

# Implementing Molecular Hydrophobicity Potential Measurement for the Analysis of Dynamic Biomolecular Interactions

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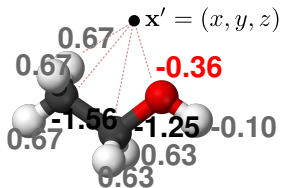
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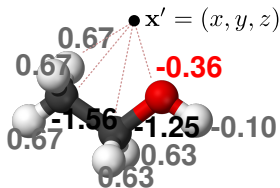
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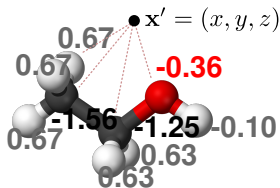
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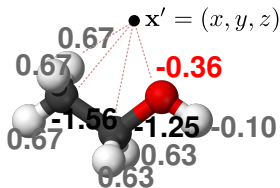
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## Carbon atom contribution to hydrophobicity<sup>1</sup>

Type	Description	$f_i$ value
<u>Carbon in:</u>		
1	CH <sub>3</sub> R	-1.5603
3	CHR <sub>3</sub>	-0.6681
7	CH <sub>2</sub> X <sub>2</sub>	-1.0305
13	RCX <sub>3</sub>	0.7894
17	=CR <sub>2</sub>	0.0383
24	R—CH—R	-0.3251
25	R—CR—R	0.1492
26	R—CX—R	0.1539

<sup>1</sup>Source: Ghose et al, J. Phys. Chem. A 1998, 102, 3762-3772

# Force Constants - Hydrogen

## Hydrogen atom contribution to hydrophobicity<sup>2</sup>

Type	Description	$f_i$ value
	Hydrogen attached to:	
46	C <sub>sp</sub> <sup>3</sup> , no X in $\alpha$	0.7341
47	C <sub>sp</sub> <sup>2</sup>	0.6301
50	X	-0.1036
52	C <sub>sp</sub> <sup>3</sup> , 1 X in $\alpha$	0.6666
54	C <sub>sp</sub> <sup>3</sup> , 3 X in $\alpha$	0.6338

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# Force Constants - Oxygen

## Oxygen atom contribution to hydrophobicity<sup>3</sup>

Type	Description	$f_i$ value
	Oxygen in:	
56	Alcohol	-0.3567
57	Phenol, enol, carboxyl OH	-0.0127
58	Ketone	-0.0233
61	Nitro, N-oxides	1.0520
62	O <sup>-</sup>	-0.7941

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# Force Constants - Various

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Type	Description	$f_i$ value
66	Primary amine	-0.5427
67	Secondary amine	-0.3168
81	F attached to C <sub>sp</sub> <sup>3</sup>	0.4797
106	S in R-SH (thiol)	1.0520
119	P in PR <sub>3</sub> (phosphine)	-0.7941

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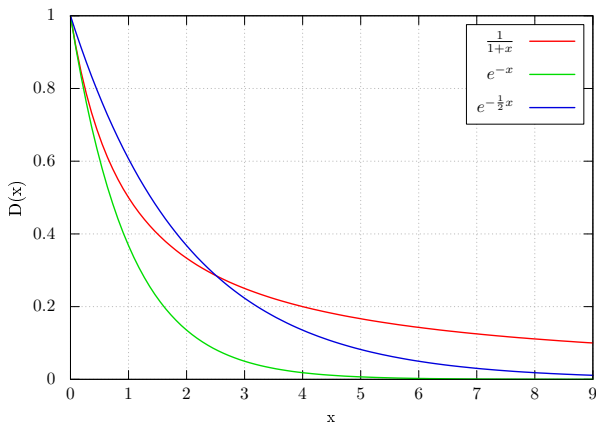
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Audry form

$$D(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$$

Exponential decay form

$$D(x) = e^{-\alpha x}$$



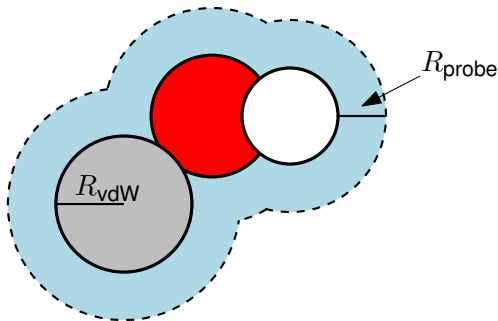
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- ▶ For water molecules usually  $r = 1.4 \text{ [\AA]}$

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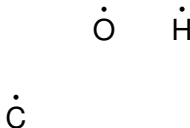
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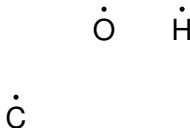
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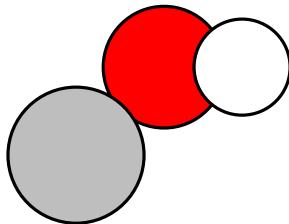
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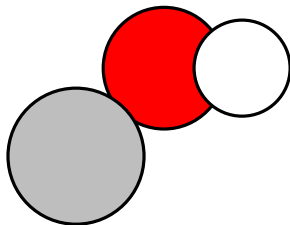
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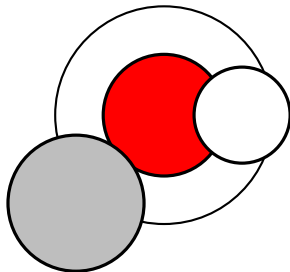
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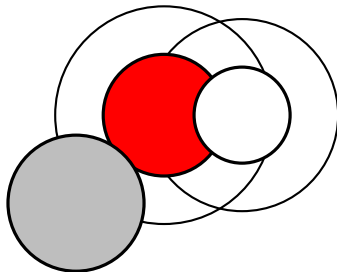
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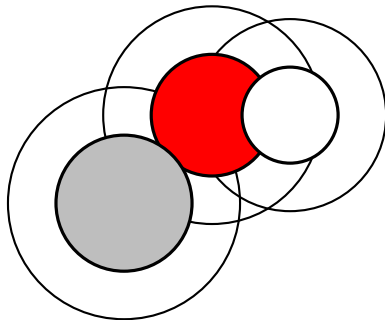
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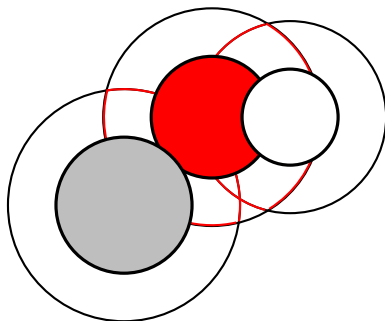
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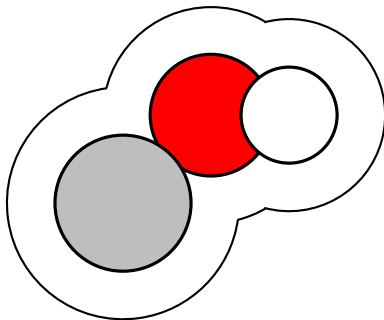
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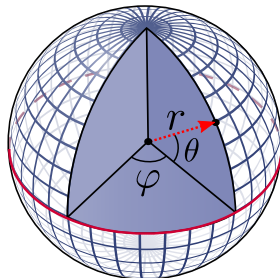
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4. The remaining surface is the solvent-accessible surface of the molecule

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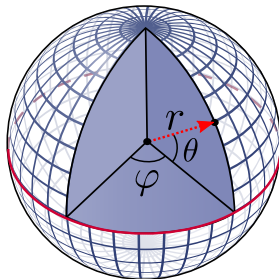
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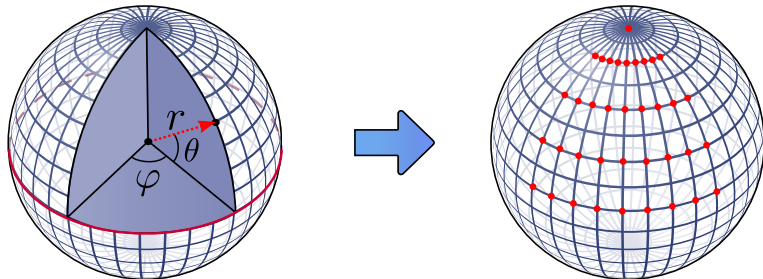
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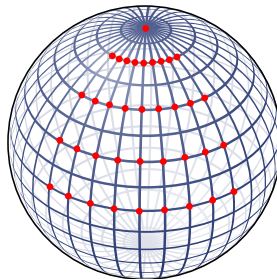
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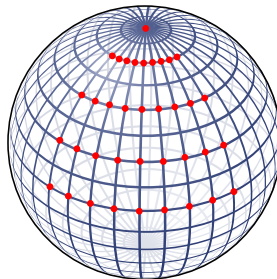
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$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_i &= i \cdot \frac{2\pi}{N} \\ \theta_j &= j \cdot \frac{\pi}{N}\end{aligned}$$

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- ▶ Several points overlap at poles

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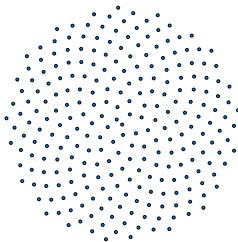


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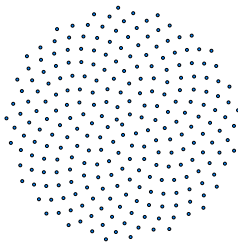


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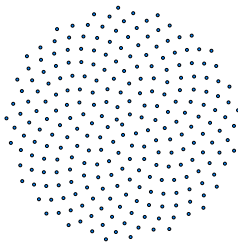
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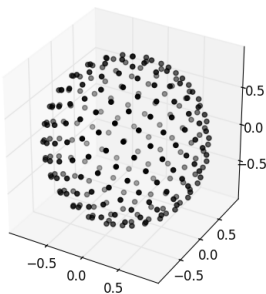


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Therefore, each atom has a total MHP of:

$$\text{MHP}^a = \frac{4\pi}{N} \sum_{j=0}^M \text{MHP}_j^a$$