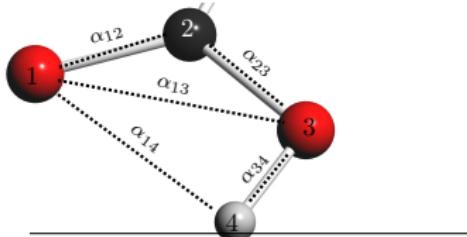
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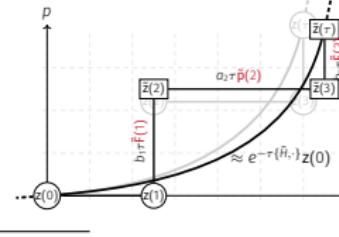
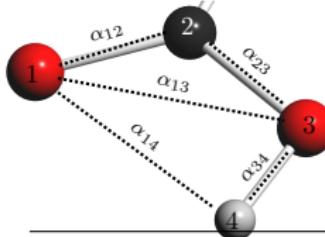
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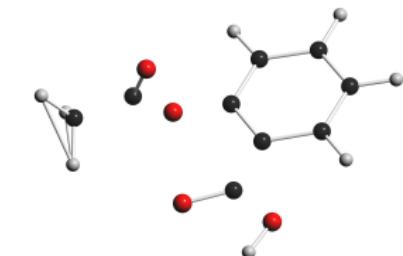
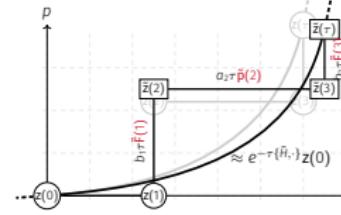
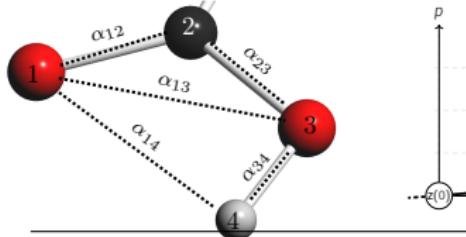
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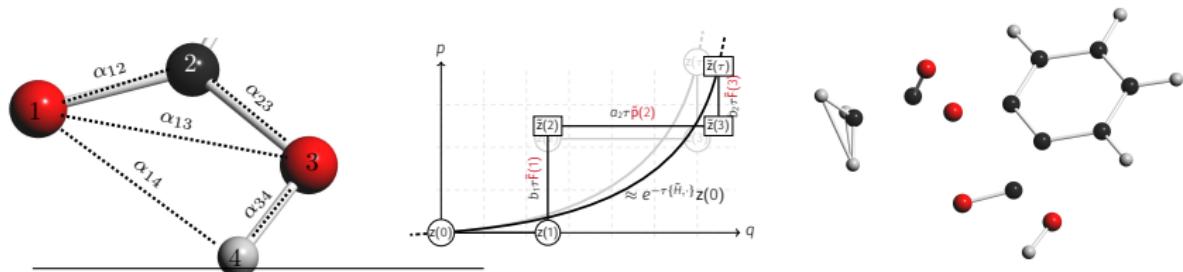
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