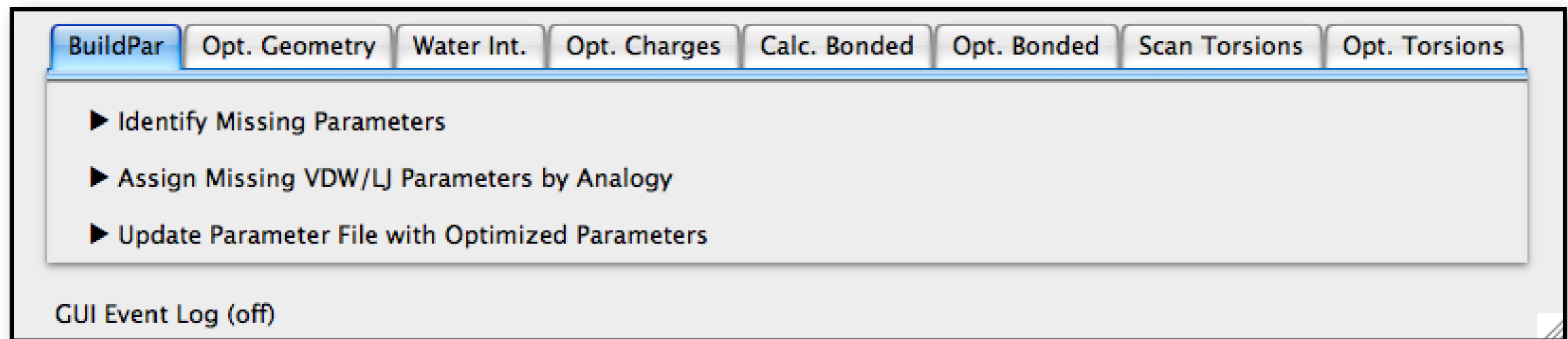


Parameterizing Small Molecules Using: The Force Field Toolkit (*ffTK*)



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MD Simulations of Biological Systems

Molecular Mechanics Force Fields

$$U = \underbrace{U_{\text{bonds}} + U_{\text{angles}} + U_{\text{dihedrals}}}_{\text{bonded}} + \underbrace{U_{\text{vdW}} + U_{\text{coulombic}}}_{\text{non-bonded}}$$

The CHARMM Force Field

$$U = \sum_{\text{bonds}} k_i^{\text{bond}} (r_i - r_0)^2 + \sum_{\text{angles}} k_i^{\text{angle}} (\theta_i - \theta_0)^2 +$$

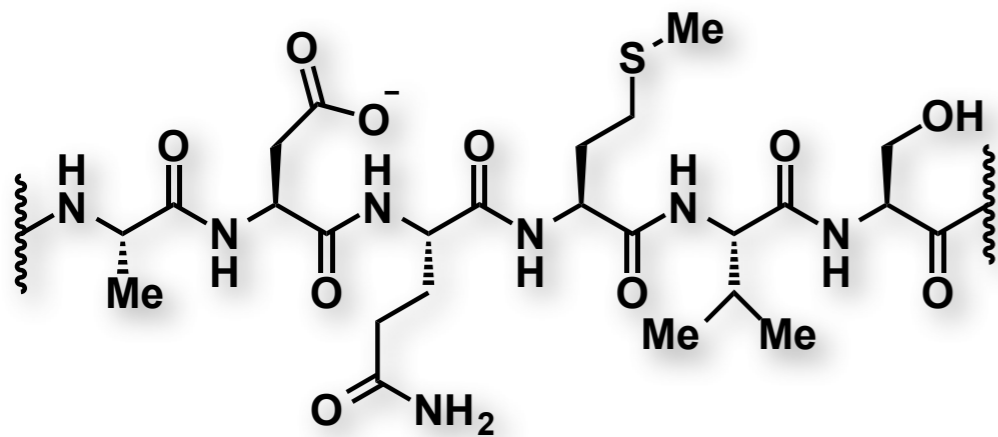
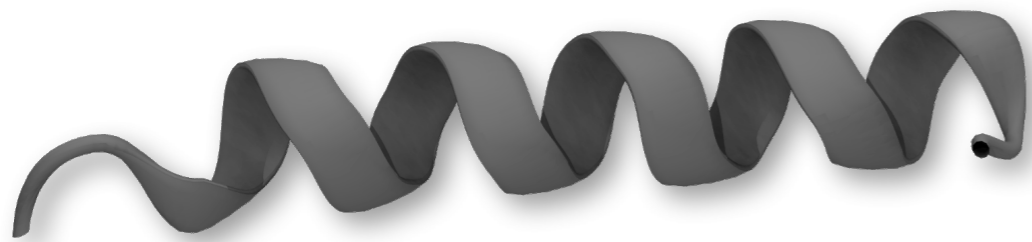
$$\sum_{\text{dihedrals}} k_i^{\text{dihedral}} [1 + \cos(n_i \phi_i + \delta_i)] +$$

$$\sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} 4 \epsilon_{ij} \left[\left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^{12} - \left(\frac{\sigma_{ij}}{r_{ij}} \right)^6 \right] + \sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{q_i q_j}{r_{ij}}$$

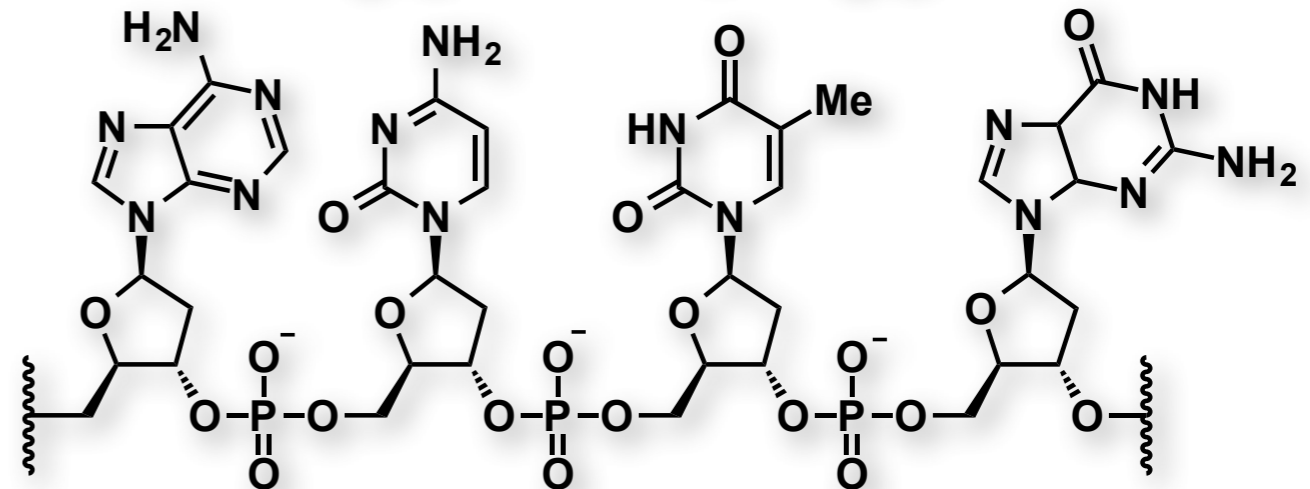
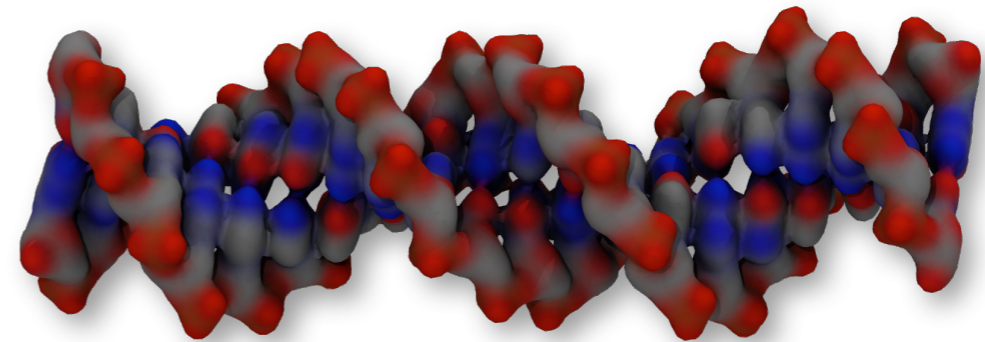
Parameter Transferability In Biopolymers

Parameter set describes molecular behavior in varied chemical (connectivity) and spatial (conformation) contexts

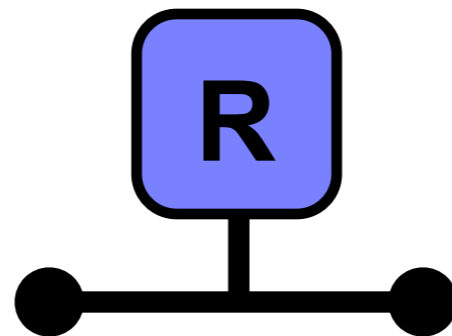
Peptides and Proteins



Nucleic Acids



Key Features:

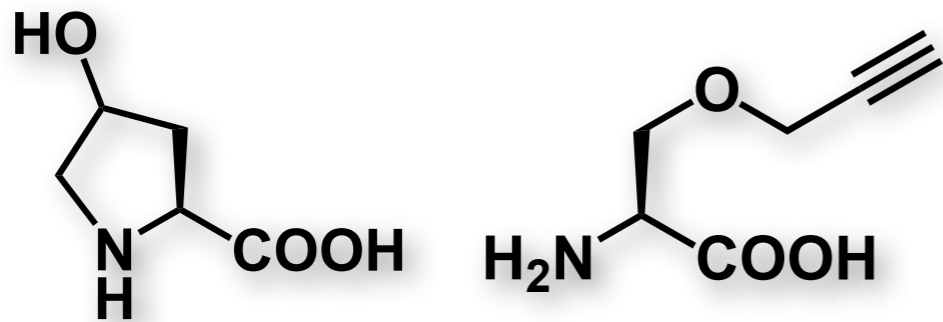


limited set of isolated building blocks

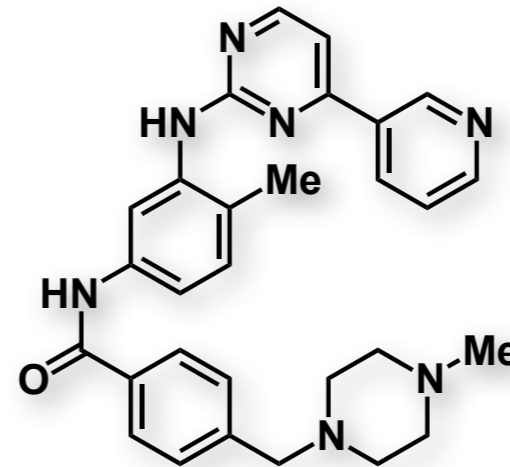
repetitive backbone unit

Parameterization as an Impasse

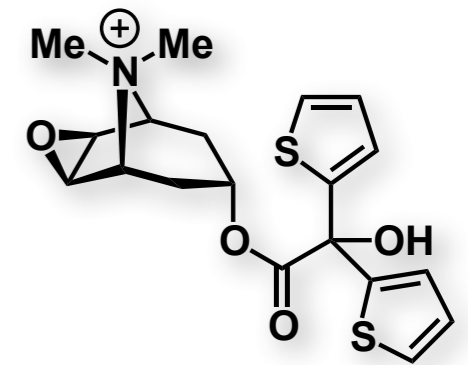
non-standard or
engineered amino acids



small molecule ligands

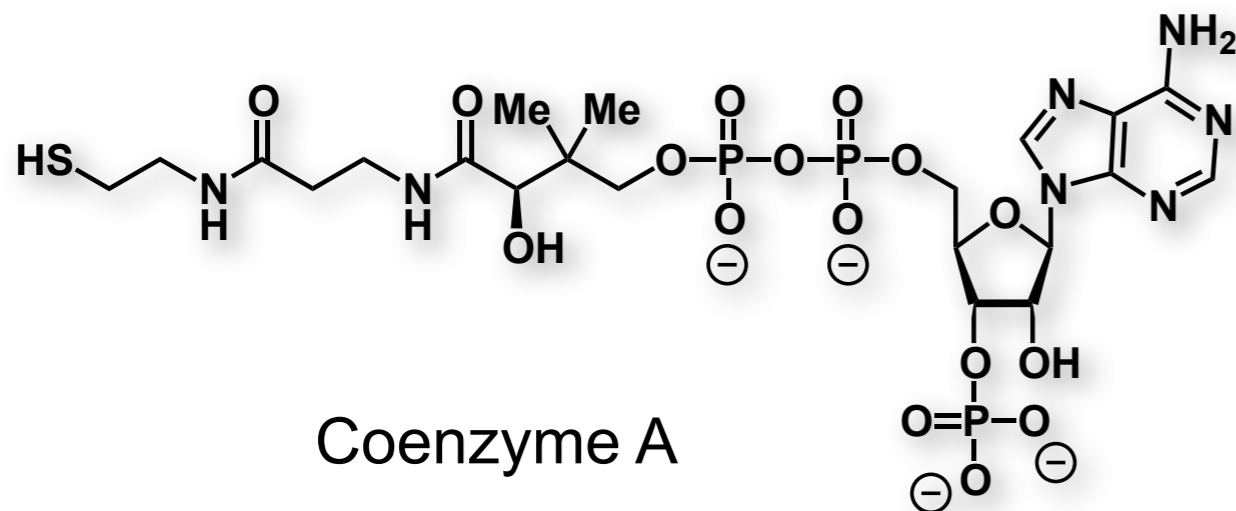


Imatinib (Gleevec)



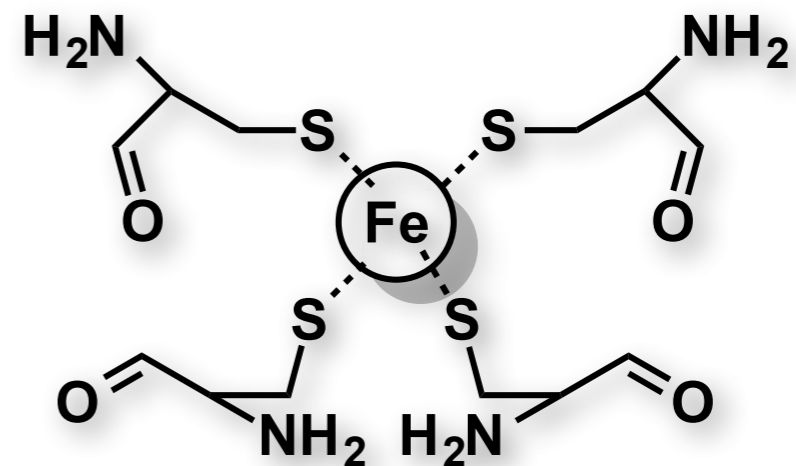
Tiotropium (Spiriva)

cofactors

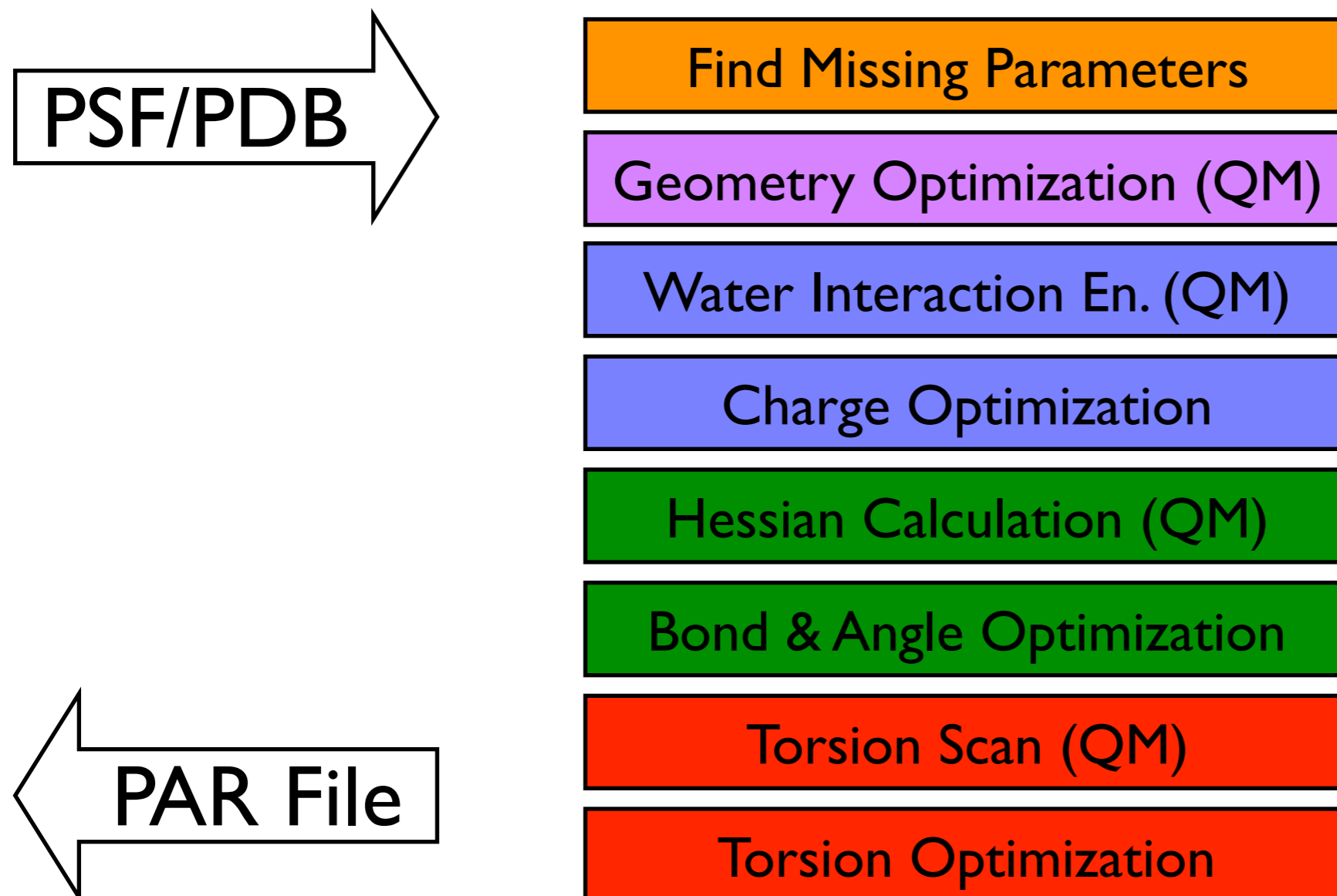


Coenzyme A

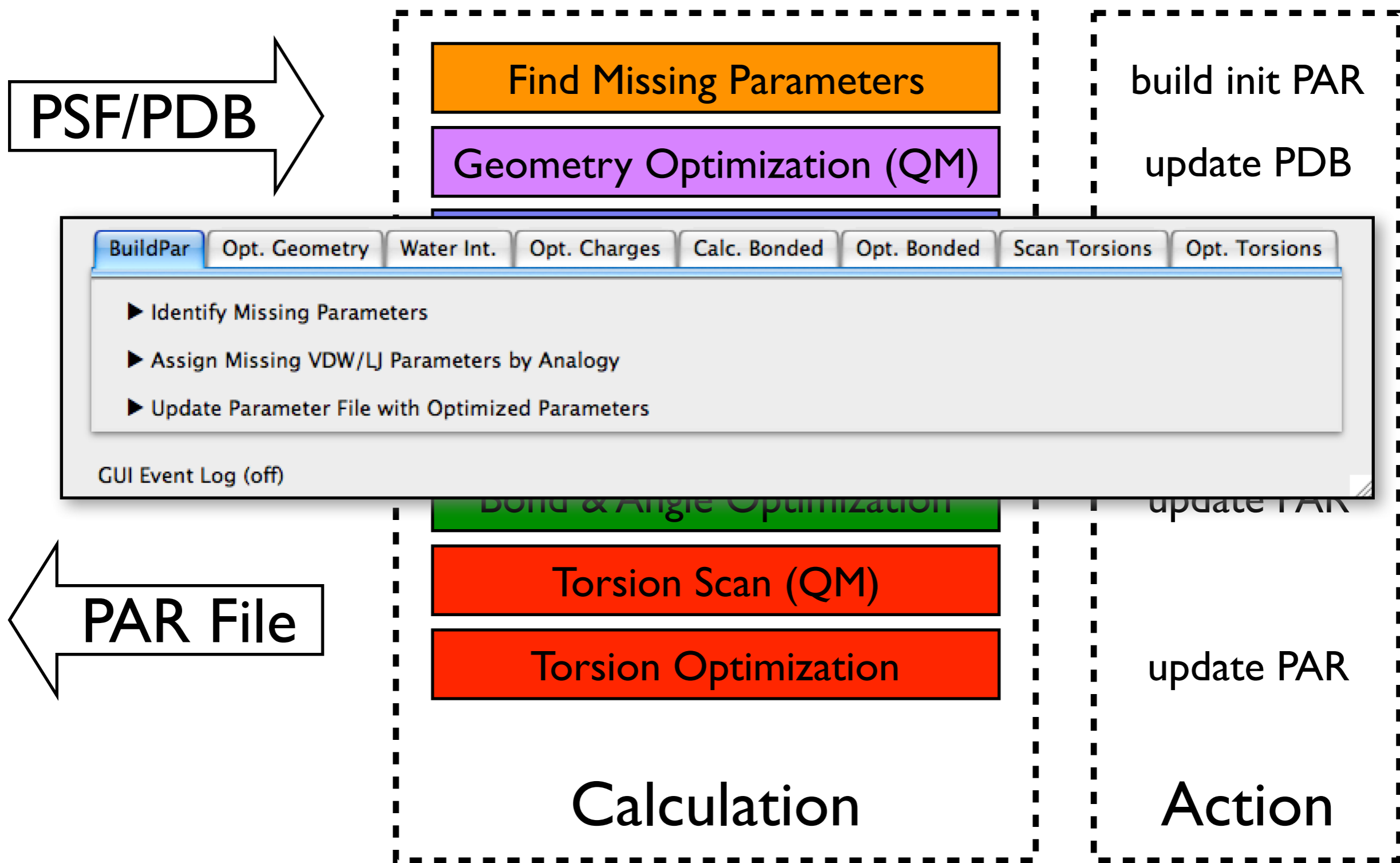
metal centers



CGenFF Parameterization Workflow



CGenFF Parameterization Workflow



ffTK Interface

tasks organized under tabs
standard file dialogs ← action buttons

The screenshot displays the ffTK interface with the following components:

- Tabs:** A row of tabs at the top, including "BuildPar", "Opt. Geometry", "Water Int.", "Opt. Charges" (selected), "Calc. Bonded", "Opt. Bonded", "Scan Torsions", and "Opt. Torsions".
- Input Section:**
 - PSF File:
 - PDB File:
 - Residue Name:
 - Load PSF/PDB
 - Label Atoms:
- Parameter Files:** A list box containing "/users/mayne/fftk/PRLD/parfiles/prld-init.par" with buttons.
- Output LOG:**
- Navigation:** A list of expandable sections: Charge Constraints, QM Target Data, Advanced Settings, and Results.

action menus

Functionality Provided by *ffTK*

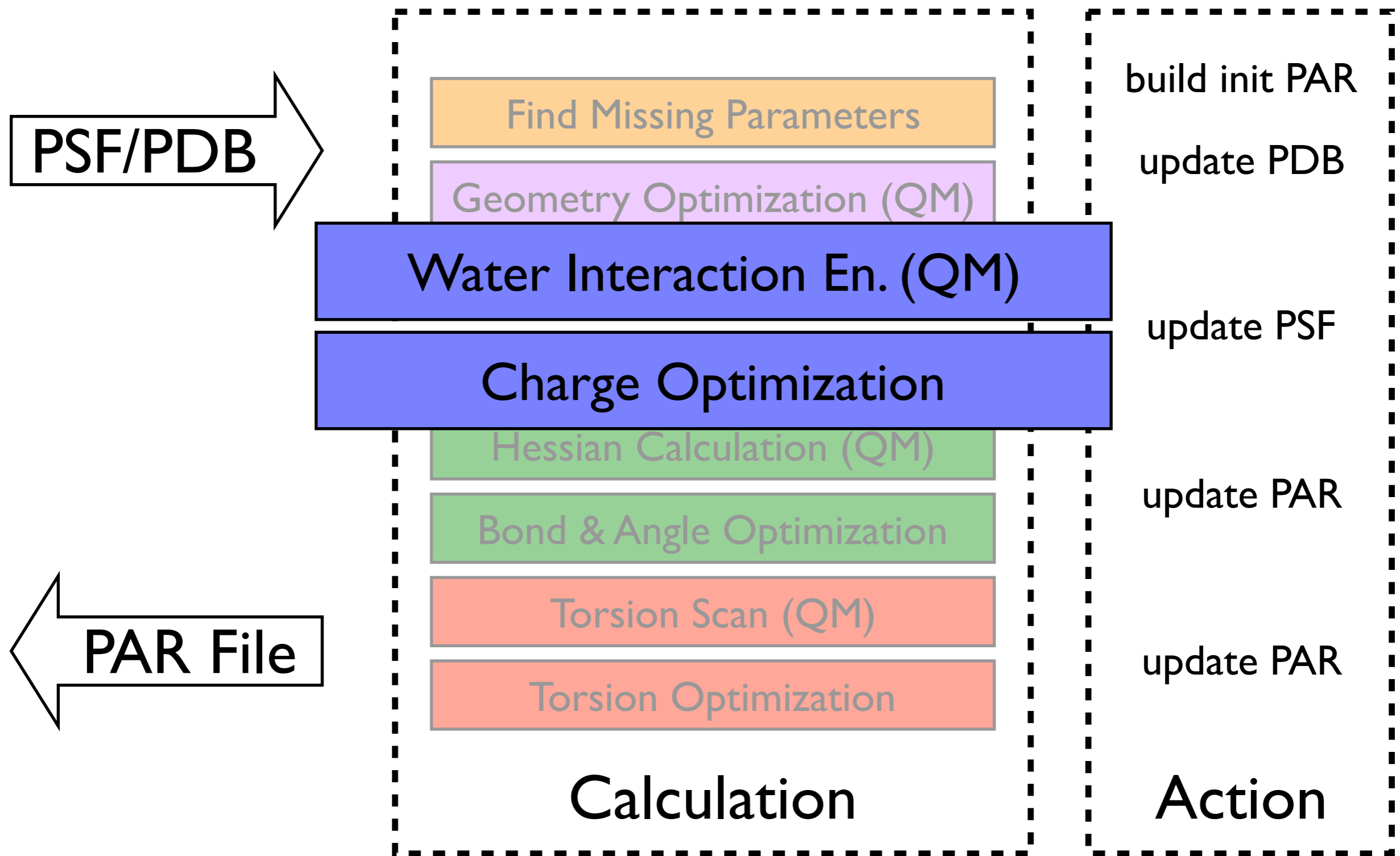
Core Functions

- Setup & Perform Multi-dimensional Optimizations
- Abstraction of Gaussian I/O (QM)
- Assess Performance of Parameters by Visualizing Optimization Data

Support Functions

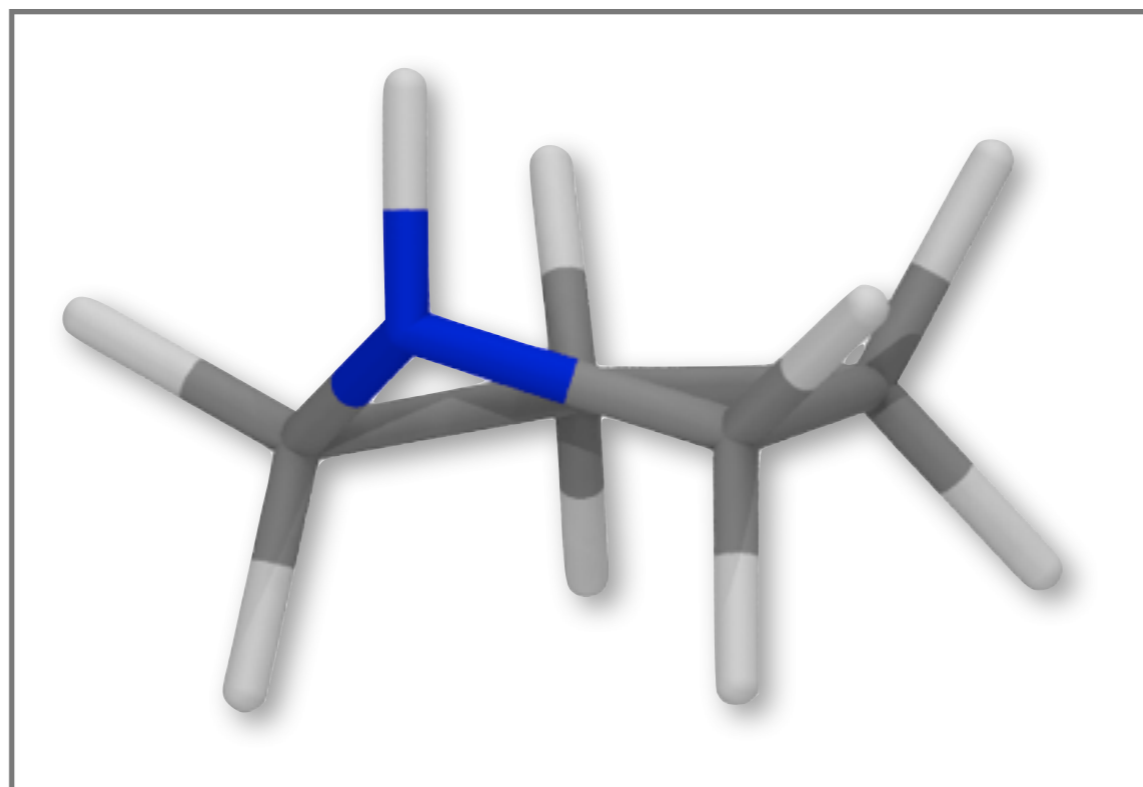
- Auto-detect Water Interaction Sites
- Auto-detect Charge Groups
- Auto-detect Non-redundant Torsions
- Build & Update Parameter Files
- Browse Existing Parameter Sets
- Write Updated Charges to PSF
- Reset Opt. Input from Output
- Visualize Target Data in VMD
- Create Graphic Objects in VMD
- Label Atoms in VMD
- Read Input Parameters from File
- Read/Write Data From Opt. Logs
- Export Plot Data to File
- Monitor Optimization Progress

ffTK Exemplified by Charge Optimization



Generating Charge Optimization Target Data

△
Load QM optimized geometry | Auto-detect interaction sites | Generate



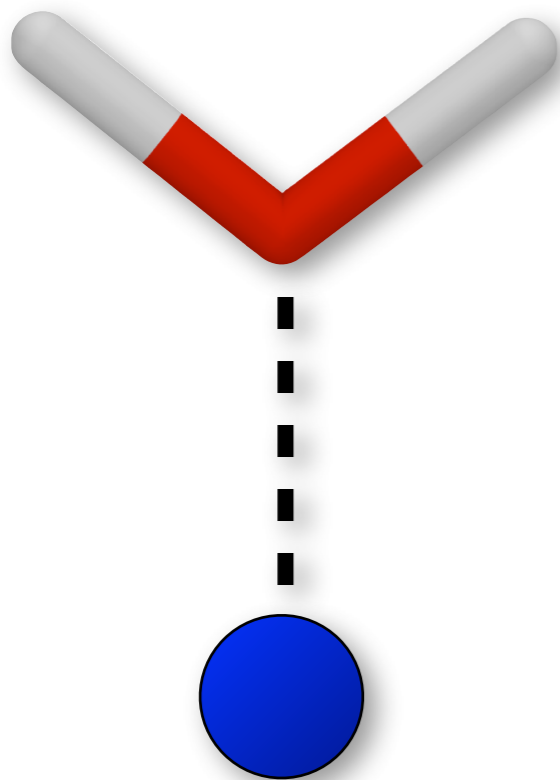
VMD main window

ffTK GUI

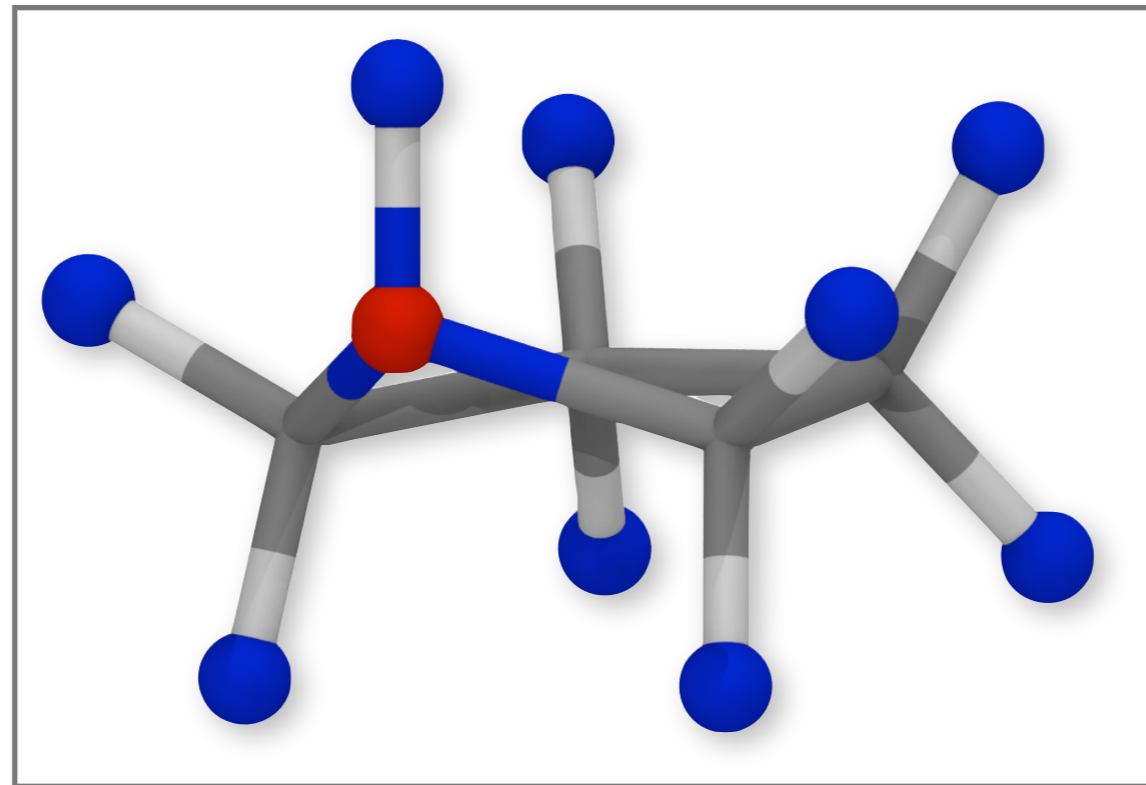
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PDB File:	<input type="text" value="/Users/mayne/Desktop/pub_test/PRLD/rnd1/2-geomopt/prld-opt.pdb"/> <input type="button" value="Browse"/>
Output Path:	<input type="text" value="./output"/> <input type="button" value="Browse"/>
Basename:	<input type="text" value="PRLD"/> <input type="button" value="Basename From TOP"/> <input type="button" value="Load PSF/PDB"/>

Generating Charge Optimization Target Data

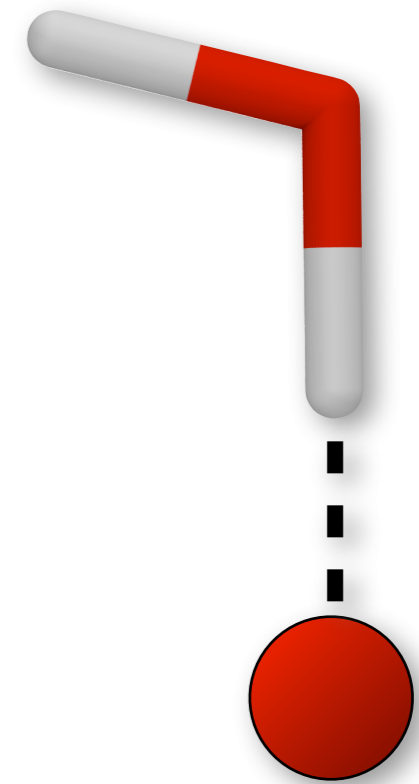
geometry | **Auto-detect interaction sites** | Generate Gaussian Input Files | Run



Donor



VMD main window



Acceptor

ffTK GUI

Hydrogen Bonding Atoms

Donor Indices (Interact with oxygen of water)

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Acceptor Indices (Interact with hydrogen of water)

2

Toggle Atom Labels

Toggle Sphere Viz.

AutoDetect Indices

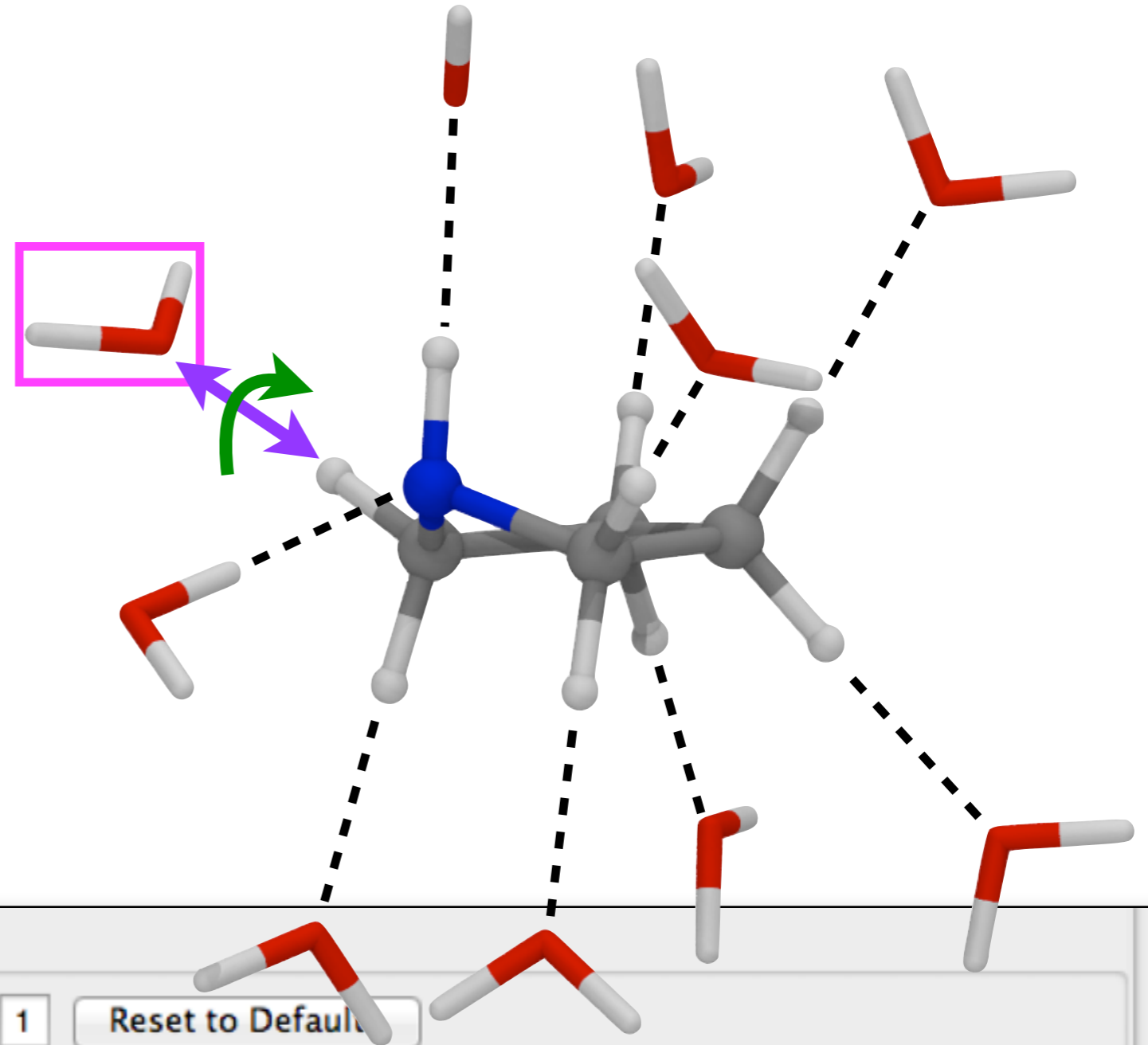
Clear Lists

Generating Charge Optimization Target Data

on sites | **Generate Gaussian Input Files** | Run QM | Inspect water optimization

Compute water **position**

Optimize
distance & **rotation**



ffTK GUI

Gaussian Settings

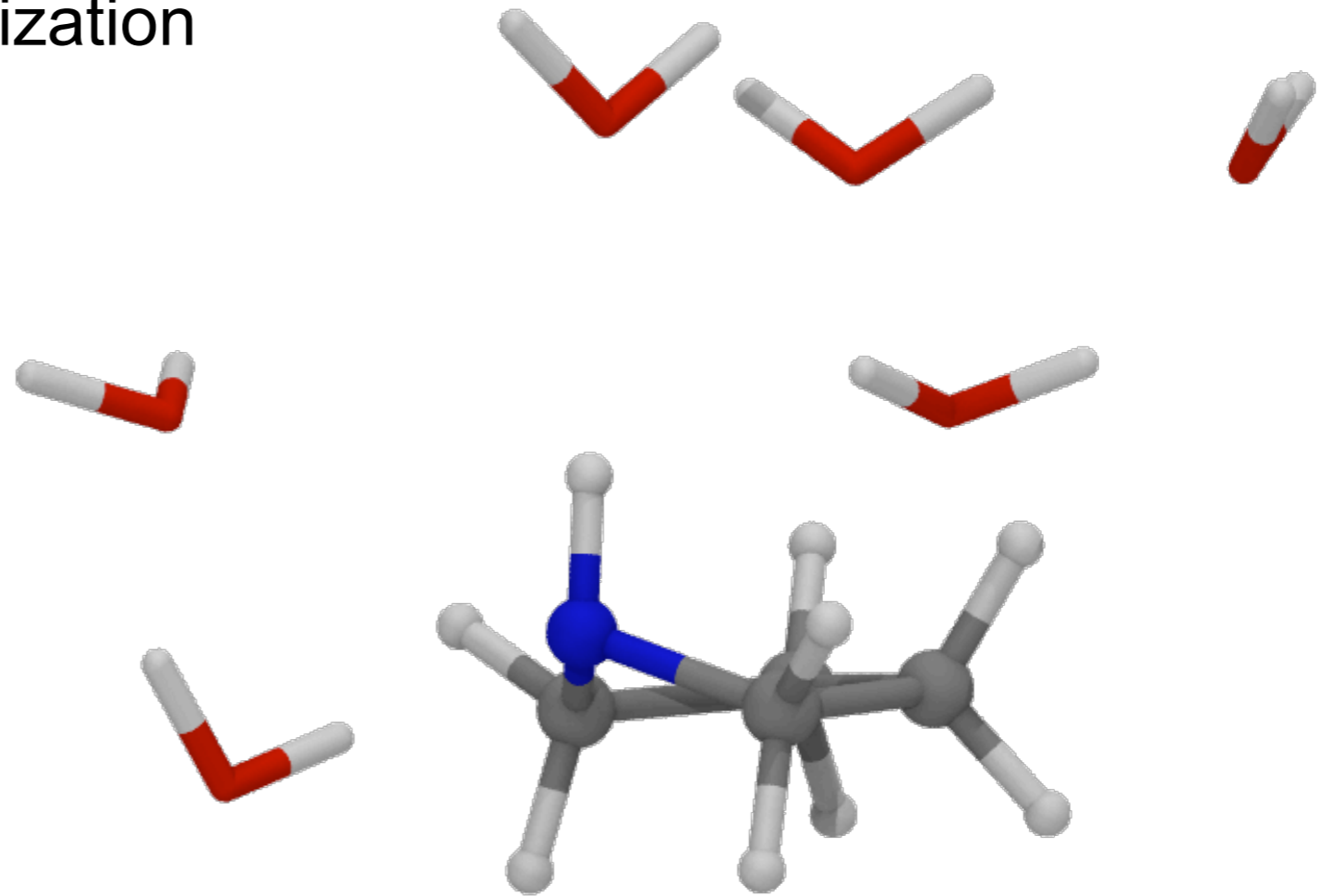
Processors: Memory (GB): Charge: Multiplicity:

Route:

Generating Charge Optimization Target Data

Run QM | Inspect water optimization

Visually assess
QM-optimized
water position(s)



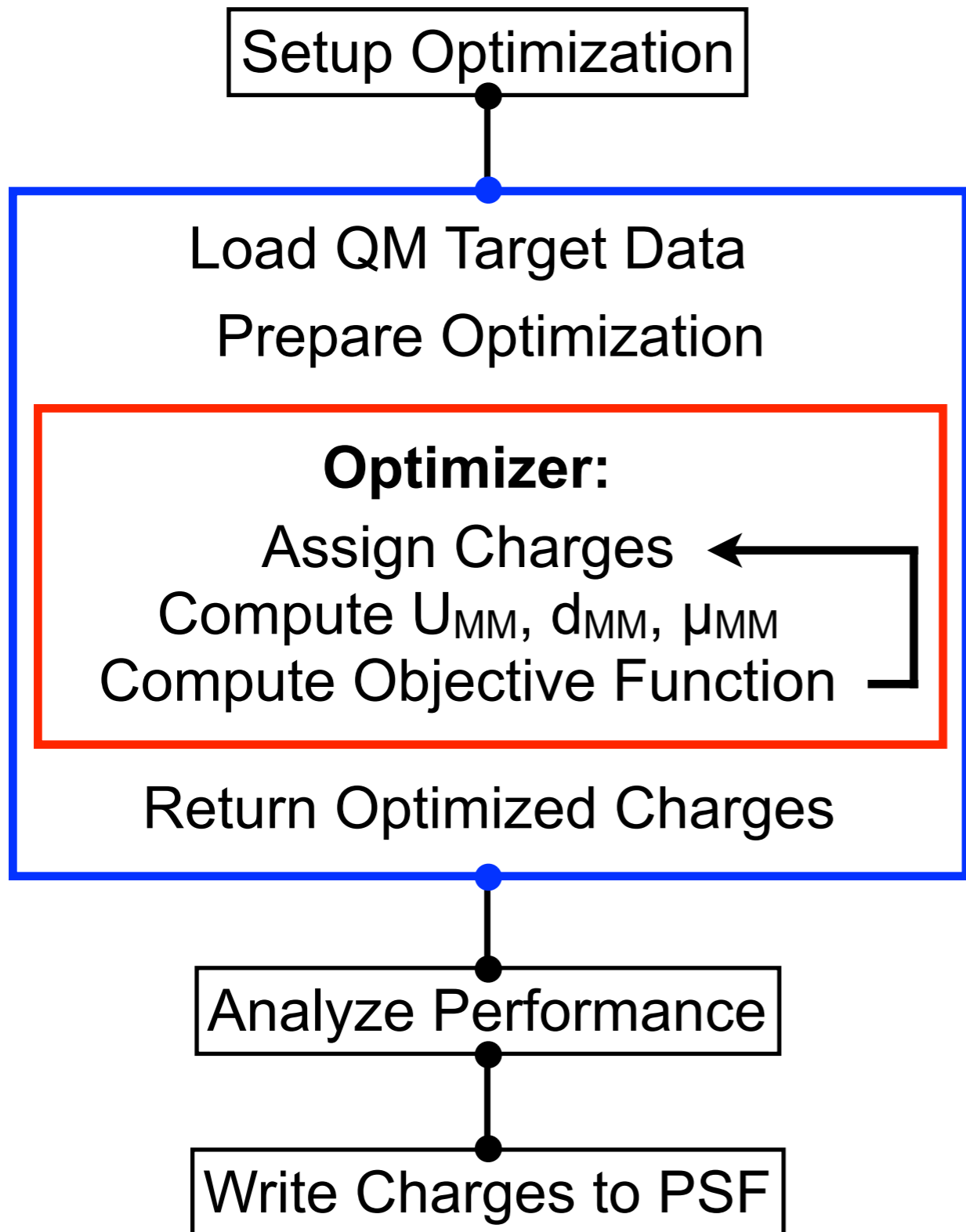
ffTK GUI

Gaussian Settings

Processors: Memory (GB): Charge: Multiplicity:

Route:

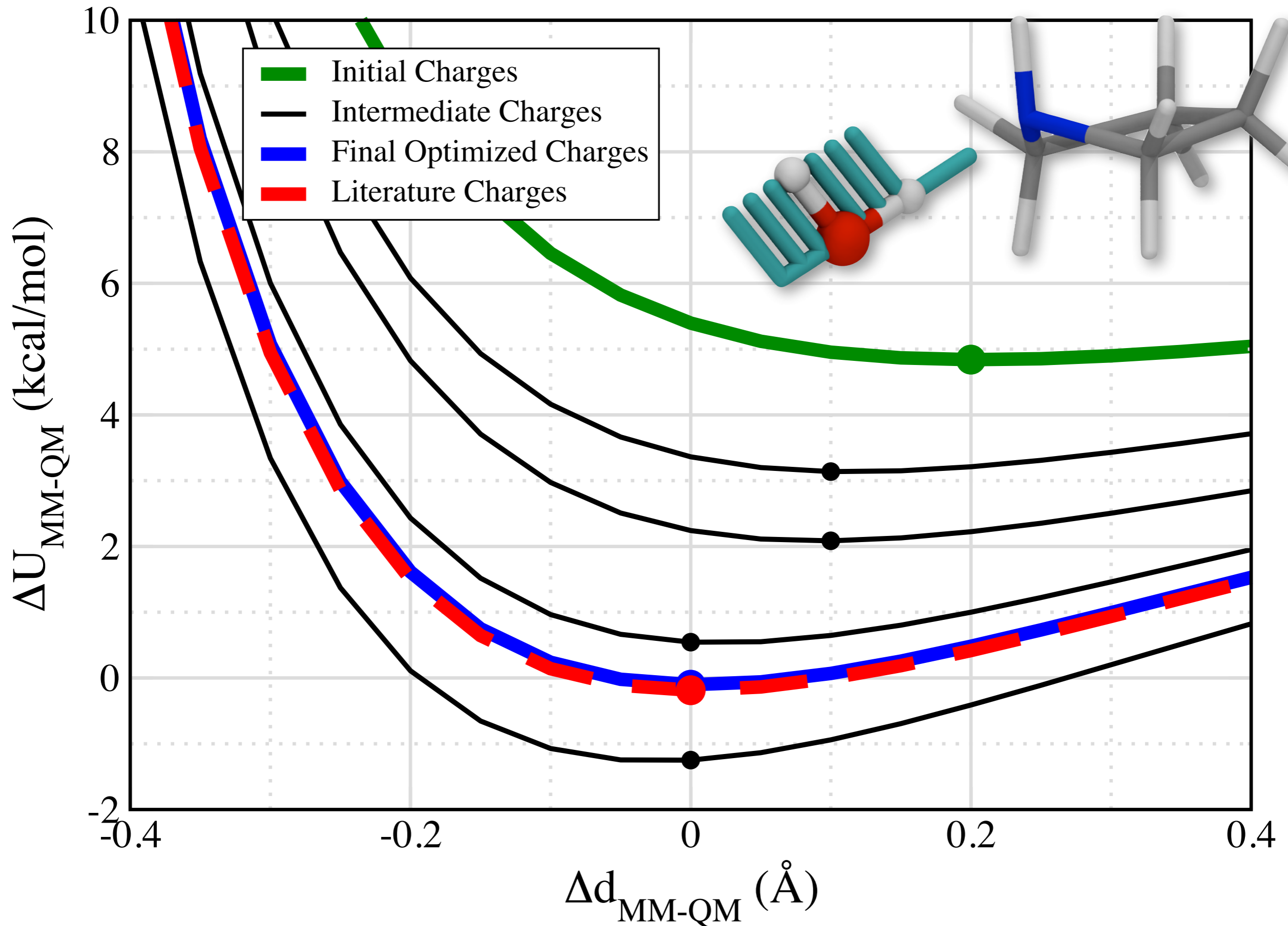
Charge Optimization



Objective Function

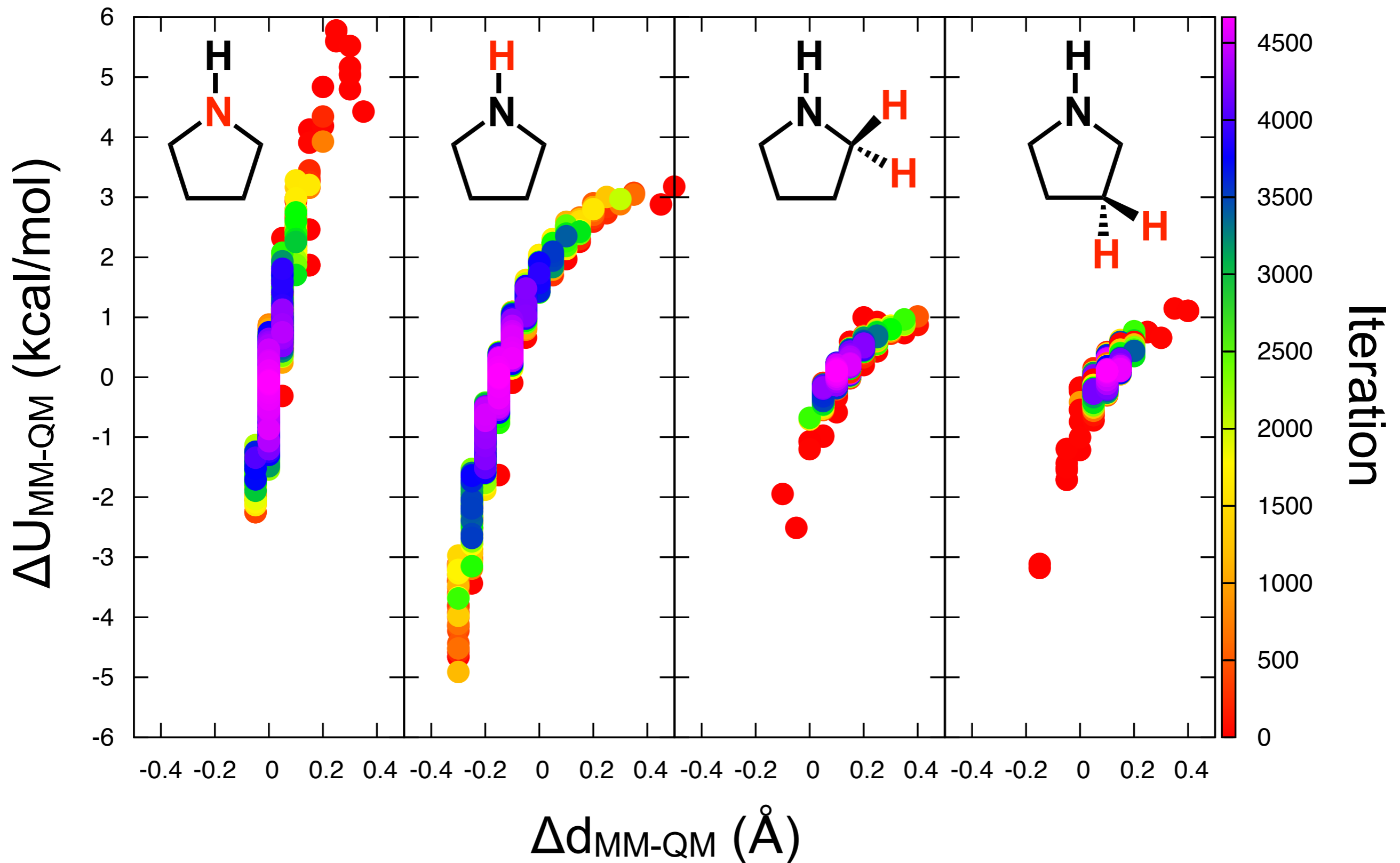
$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\text{wat. int.}} f(U_{MM} - U_{QM}) \\ & + \\ & \sum_{\text{wat. int.}} f(d_{MM} - d_{QM}) \\ & + \\ & f(\mu_{MM} - \mu_{QM}) \end{aligned}$$

Assessing MM Water-Interaction Profiles

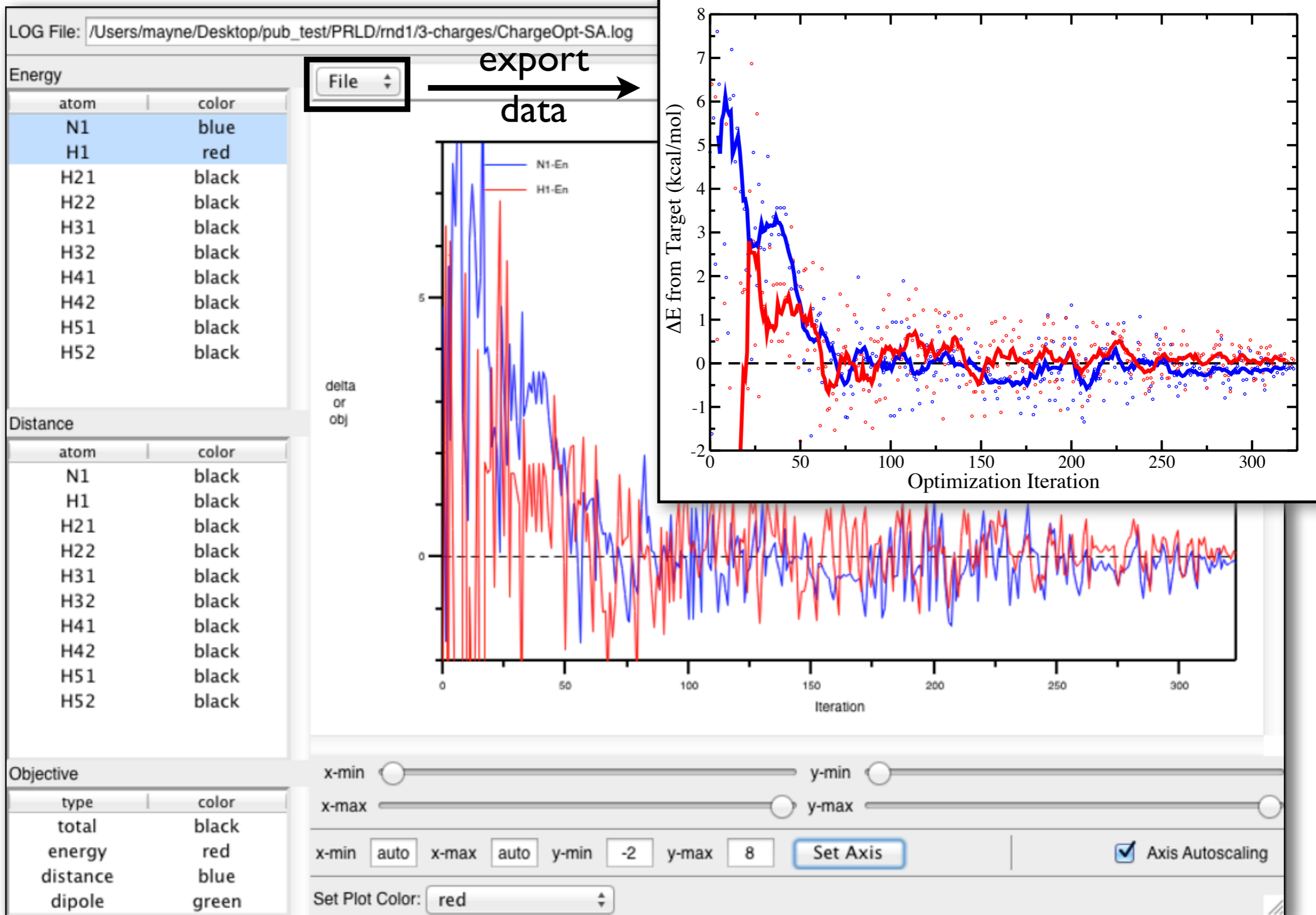


Sampling MM Water-Interaction Profiles

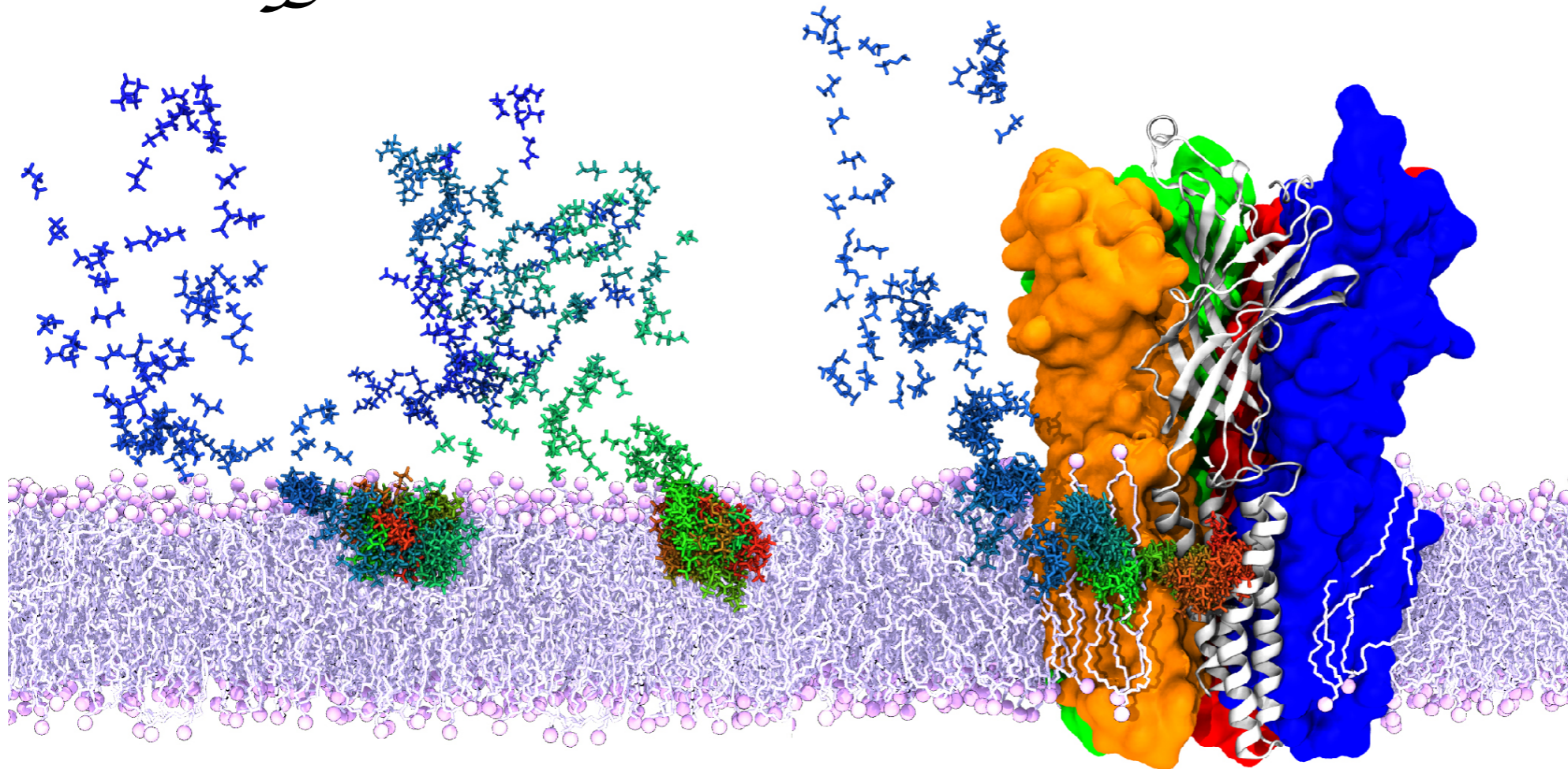
Mode: Simulated Annealing



Plotting Charge Optimization Data

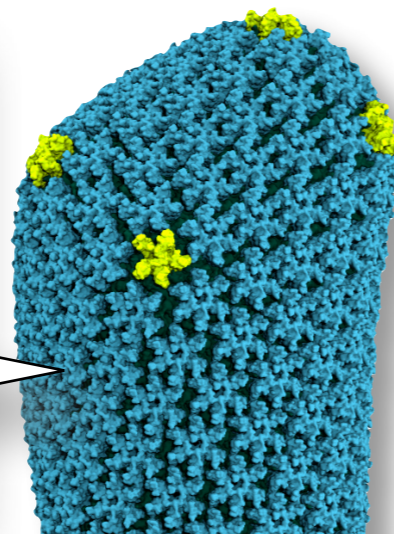
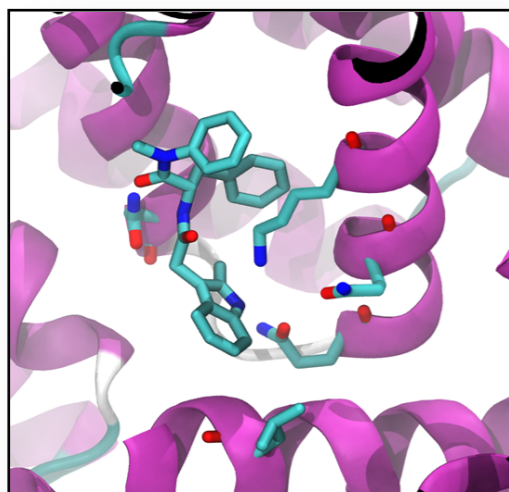


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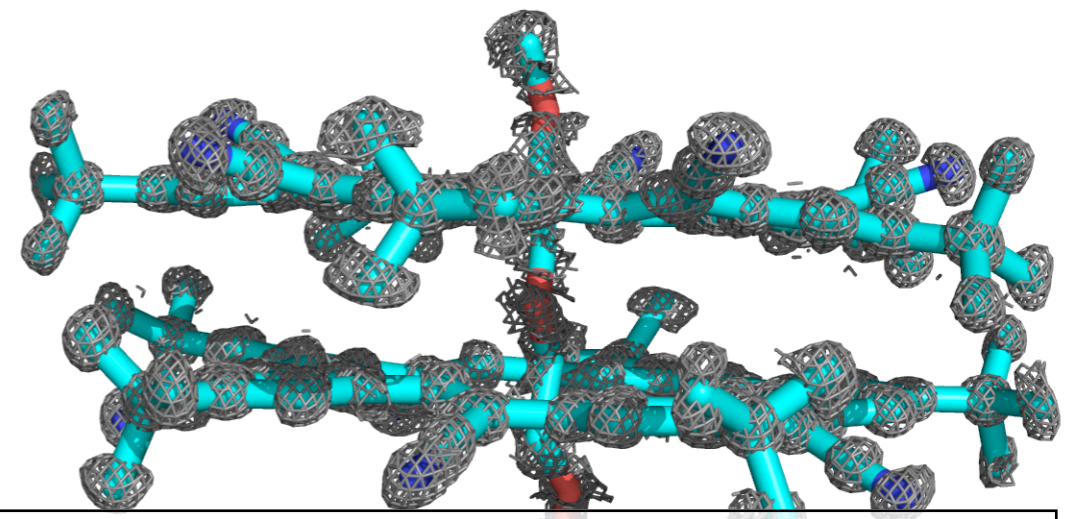
binding
mechanisms
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with
Mark Arcario
(Tajkhorshid)



mechanism of action for anti-retroviral
drugs targeting the HIV capsid

Juan Perilla (Schulten)



improved molecular models
from low resolution x-ray data

Abhi Singharoy (Schulten)

NEW

Starting from Somewhere: CGenFF Output

Force Field Toolkit (ffTK) GUI

BuildPar | Opt. Geometry | Water Int. | Opt. Charges | Calc. Bonded | Opt. Bonded | Scan Torsions | Opt. Torsions

- ▶ Identify Missing Parameters
- ▶ Assign Missing VDW/LJ Parameters by Analogy
- ▼ Prepare Parameterization from CGenFF Program Output

For information on the CGenFF Program see: <http://cgenff.paramchem.org>

Input/Output

Input PDB/MOL2:

CGenFF STR File:

Output Folder:

Resname: Chain: Segment:

CGenFF Parameter Data (existing parameters found, only showing missing parameters)

BONDS

Type Def.	k	b ₀	Penalty
CG1N1 CG2DC1	345.00	1.4350	140
CG2R61 CG301	230.00	1.4900	8

ANGLES

Type Def.	k	θ	kub	s	Penalty
CG2DC1 CG1N1 NG1T1	40.00	180.00			21
CG1N1 CG2DC1 CG2DC1	48.00	123.00			37.5
CG1N1 CG2DC1 CG2R61	48.00	113.00			70.4
CG2DC1 CG2DC1 CG2R61	29.00	122.00			3.5

DIHEDRALS

Type Def.	k	n	d	Penalty
CG2R61 CG2R61 CG2R61 CG301	3.1000	2	180.00	1.2
CG301 CG2R61 CG2R61 HGR61	2.4000	2	180.00	1.2
CG2R61 CG2R61 CG301 CG331	0.2300	2	180.00	8
CG2R61 CG301 CG331 HGA3	0.0400	3	0.00	8

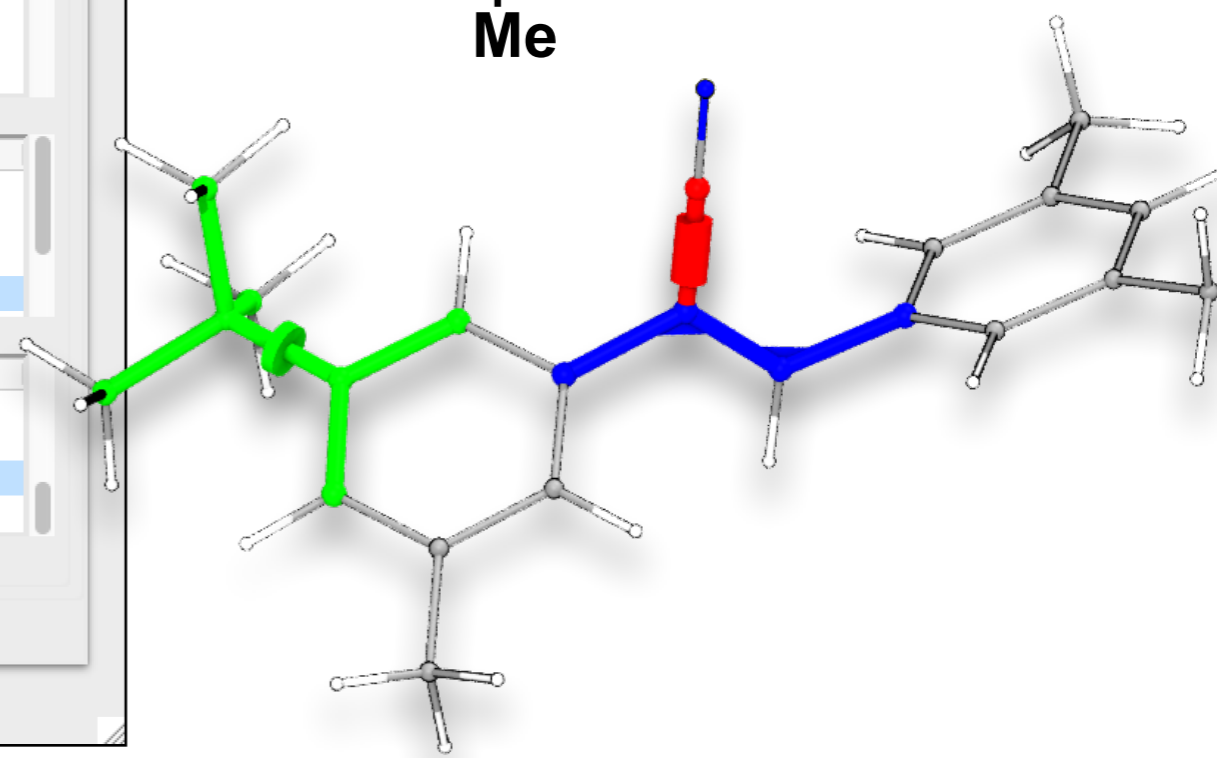
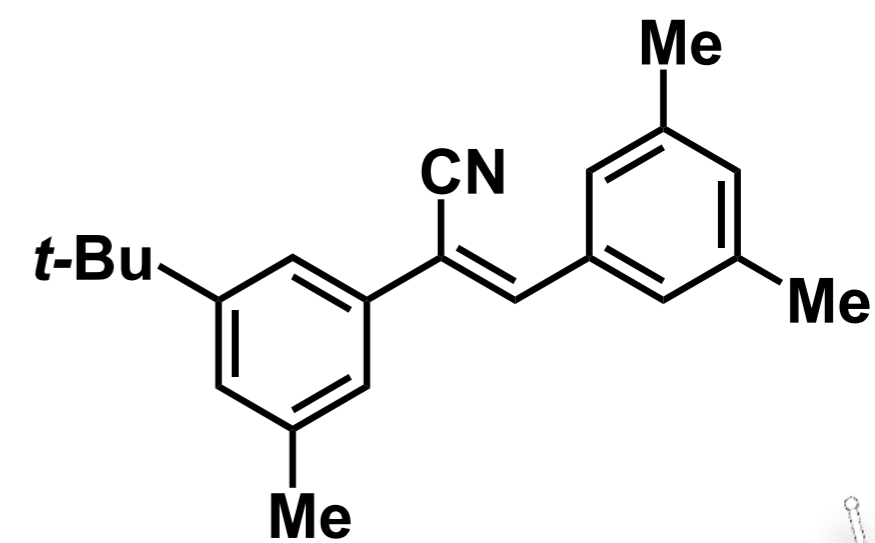
IMPROPERS

▶ Update Parameter File with Optimized Parameters

GUI Event Log (off)

I) preparation of PSF, PDB, and initial PAR files

II) use the CGenFF Program for atom typing and “first guess” at missing parameters



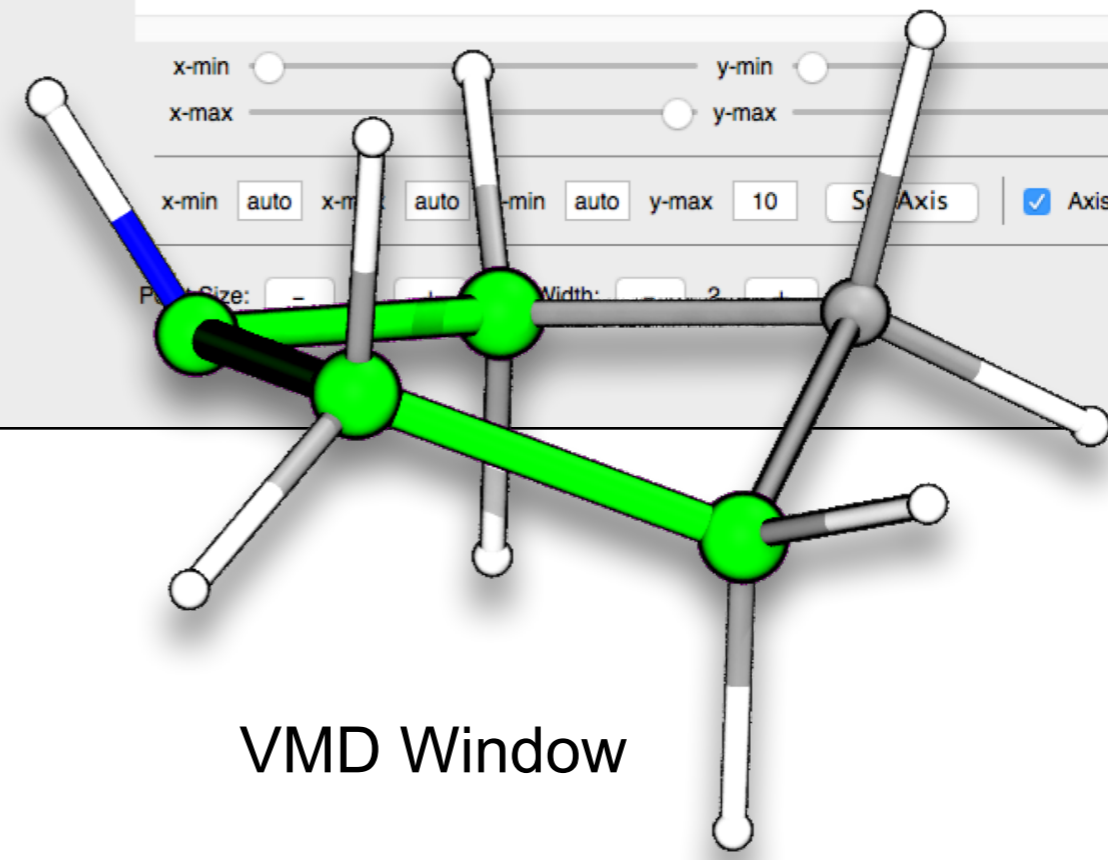
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Analyzing QM Dihedral Target Data

The screenshot displays the Torsion Explorer interface. On the left, there are file paths for PSF and PDB files, and a list of log files. Below that is a table for Dihedral Analysis. The table has columns for Indices, Type, θ , and $d\theta$. The row with indices 0 1 2 3 is highlighted in red, showing a value of 18.86 for θ and 3.00 for $d\theta$. On the right, a plot titled 'QM Potential Energy Surface' shows Relative Energy (Rel. E.) on the y-axis (0 to 10) versus Scan Frame on the x-axis (0 to 250). The plot features several curves: a red curve peaking at ~8.5, an orange curve with a deep well at ~0.5, a green curve with a shallow well at ~1.5, and a blue curve with a deep well at ~0.5. Below the plot are control sliders for x-min, x-max, y-min, and y-max, and a checkbox for 'Axis Autoscaling' which is checked.

Indices	Type	θ	$d\theta$
5 2 3 11	HGP1 NG3C51 CG3C52 HGA2	9.47	4.18
5 2 3 10	HGP1 NG3C51 CG3C52 HGA2	127.74	4.05
7 1 2 5	HGA2 CG3C52 NG3C51 HGP1	21.28	3.95
5 2 3 4	HGP1 NG3C51 CG3C52 CG3C52	113.67	3.90
0 1 2 5	CG3C52 CG3C52 NG3C51 HGP1	139.86	3.75
6 1 2 5	HGA2 CG3C52 NG3C51 HGP1	98.93	3.68
1 2 3 11	CG3C52 NG3C51 CG3C52 HGA2	130.39	3.44
1 2 3 10	CG3C52 NG3C51 CG3C52 HGA2	111.35	3.31
7 1 2 3	HGA2 CG3C52 NG3C51 CG3C52	99.72	3.21
1 2 3 4	CG3C52 NG3C51 CG3C52 CG3C52	7.24	3.16
0 1 2 3	CG3C52 CG3C52 NG3C51 CG3C52	18.86	3.00
6 1 2 3	HGA2 CG3C52 NG3C51 CG3C52	140.07	2.93
10 3 4 12	HGA2 CG3C52 CG3C52 HGA2	155.63	2.07
10 3 4 0	HGA2 CG3C52 CG3C52 CG3C52	87.91	2.06
2 3 4 12	NG3C51 CG3C52 CG3C52 HGA2	86.25	2.02
2 3 4 0	NG3C51 CG3C52 CG3C52 CG3C52	30.21	2.01
11 3 4 12	HGA2 CG3C52 CG3C52 HGA2	35.86	1.94
11 3 4 0	HGA2 CG3C52 CG3C52 CG3C52	152.32	1.93
10 3 4 13	HGA2 CG3C52 CG3C52 HGA2	34.44	1.91
2 3 4 13	NG3C51 CG3C52 CG3C52 HGA2	152.57	1.86
11 3 4 13	HGA2 CG3C52 CG3C52 HGA2	85.32	1.78

Torsion Explorer GUI



VMD Window

Conclusions

Find Missing Parameters

Geometry Optimization (QM)

Water Interaction En. (QM)

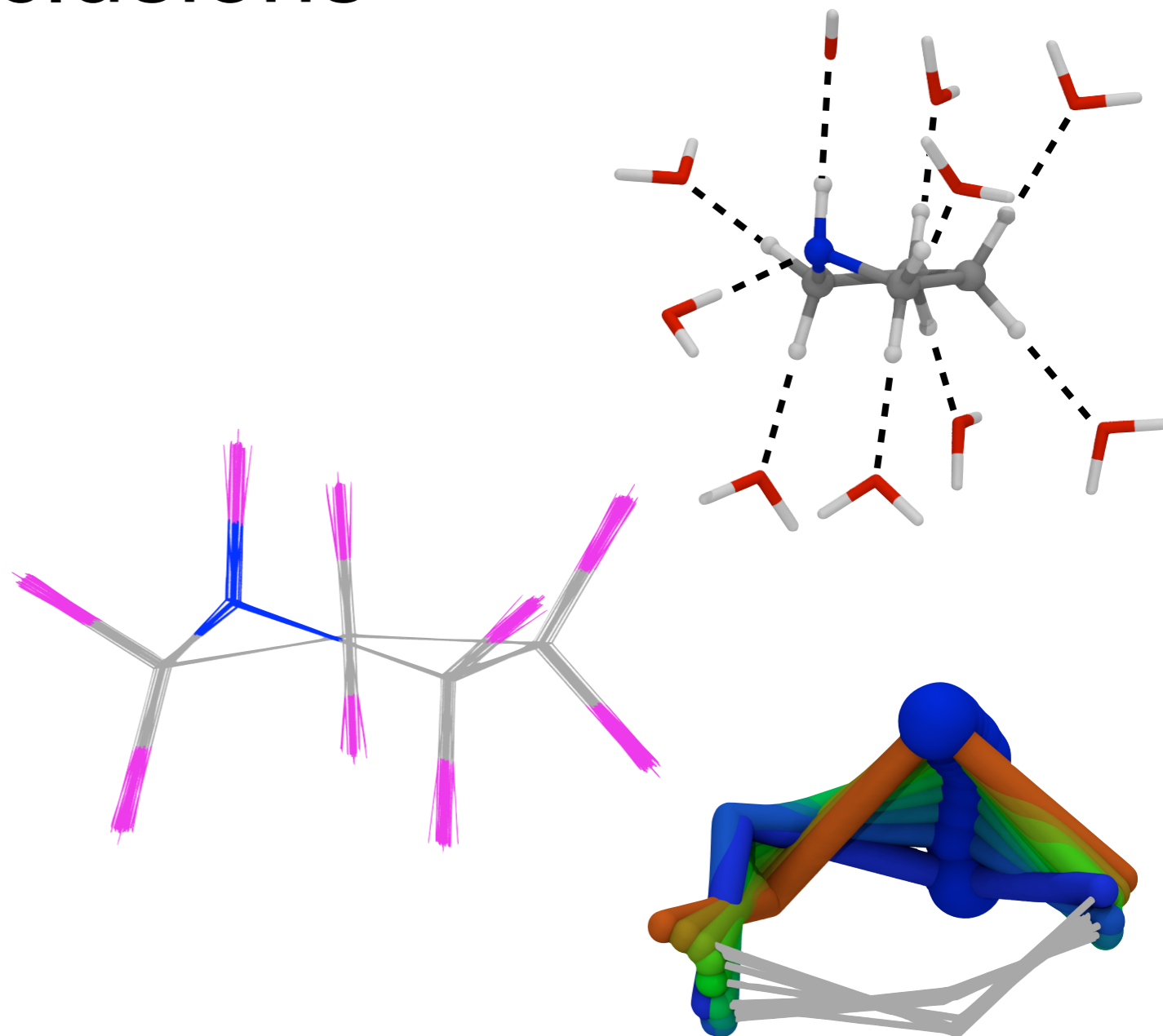
Charge Optimization

Hessian Calculation (QM)

Bond & Angle Optimization

Torsion Scan (QM)

Torsion Optimization



*ff*TK:

- Simplifies the parameterization workflow
- Offers opportunity for extensive customization
- Provides analytical tools to assess parameter performance

www.ks.uiuc.edu/Research/vmd/plugins/fftk

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ffTK is available as a VMD Plugin (1.9.2 and greater)

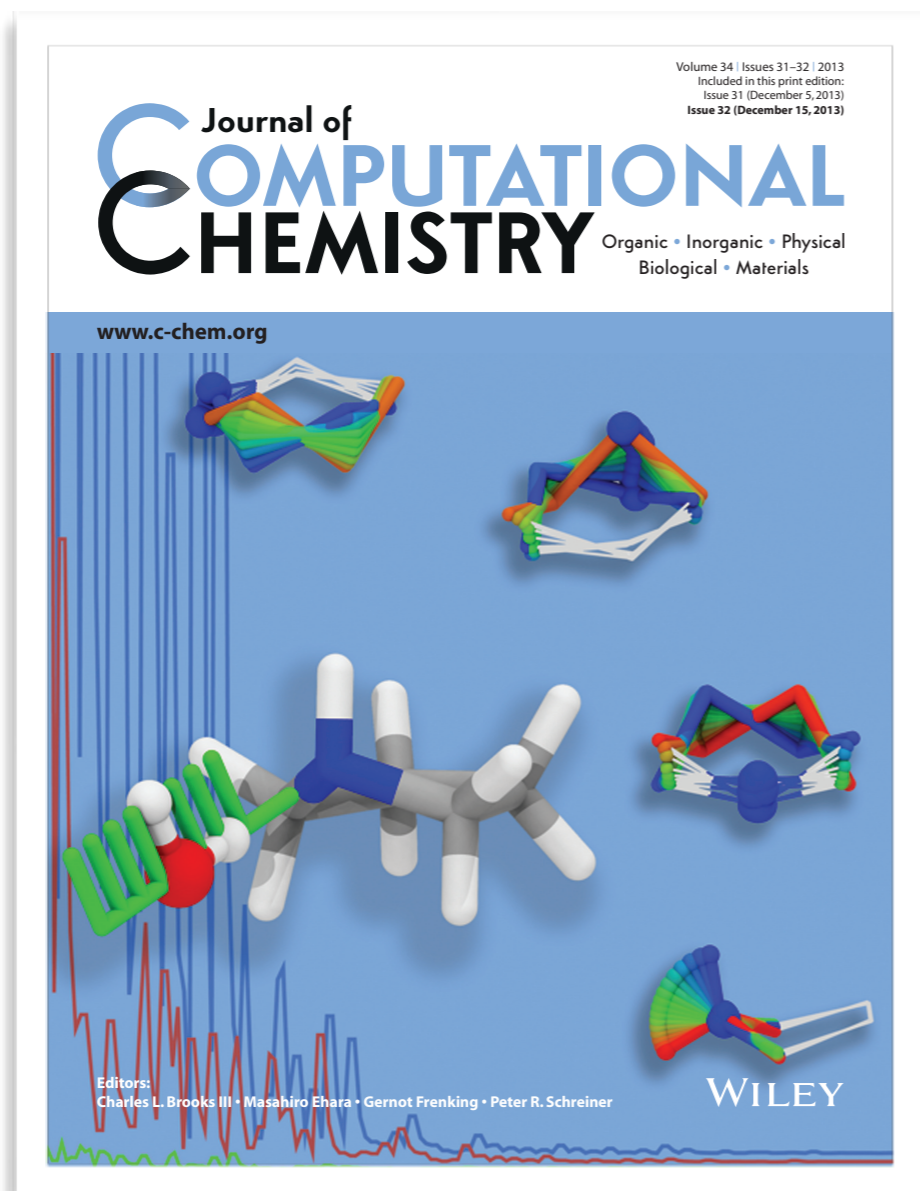
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Questions?