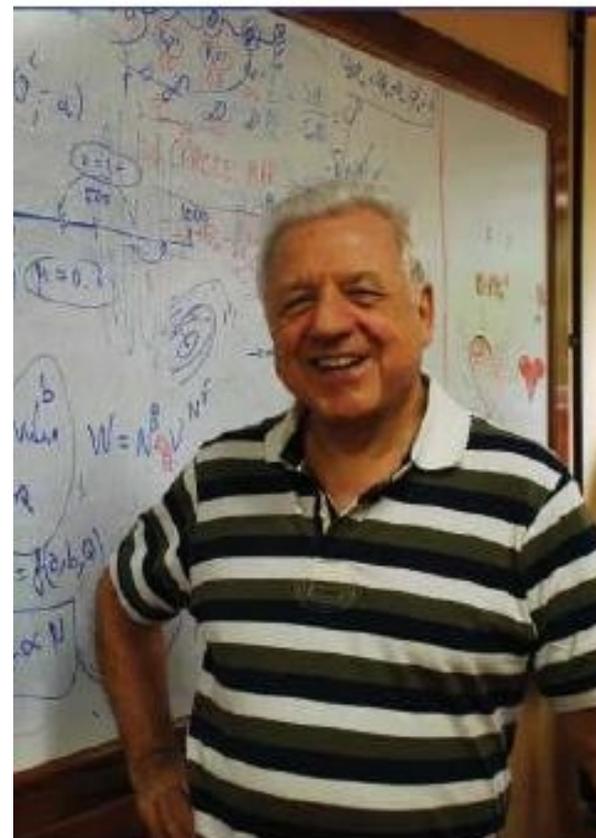
An aerial photograph of a complex river network, likely a delta or a large river system. The water is dark blue, and the surrounding land is a mix of green and red, indicating different vegetation or land use. The river channels are highly branched and interconnected, forming a dense network. The text is overlaid on the upper left and center of the image.

# Hydrogen bond networks and electronic properties of complex systems

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# Hydrogen bond, hydrogen bond networks, and electronic properties

Nature of the HB: complex interaction determined by charge interactions, dispersion interactions, many-body polarization effects, and charge transfer.

## Hydrogen bond properties

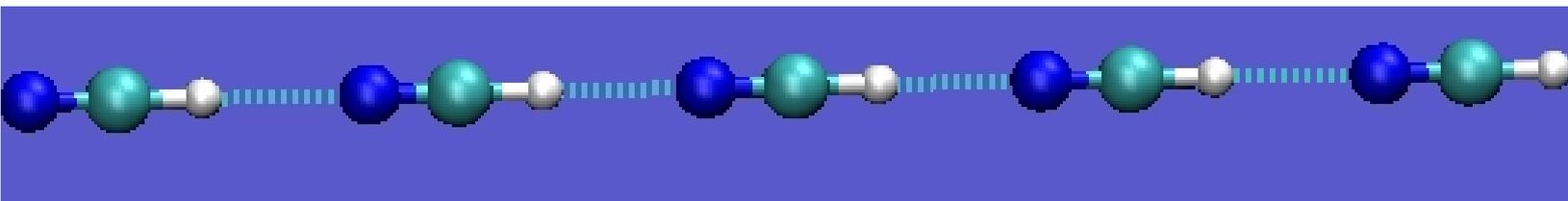
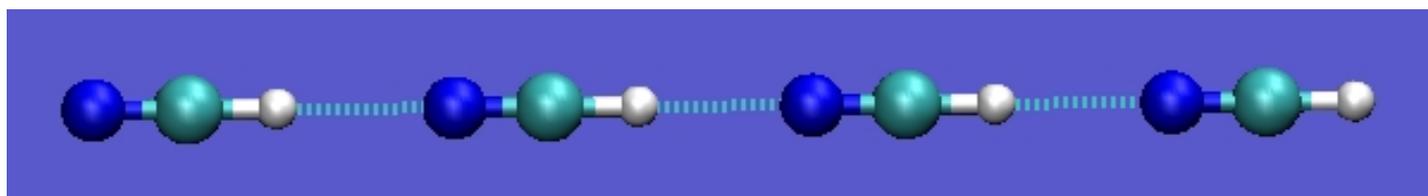
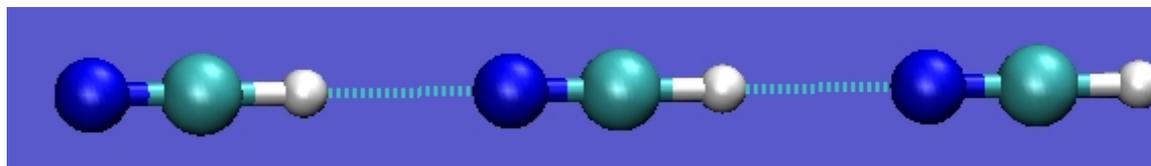
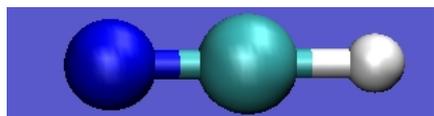
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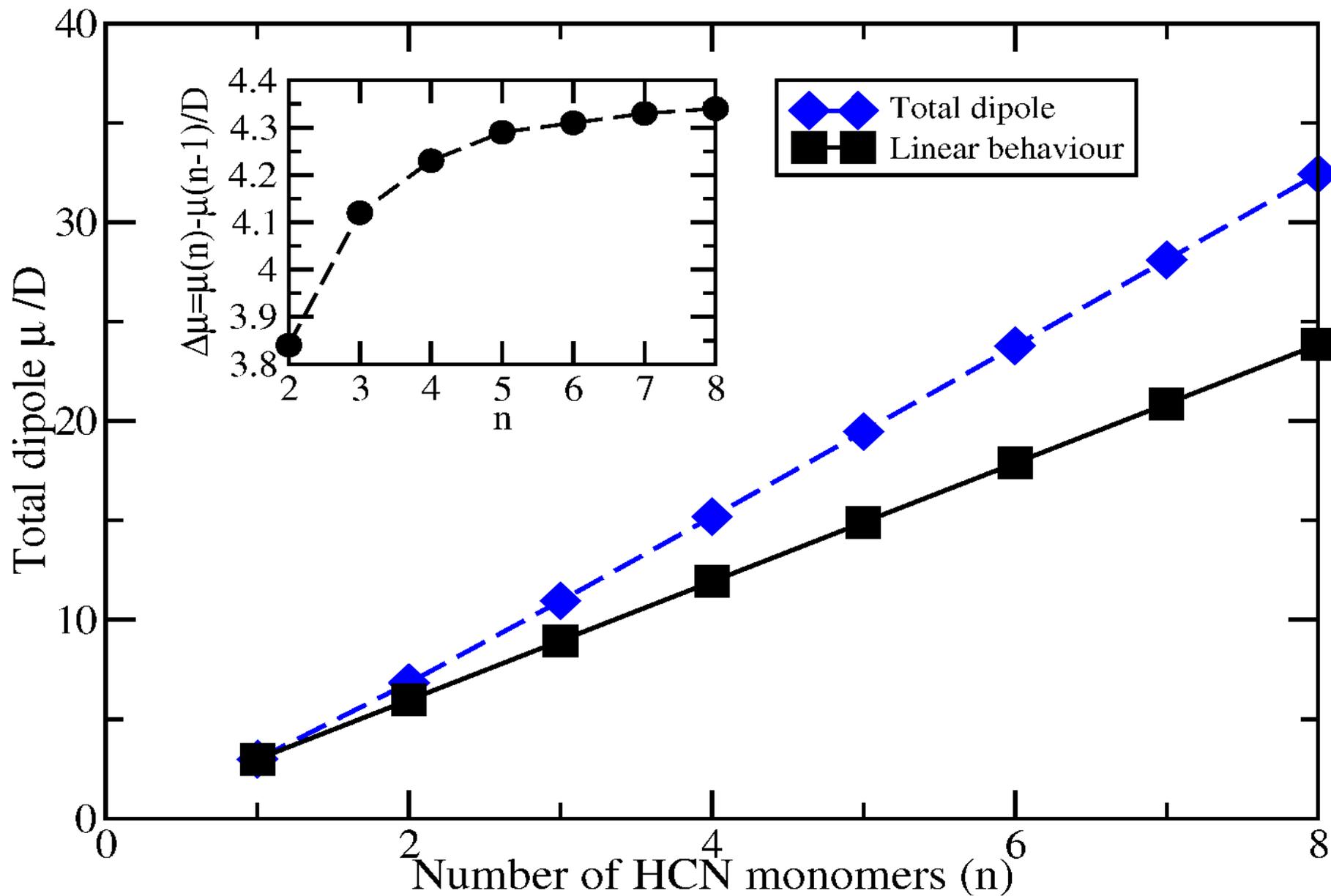
Electronic density reorganization: charge transfer

# Directionality, anisotropy or strong orientational order

## HCN linear chains



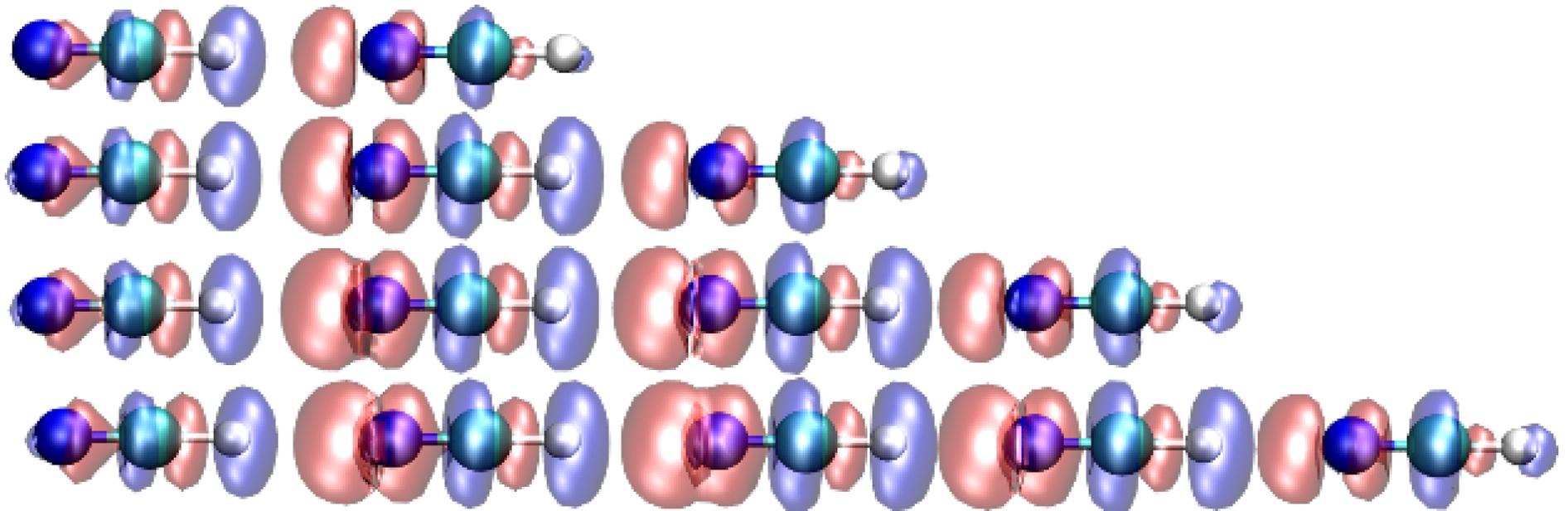
# Cooperativity: many-body polarization effects



# Electronic density reorganization: charge transfer

## HCN linear chains: electronic density differences

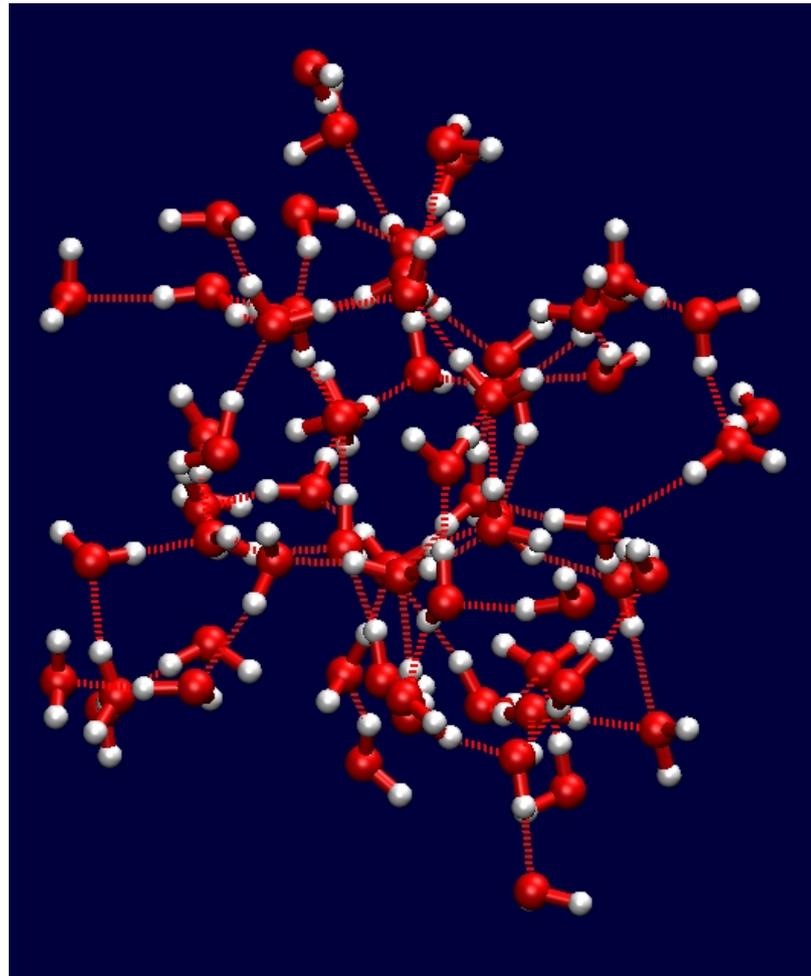
$$\Delta\rho_n(\mathbf{r}) = \rho_n^{\text{T}}(\mathbf{r}) - \sum_{k=1}^n \rho_k(\mathbf{r})$$



# Hydrogen bond and HB networks

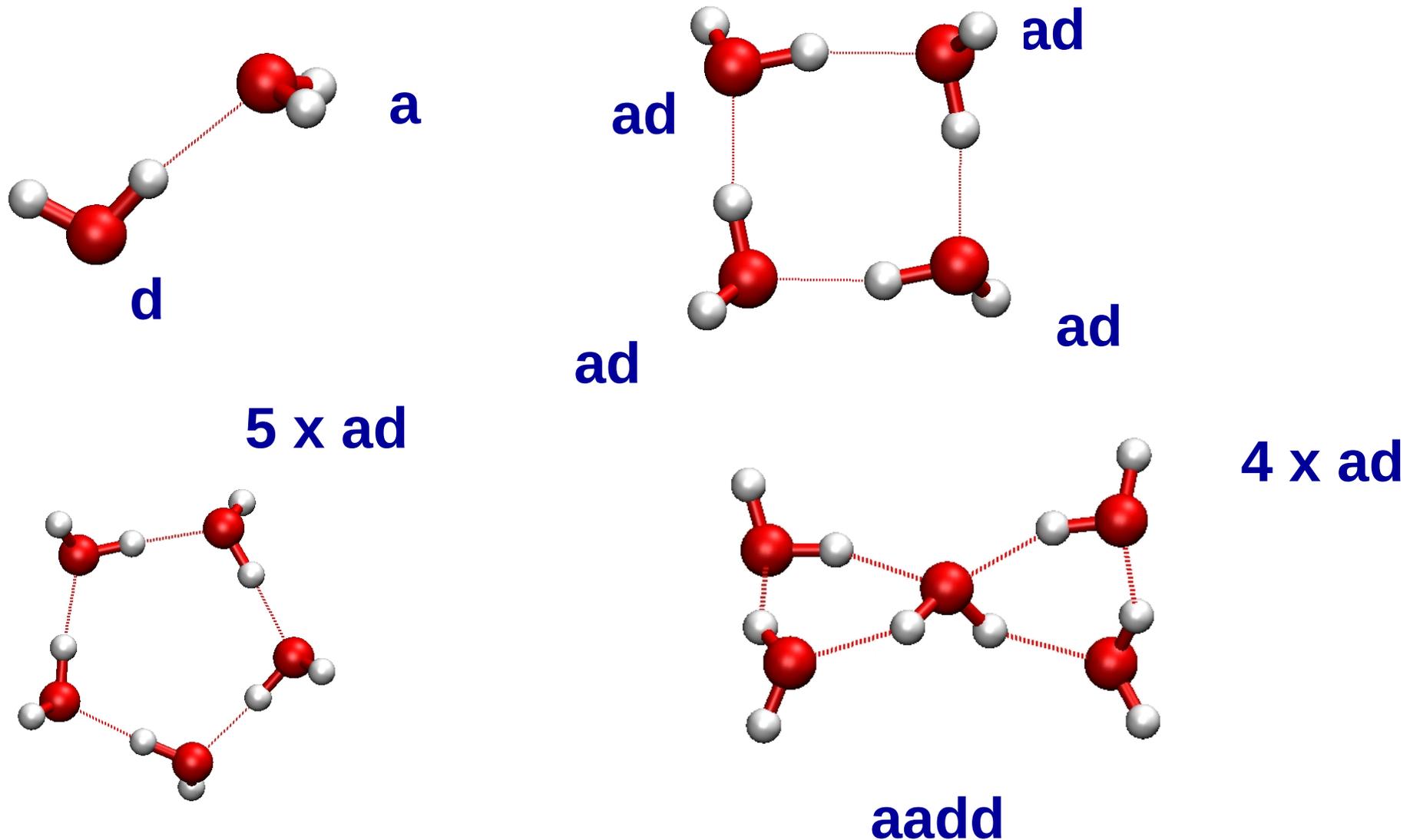
The most important liquid for life (water) is characterized by the presence of a hydrogen bond network

**Electronic density fluctuations** of the HB network determine the dynamics of (bio)chemical processes in water

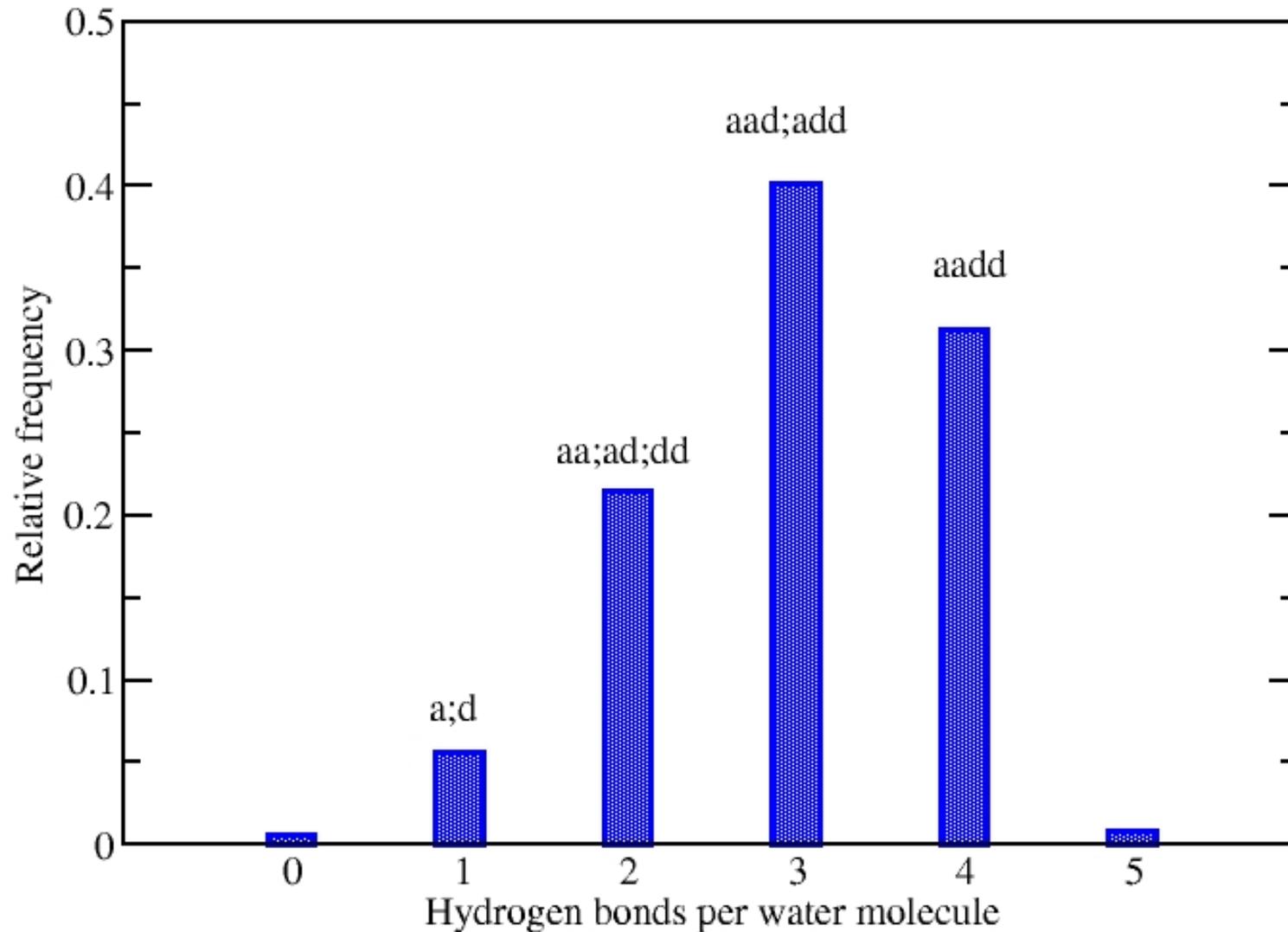


# Hydrogen bonding (in small water clusters): geometric criterion

$d[\text{O}-\text{O}] < 3.5$  Angstroms;  $\text{angle}[\text{OOH}] < 25$  Degrees



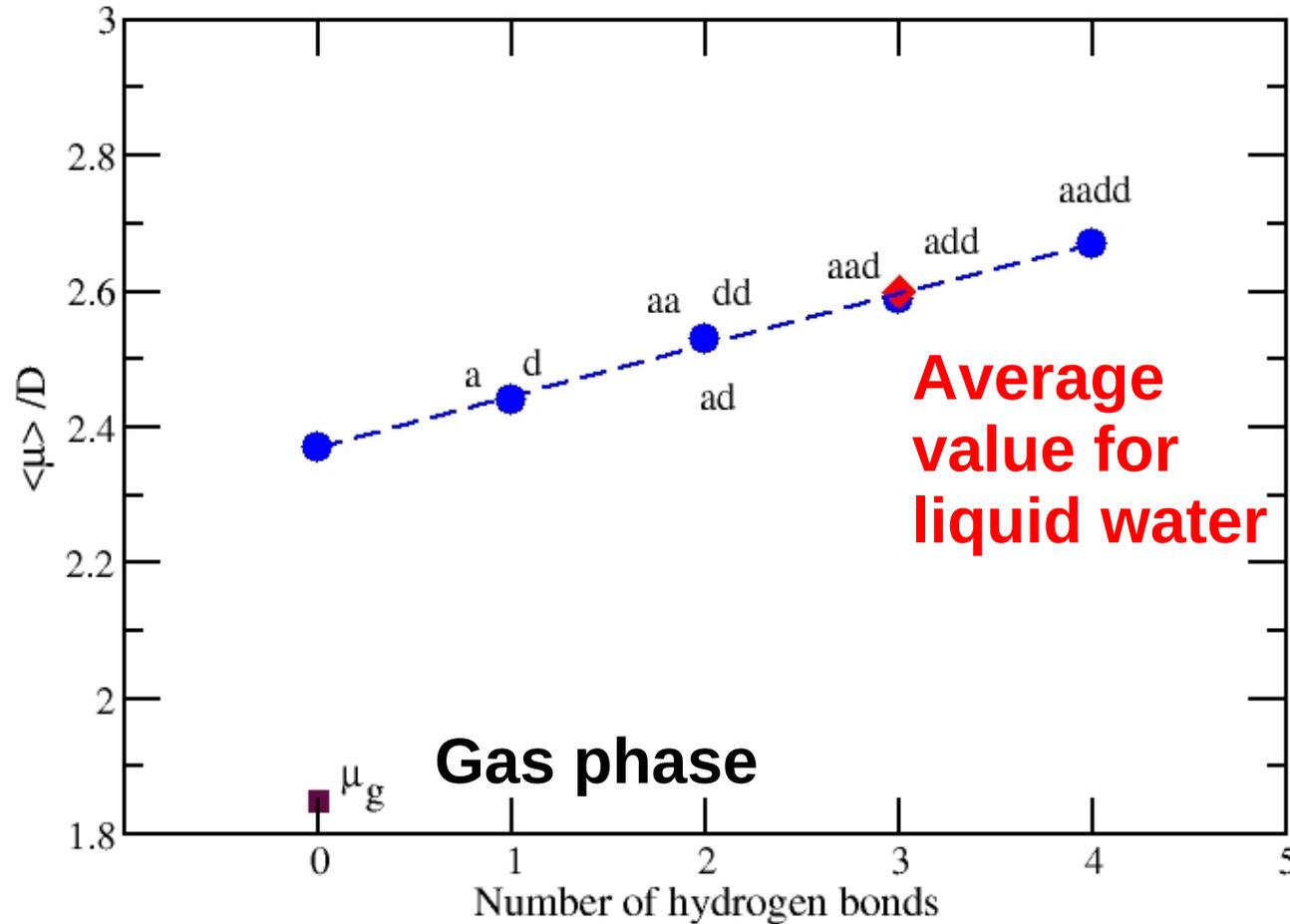
# Distribution of hydrogen bonds in liquid water at ambient conditions



**3 (aad;add) and 4 (aadd) HBs are dominant at ambient conditions**

# Relationship between the local organization of the network and electronic properties of water

## Average monomeric dipole moment in liquid water



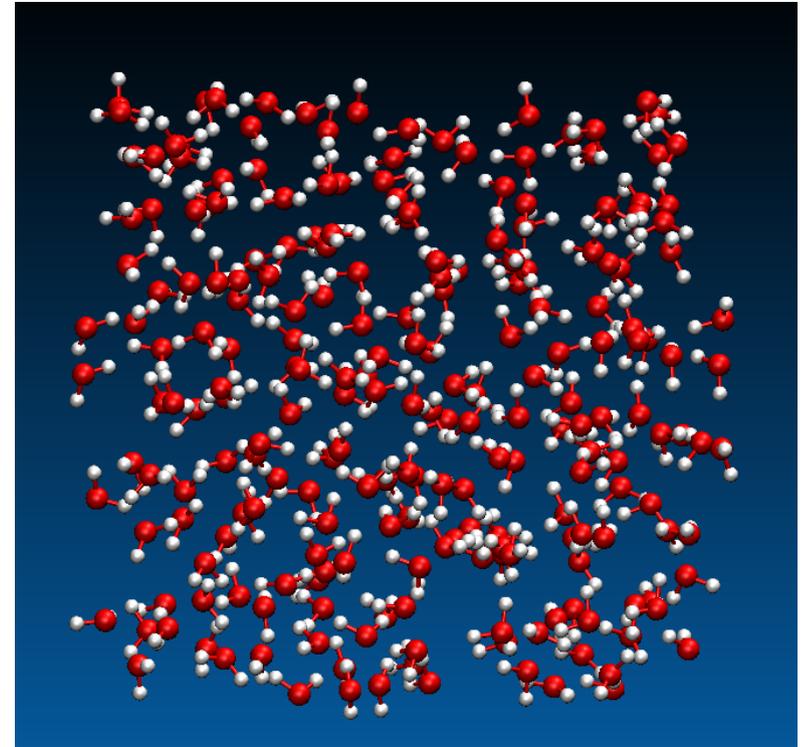
Electronic polarization increases linearly with the number of hydrogen bonds

# Statistical mechanics sampling

## Born-Oppenheimer molecular dynamics

$$\{\mathbf{R}_A\} \equiv (\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2, \dots, \mathbf{R}_M)$$

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{a=1}^M \frac{P_a^2}{2m_a} + \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\hat{p}_i^2}{2m_i} + V(\{\mathbf{r}_i\}; \{\mathbf{R}_A\})$$



$$U(\mathbf{R}_1, \mathbf{R}_2, \dots, \mathbf{R}_M) = \langle \Psi(\{\mathbf{r}_i\}; \{\mathbf{R}_A\}) | \hat{H} | \Psi(\{\mathbf{r}_i\}; \{\mathbf{R}_A\}) \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{F}_a = -\nabla_{\mathbf{R}_a} U(\{\mathbf{R}_a\})$$

# Applications

Hydrogen bond network of a (small) water cluster  $[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{32}]$

- Electronic properties of liquid hydrogen cyanide (HCN)

# Hydrogen bond network of a (small) water cluster

Changes of the HB network from the interior (bulk water) to the cluster surface (gas)

Identification of a moiety of “acceptor-only” water molecules (X-ray experiments) at the water surface.

**K.R. Wilson et al** *JPC B* (2001)

Vibrational spectrum of surface water predicts the presence of more than 20% of surface water molecules with a single H atom dangling away from the surface

**Q. Du et al** *PRL* (1993)

*Ab initio* MD of the liquid vapor-interface also predicted the existence of a surface “acceptor-only” moiety.

**I.-F. Kuo, C.J. Mundy** *Science* (2004)

# Hydrogen bond network of a (small) water cluster

All-electron Born-Oppenheimer Molecular Dynamics

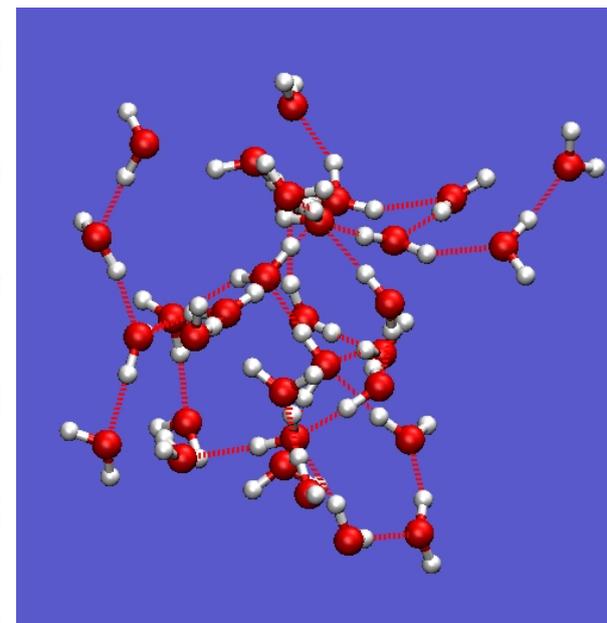
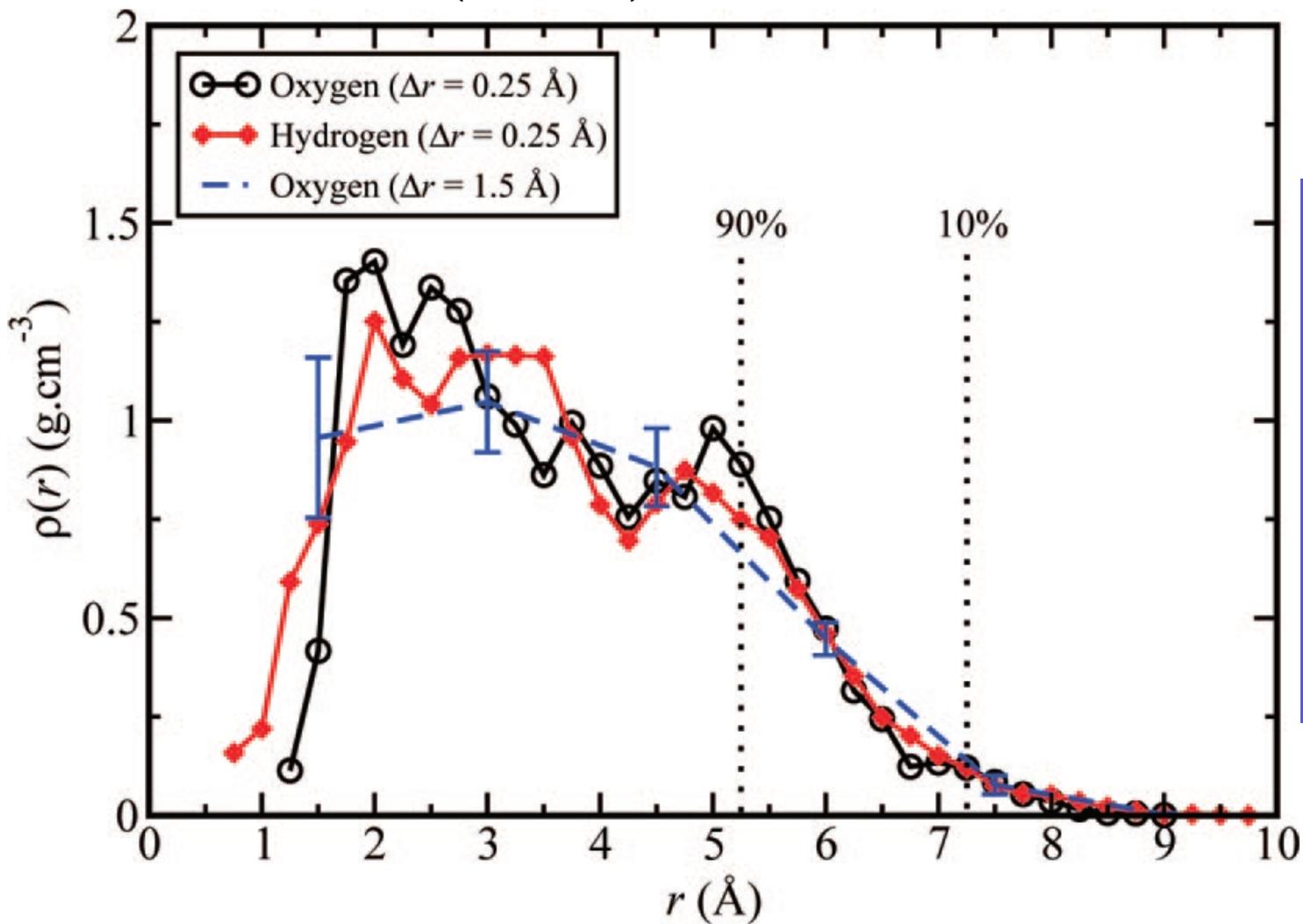
*NVE* molecular dynamics

DFT energies and forces: Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE)  
exchange-correlation functional

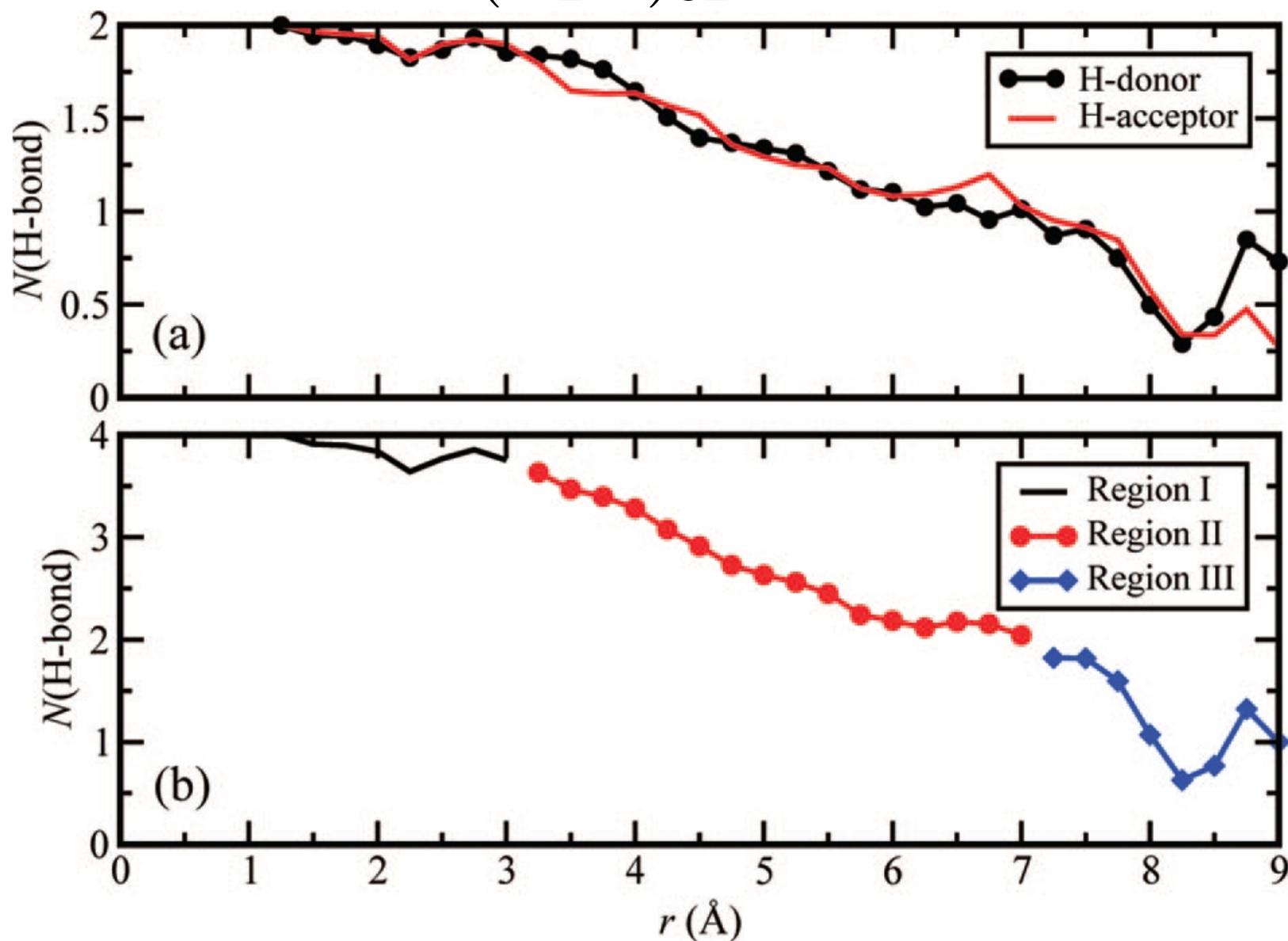
5 ps for equilibration followed by 16.5 ps for production;  
 $\langle T \rangle = 317 \pm 24$  K

N. Galamba and B.J.C. Cabral *JACS* (2008)

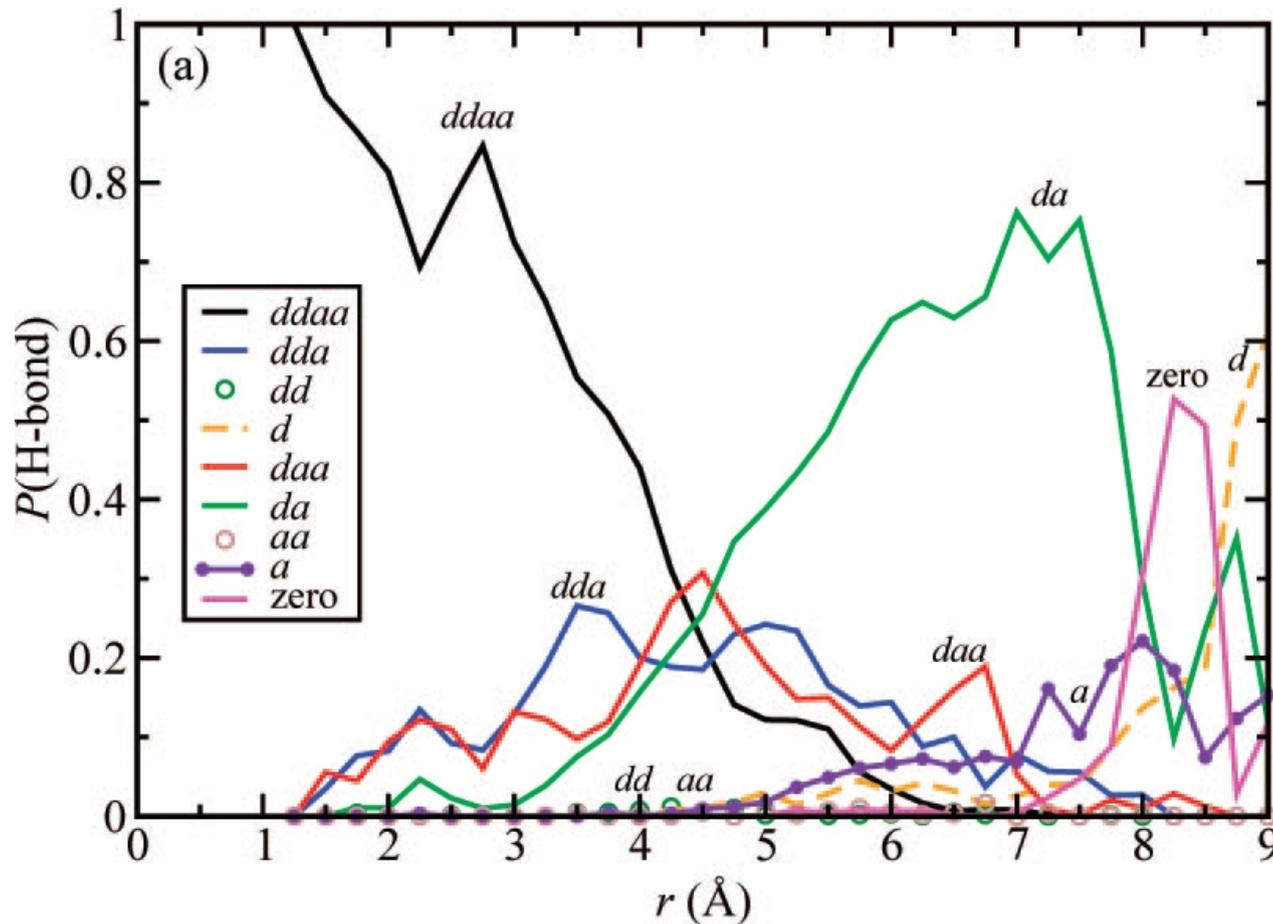
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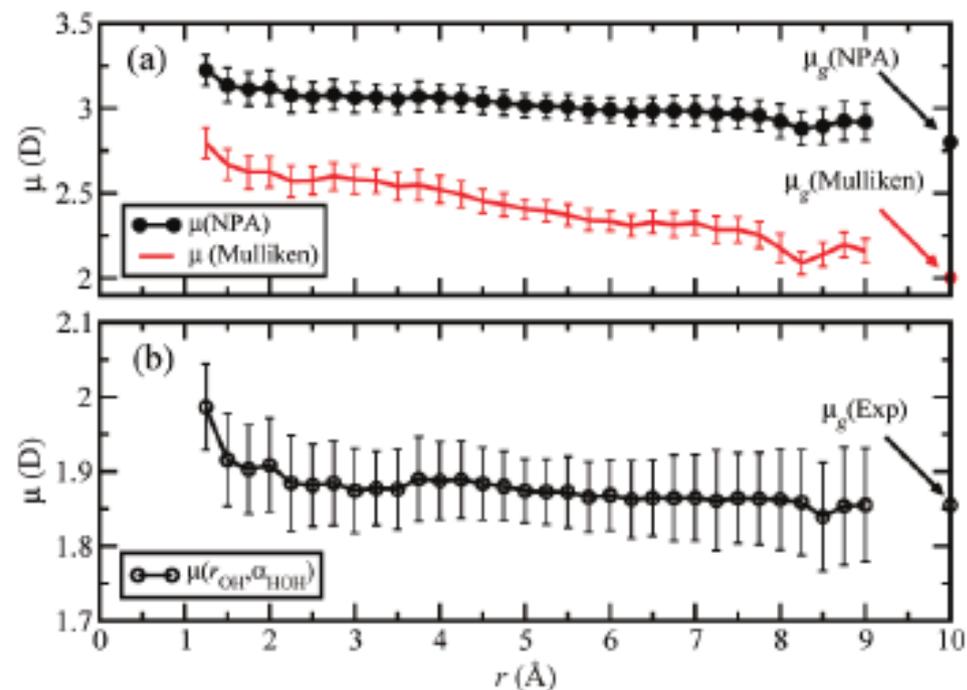
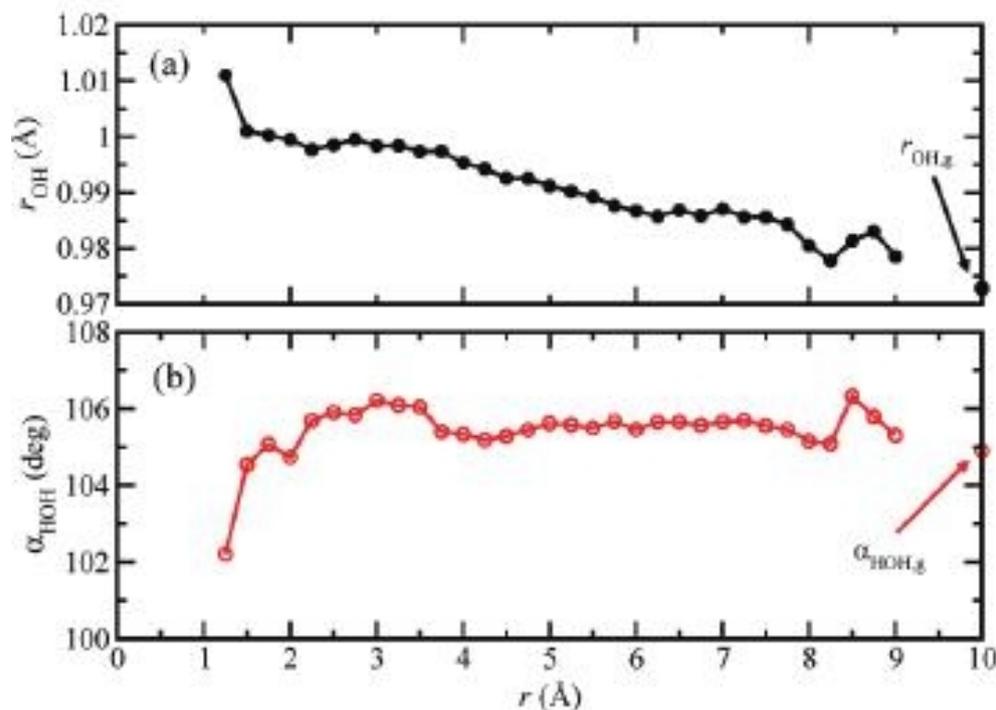


**dd and aa arrangements are not abundant in any region of the cluster**

**da arrangements are largely dominant at the interface**

# Hydrogen bond network of a (small) water cluster

Polarization effects: the average monomeric water dipole moment in the cluster



The average monomeric dipole moment appears to be not very dependent on geometry deformations of water molecules in the HB network

## Electronic properties of liquid HCN

**Prebiotic and extraterrestrial species closely related to the origin of life.**

*C. N. Matthews, Origins of life and Evol. Biosphere (1991)*

**Strongly dipolar species that may form a complex HB bond network characterized by the presence of polymerized chains, ramified and cyclic aggregates.**

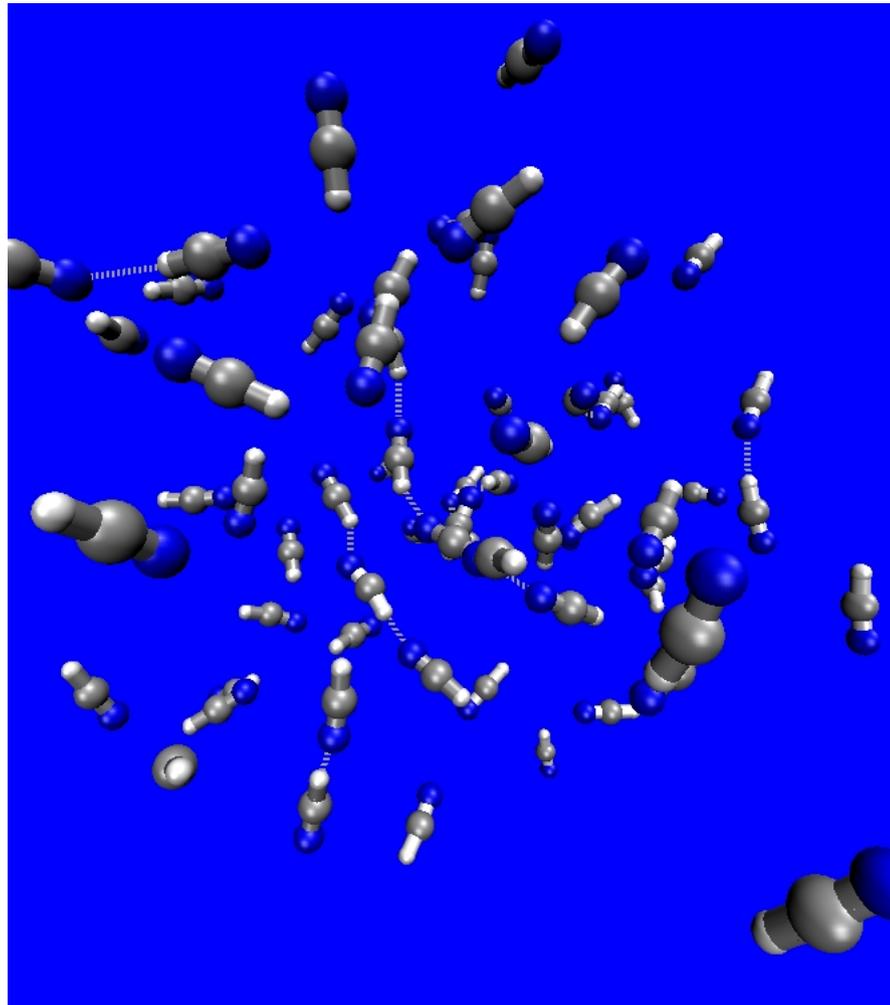
*I. Mamajanov, J. Herzfeld, J. Chem. Phys. (2009)*

**Polar domains in strongly dipolar fluids**

*B.J.C. Cabral, J. Chem. Phys. (2000); D.P. Shelton, J. Chem. Phys (2005)*

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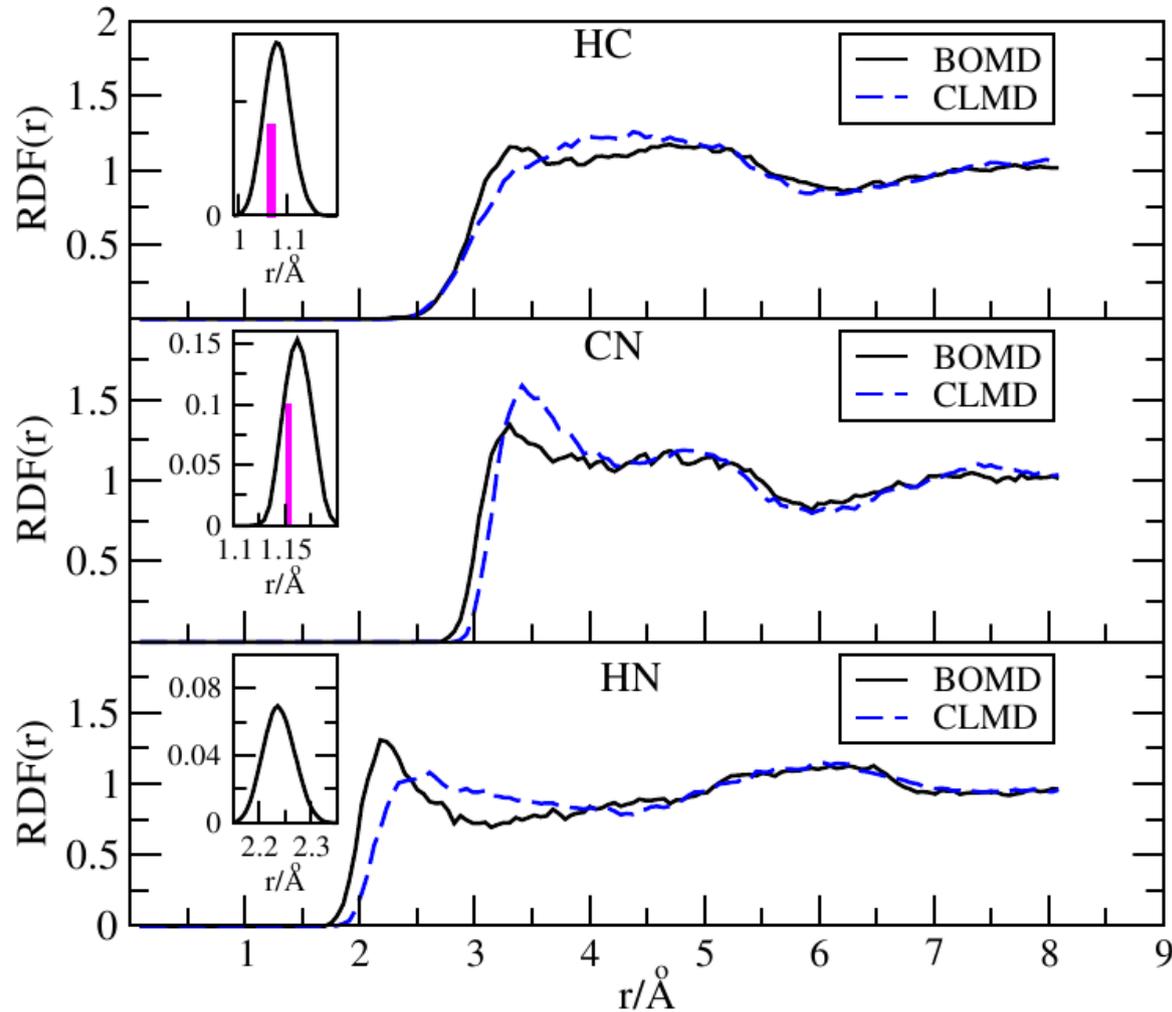
**BOMD: timestep of 0.5 fs. (*NVT*) canonical ensemble at a density of  $0.687 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$  and a target temperature of  $T=280 \text{ K}$  (m.p  $T=260 \text{ K}$ ).**



**DFT/BOMD calculations were performed with a the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) exchange-correlation functional**

# Electronic properties of liquid HCN

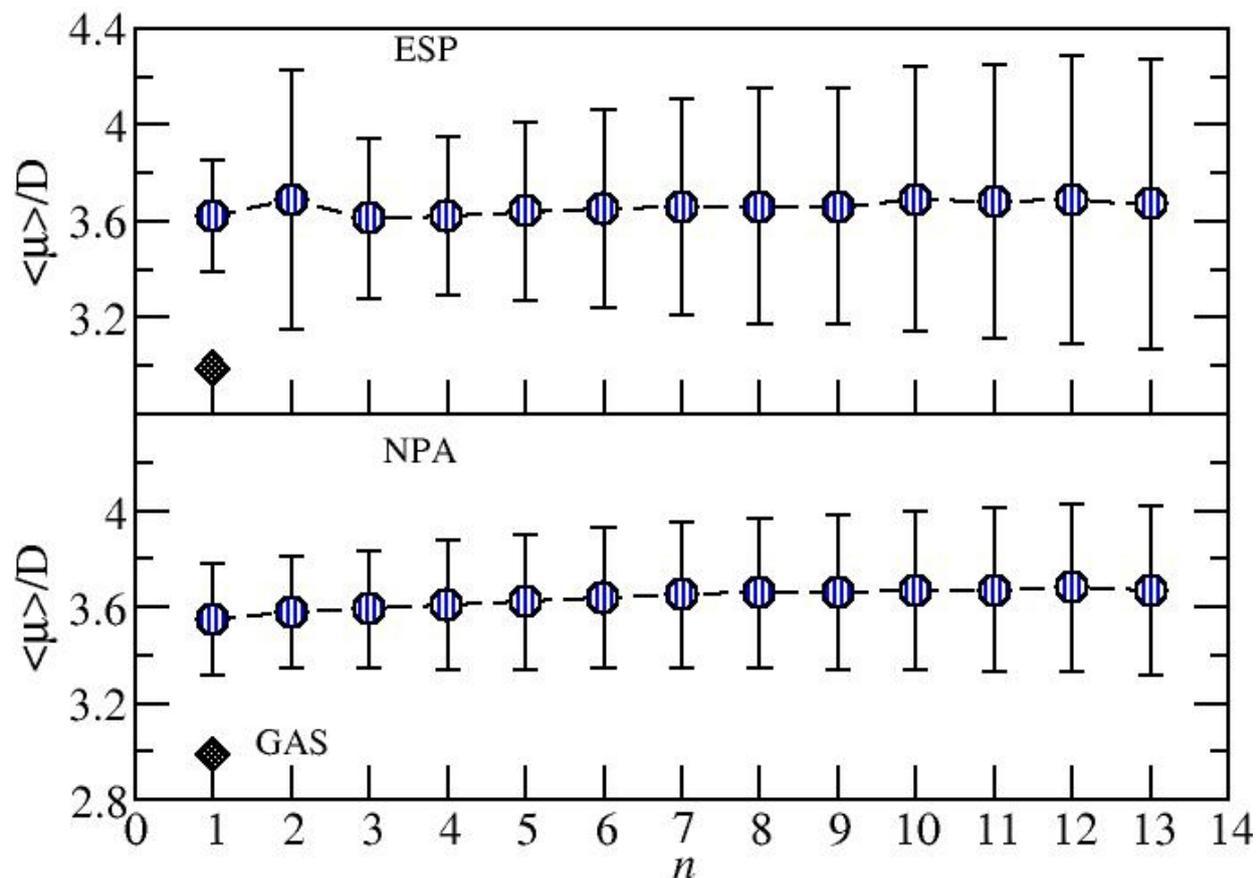
## Structure of liquid HCN



The structure of liquid HCN is mainly characterized by the presence of linear dipole chains

# Electronic properties of liquid HCN

## Electronic polarization in liquid HCN: comparison with the gas phase



**Significant change on the average monomeric dipole moment of HCN from 2.9 (G) to 3.6<sup>23</sup> D (L).**

# Electronic properties of liquid HCN

## Electronic Absorption spectrum

Many body energy (MBE) decomposition schemes with electrostatic embedding

E.E. Dahlke, D.G. Truhlar *JCTC* (2007)

M. Chiba, D.G. Fedorov, K. Kitaura *JCP* (2007)

R.A. Mata, H. Stoll *CPL* (2008)

One-body approximation (with “excitonic coupling”) to the calculation of the first absorption band of water clusters

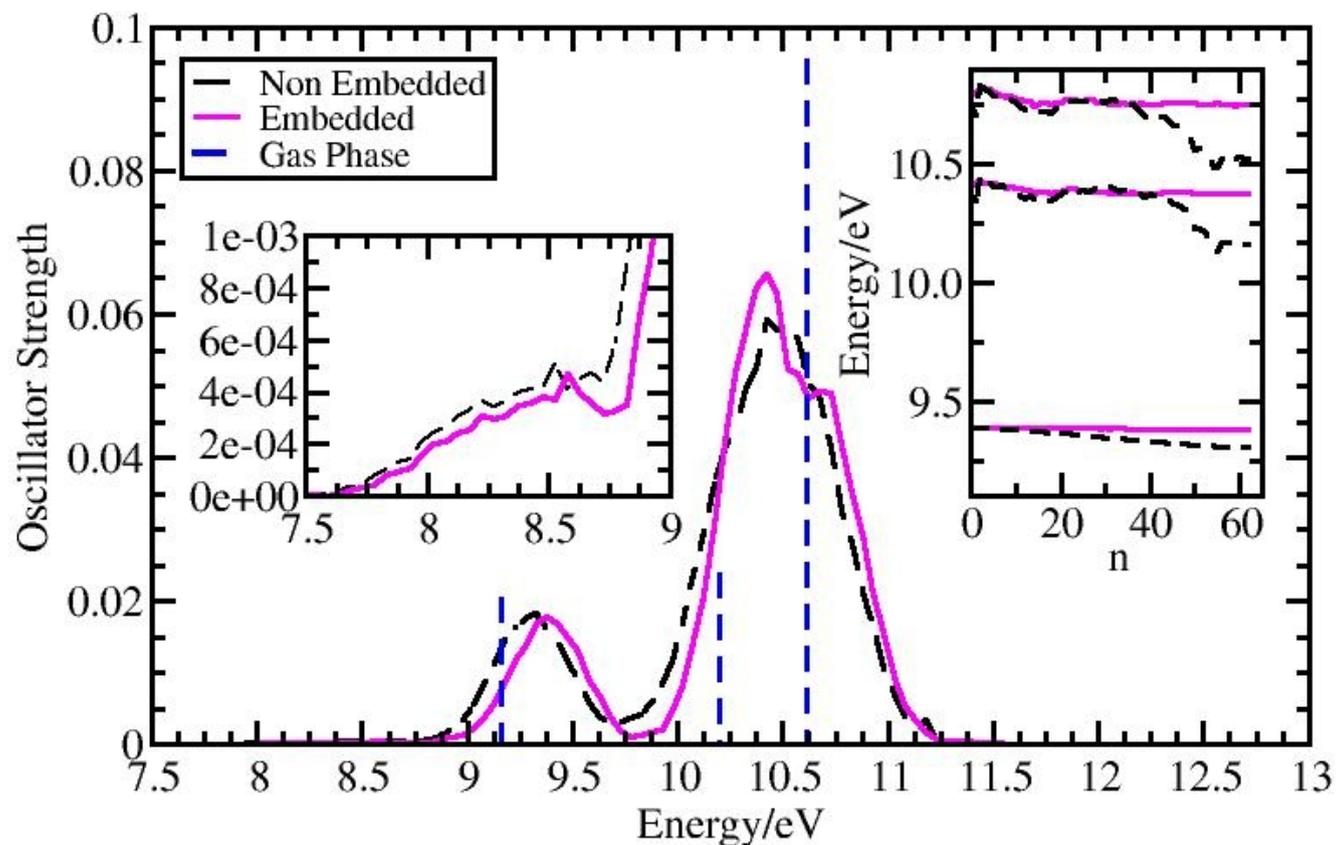
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Extension to calculation of the full absorption spectra: application to liquid HCN

H. Martiniano, B.J.C. Cabral *CPL* (2013)

# Electronic properties of liquid HCN

## Electronic absorption in liquid HCN



The peak position of the first absorption band (L) is blue-shifted by 0.2 eV relative to the gas-phase value.

# Conclusions/**Perspectives**

Sequential analysis of the electronic structure of configurations sampled by Born-Oppenheimer molecular dynamics can provide fundamental information on the relationship between the structure of hydrogen bond networks and electronic properties.

Coupling of many-body energy decomposition schemes to configurations generated by first principles (or classical) molecular dynamics make possible high level *ab initio* calculations of the electronic properties in condensed phases

**Analysis of the electronic properties (and dynamics) of HB networks in interaction with charged and hydrophobic species**

M. Mateus, N. Galamba, B.J.C. Cabral, J. Chem. Phys. 2012

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