

Theoretical Study of Hydrogen @ Carbon Nanotubes and Nanoscrolls



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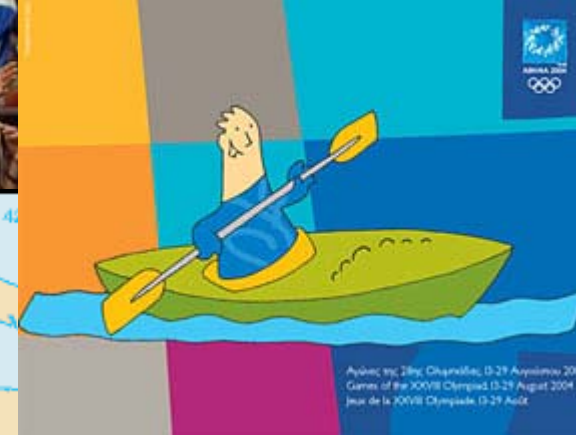
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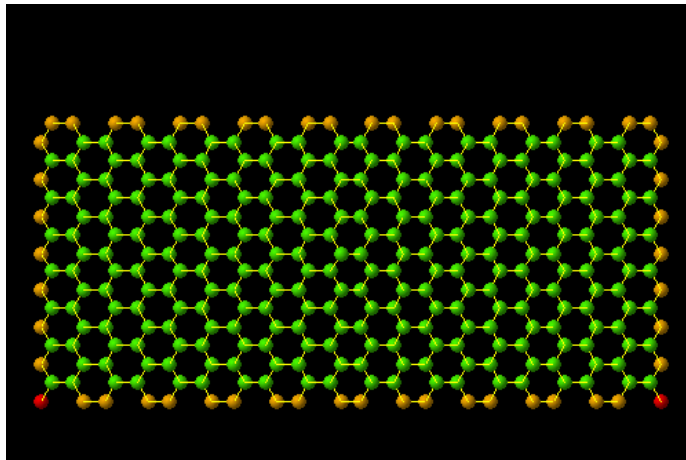
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Outline

- + Quantum chemistry calculations in XXL systems
- + Hydrogen @ SWNTs
- + Hydrogen @ *doped* SWNTs
- + Hydrogen @ *Nanoscrolls*



1997 Dillon et. al Hydrogen storage @ SWNTs

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method of storing high quantities of hydrogen inside tiny tubes of carbon just two nanometres (billionths of a

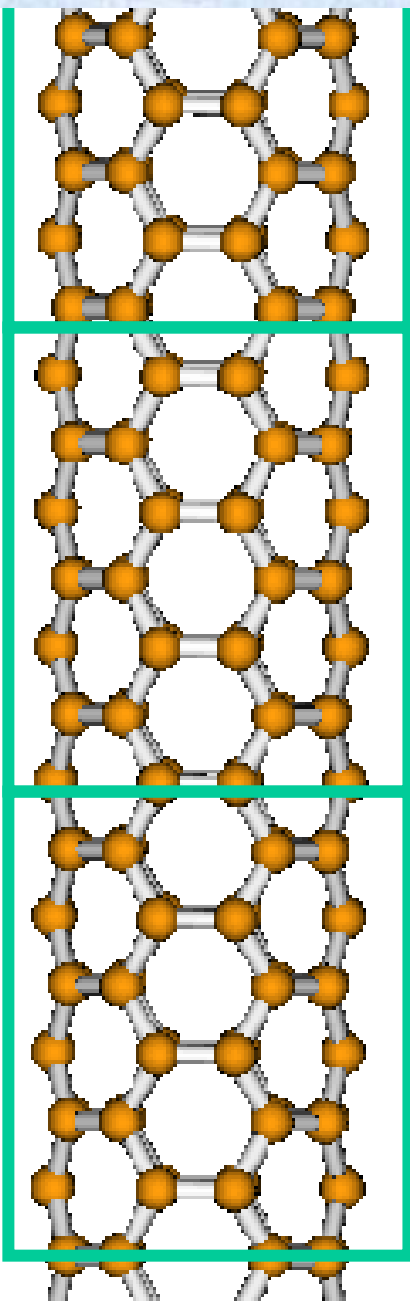
MD study of Hydrogen Storage in SWNTs



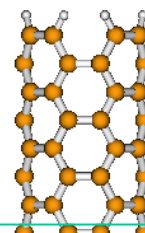
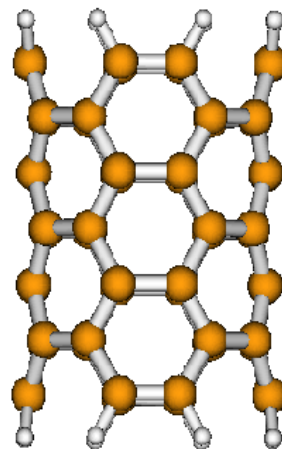
3 different approaches for *ab-initio* treatment

(4,4)
SWNT

1. The *Cluster* model
2. Periodic DFT models
3. QM/MM mixed models



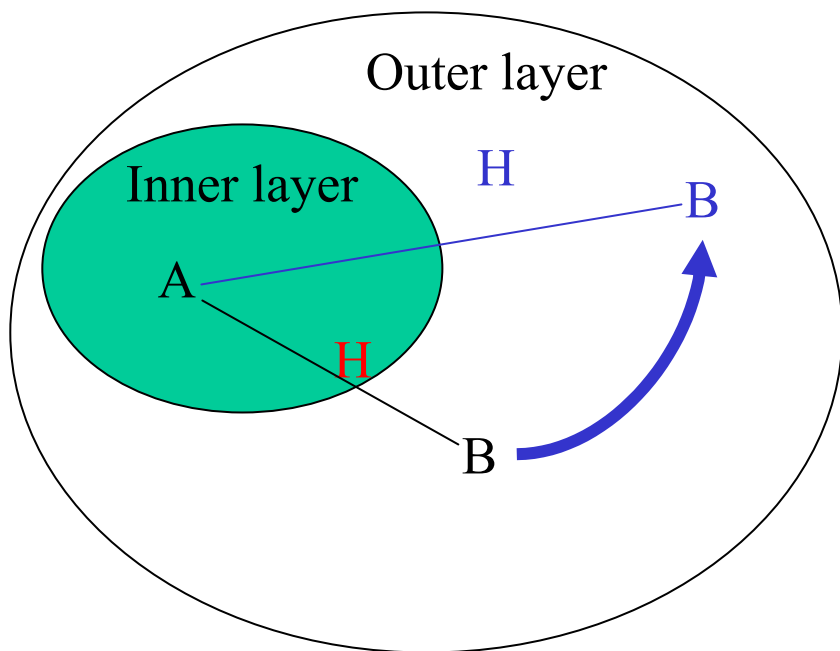
High-l
mode
QM



Low-layer
model-2-
C₅₆H₁₆
MM
model

ONIOM

our **O**wn **N**-layer **I**ntegrated molecular **O**rbital and molecular **M**echanics model

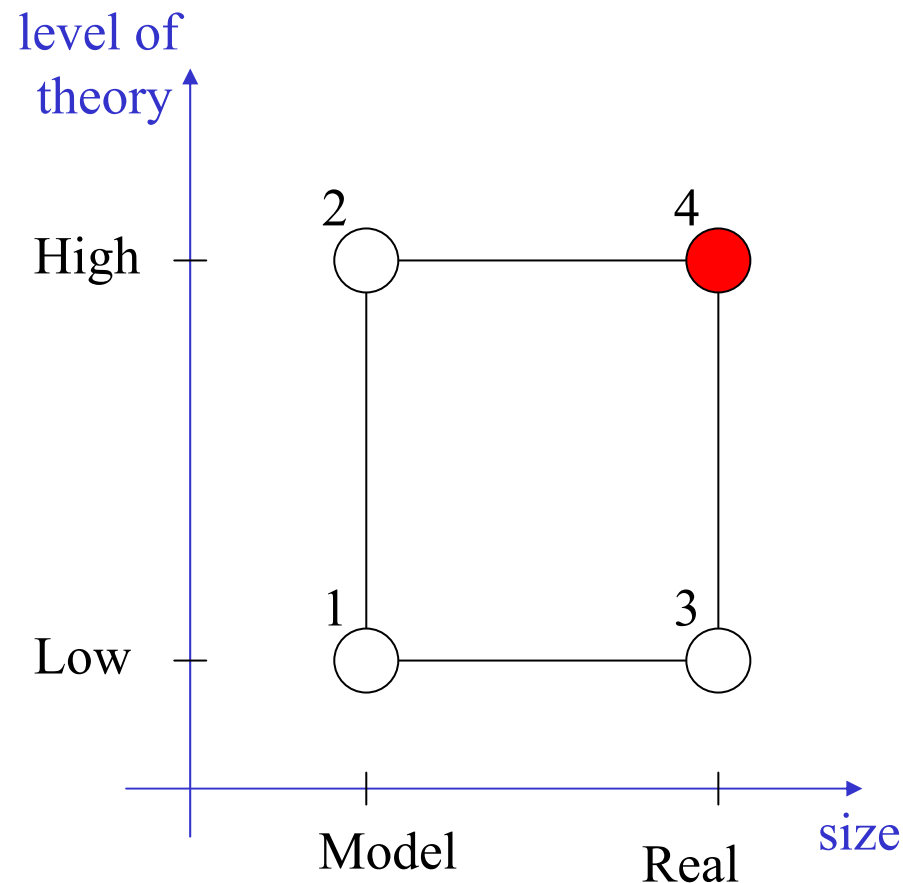


Model System = inner layer + link atoms

Real System = inner layer + outer layer

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Prof. K. Morokuma 65th birthday



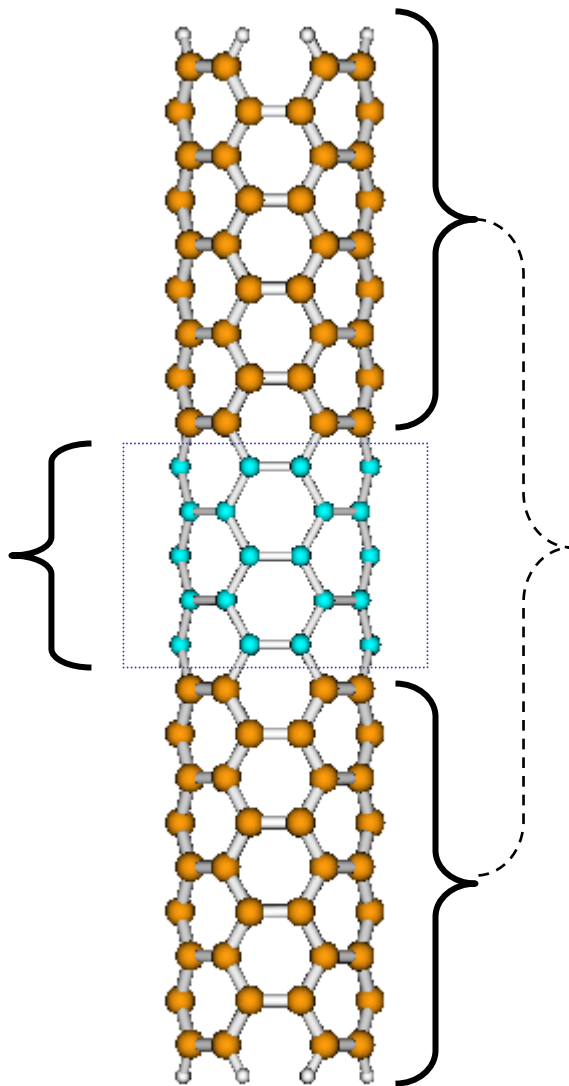
$$E_{\text{ONIOM}} = E_3 - E_1 + E_2$$

(4,4) SWCN



$$C_{200} = C_{40} + C_{144} + H_{16}$$

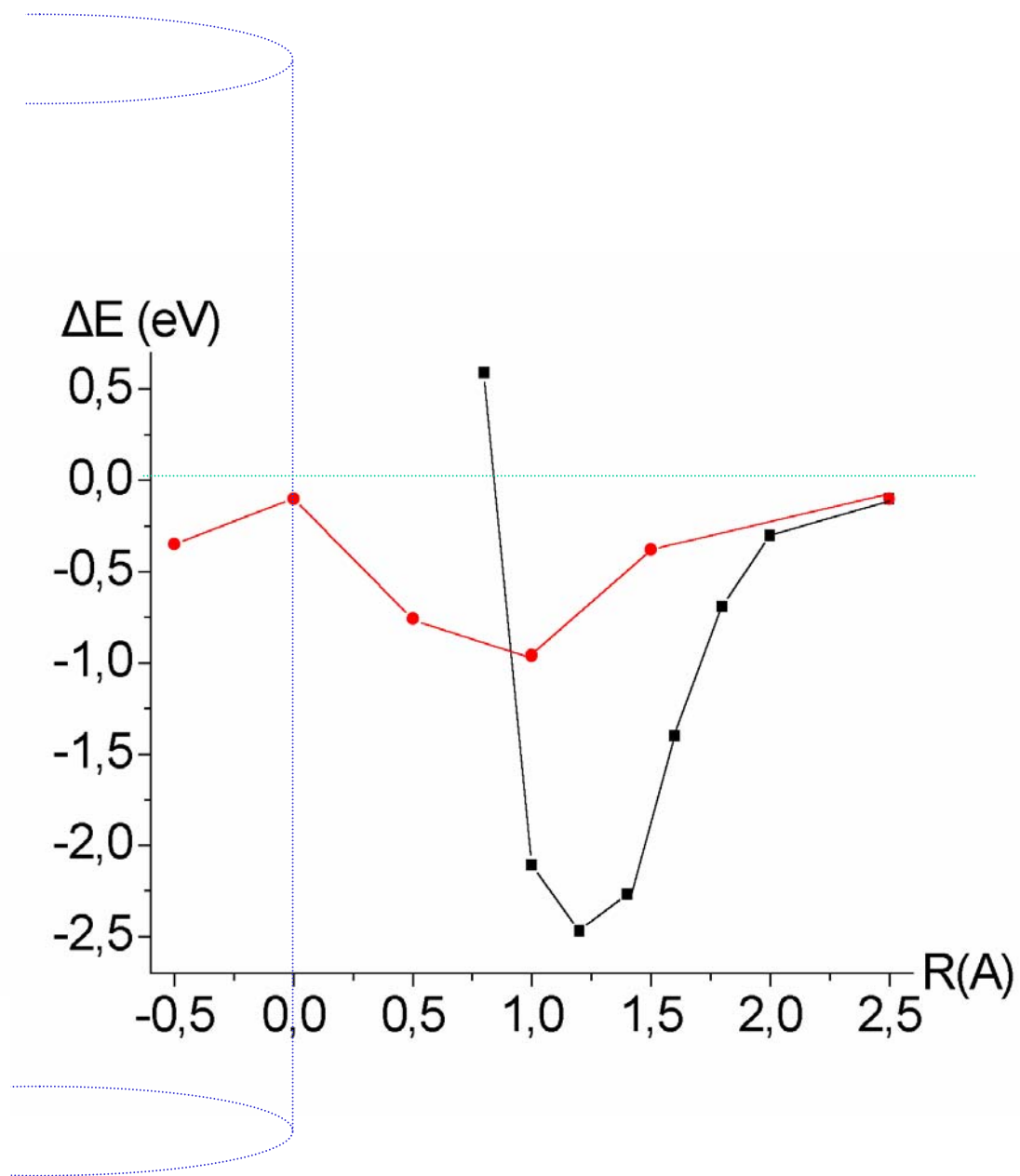
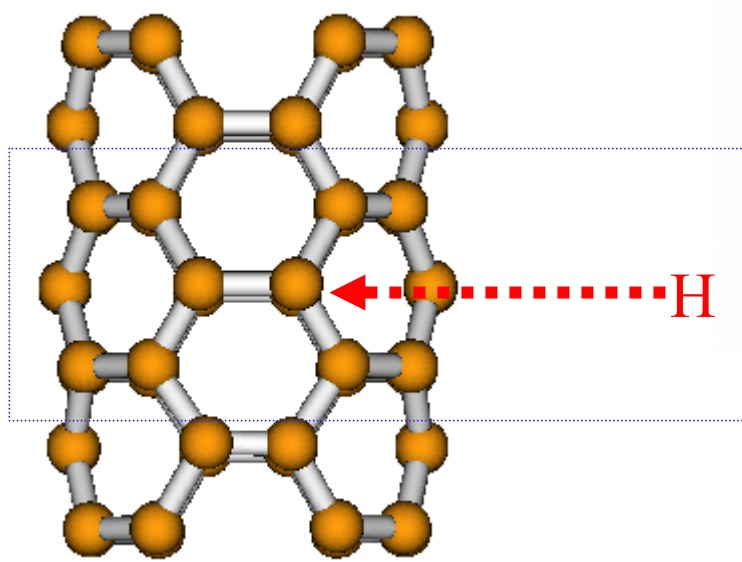
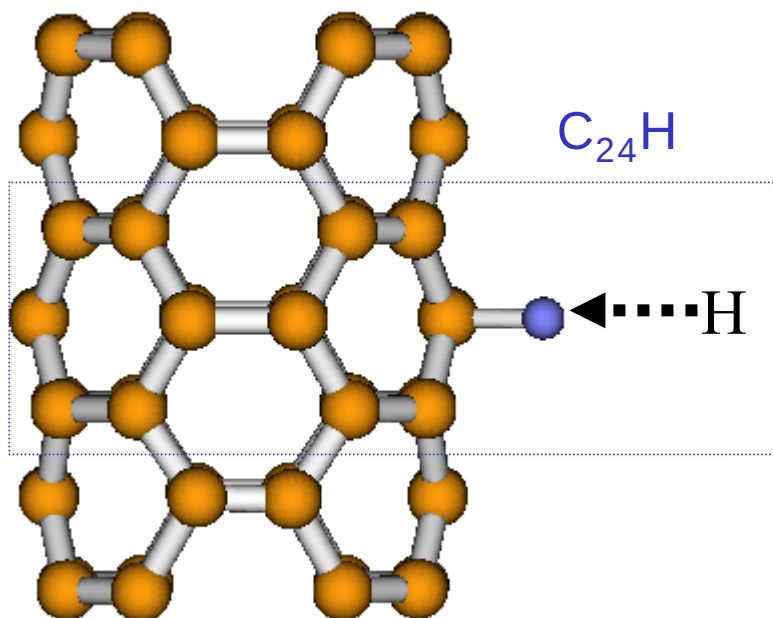
High-layer
model-1-
DFT
(B3LYP/6-31G*)

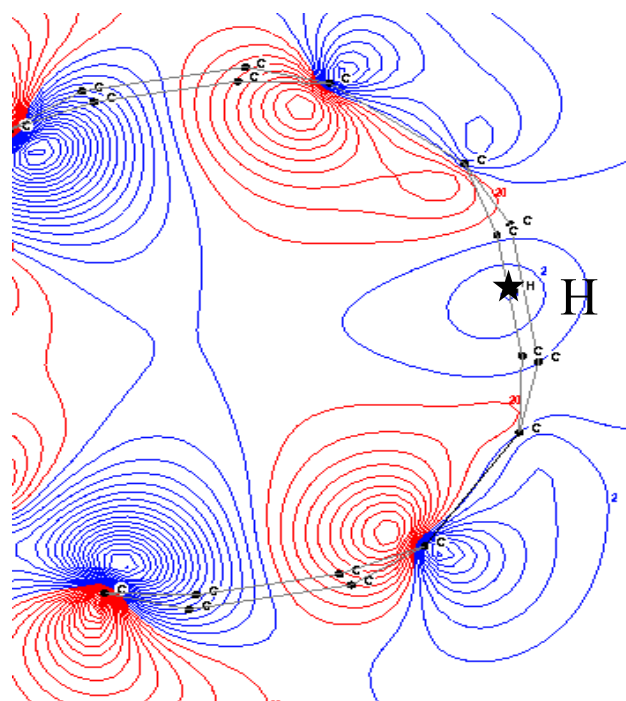
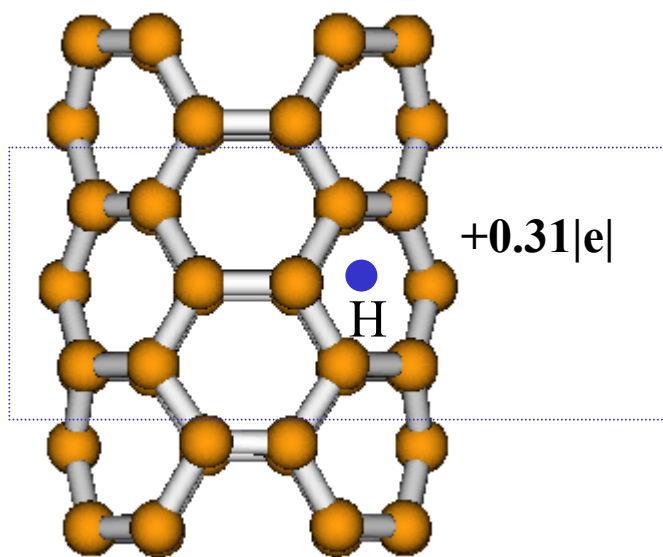
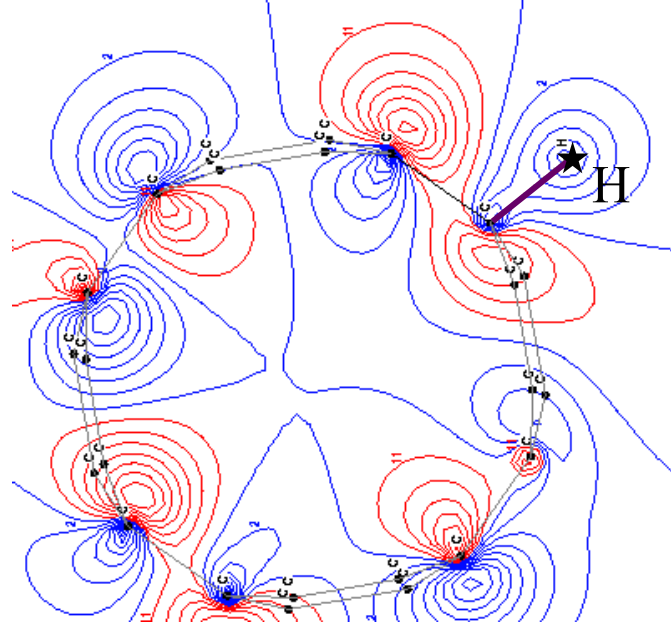
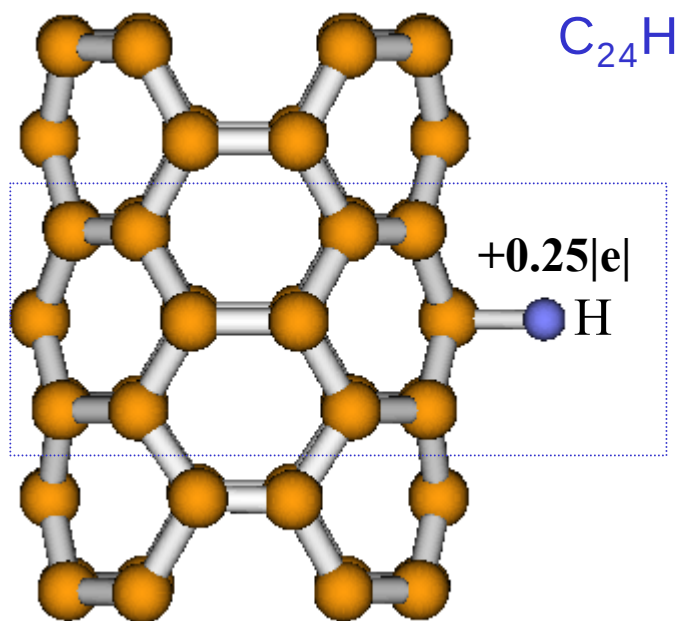


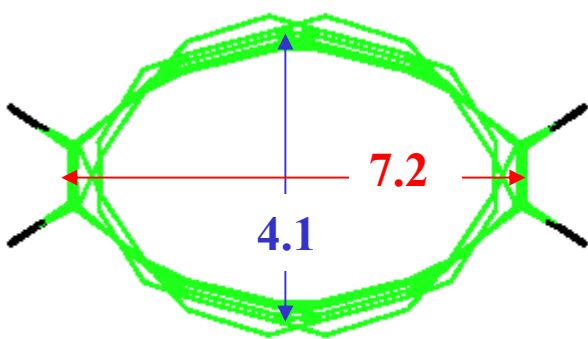
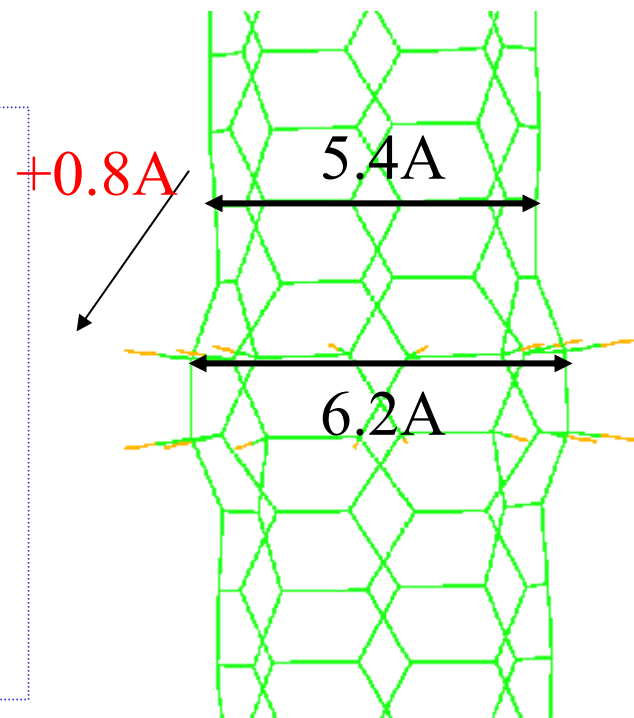
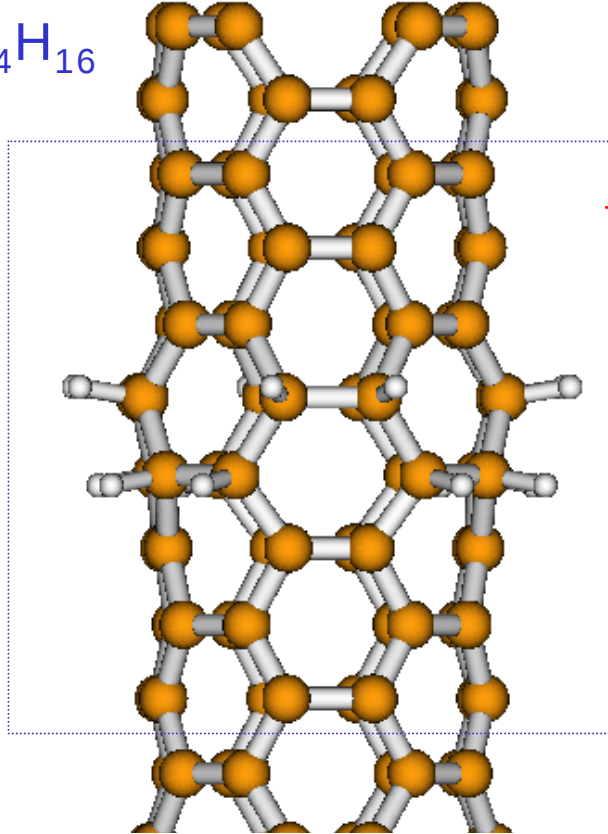
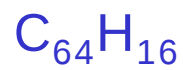
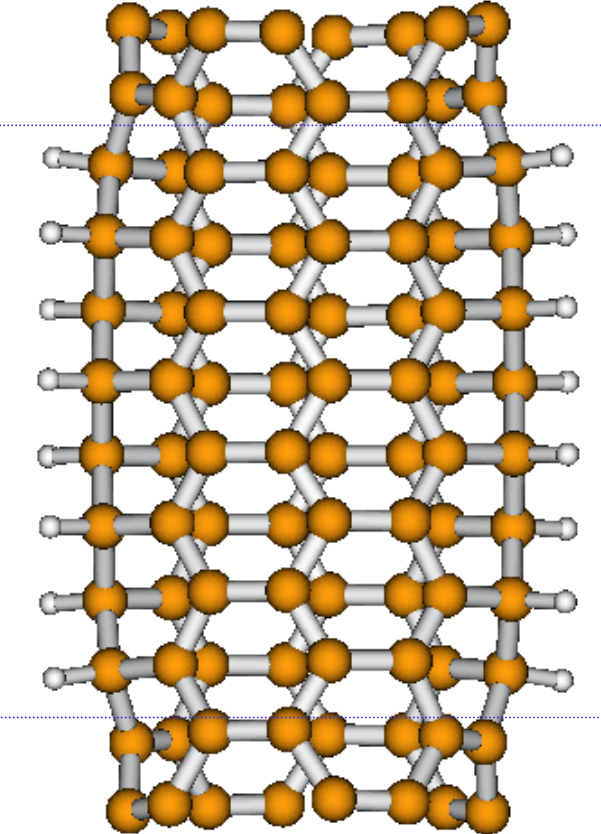
Low-layer
model-2-
UFF

Gaussian '98

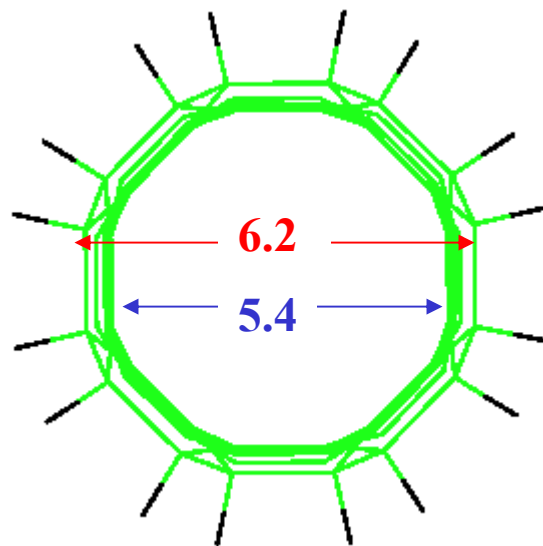
Hydrogen Interaction with SWNTs







$$T=92\text{\AA}^2$$



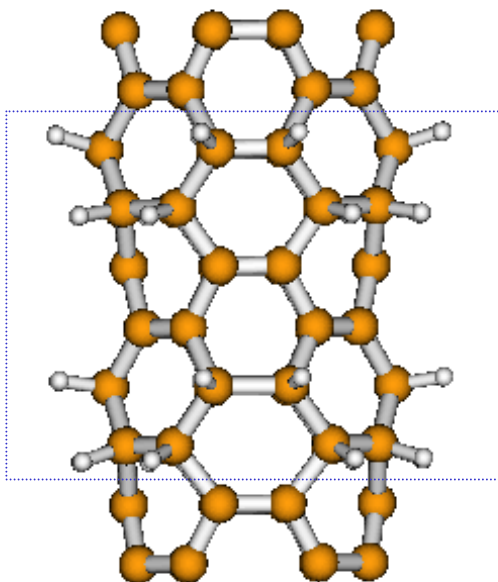
$$\Delta E=2.6\text{eV}$$

$$T=92\text{\AA}^2$$

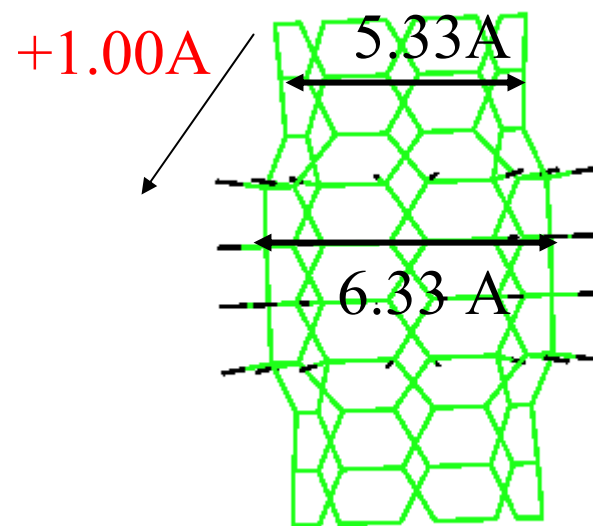
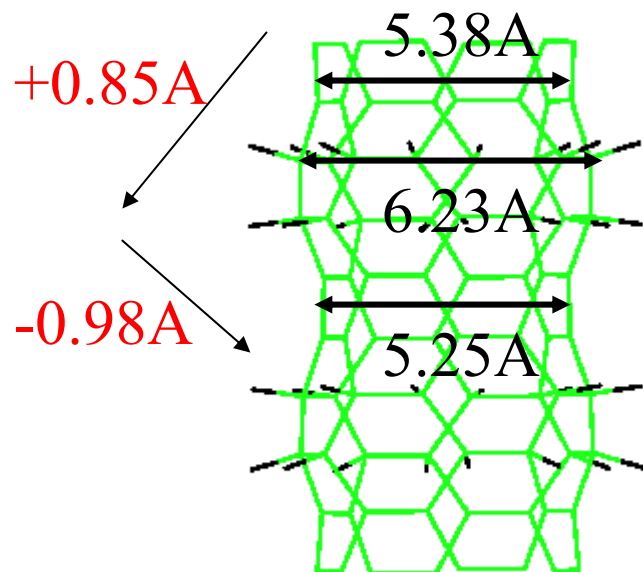
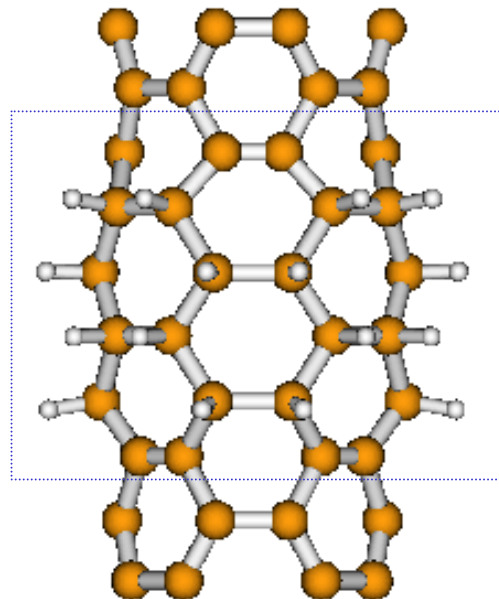
$$T=121\text{\AA}^2$$

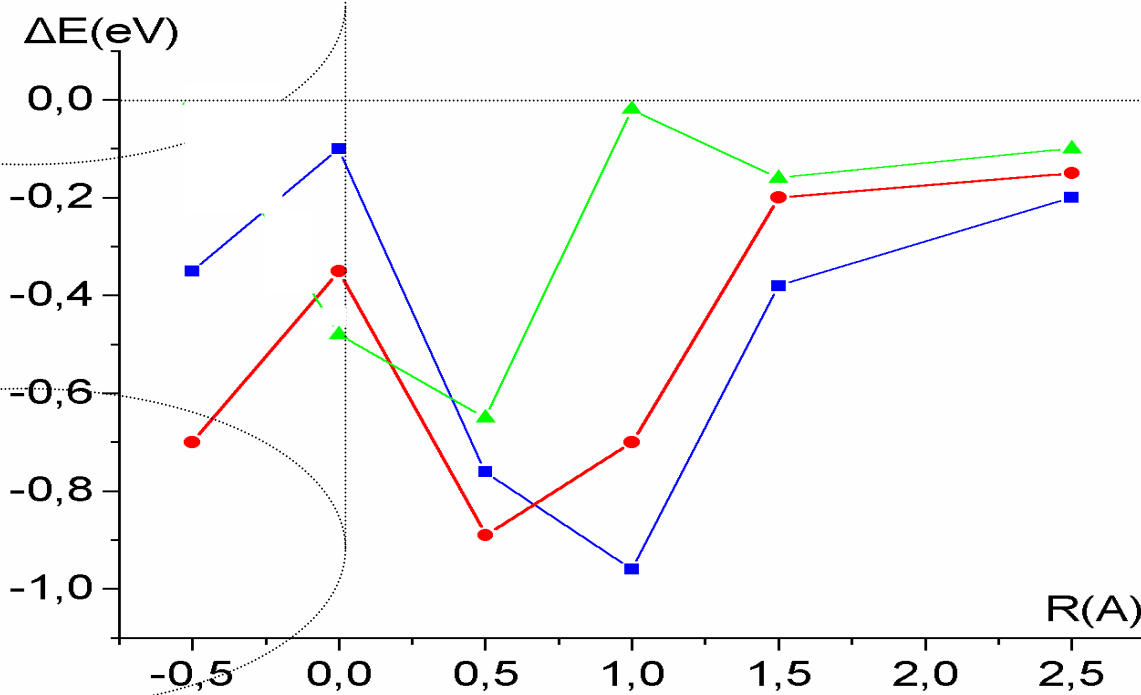
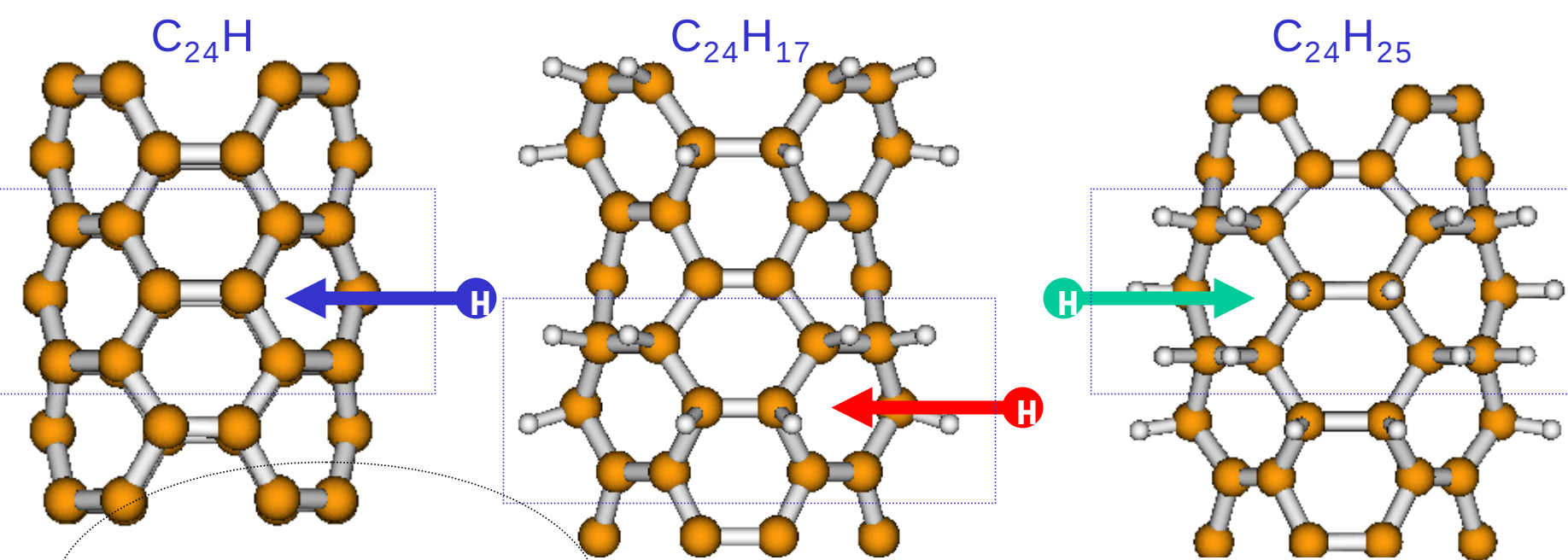
$\Delta E = 0.0$

$C_{48}H_{32}$



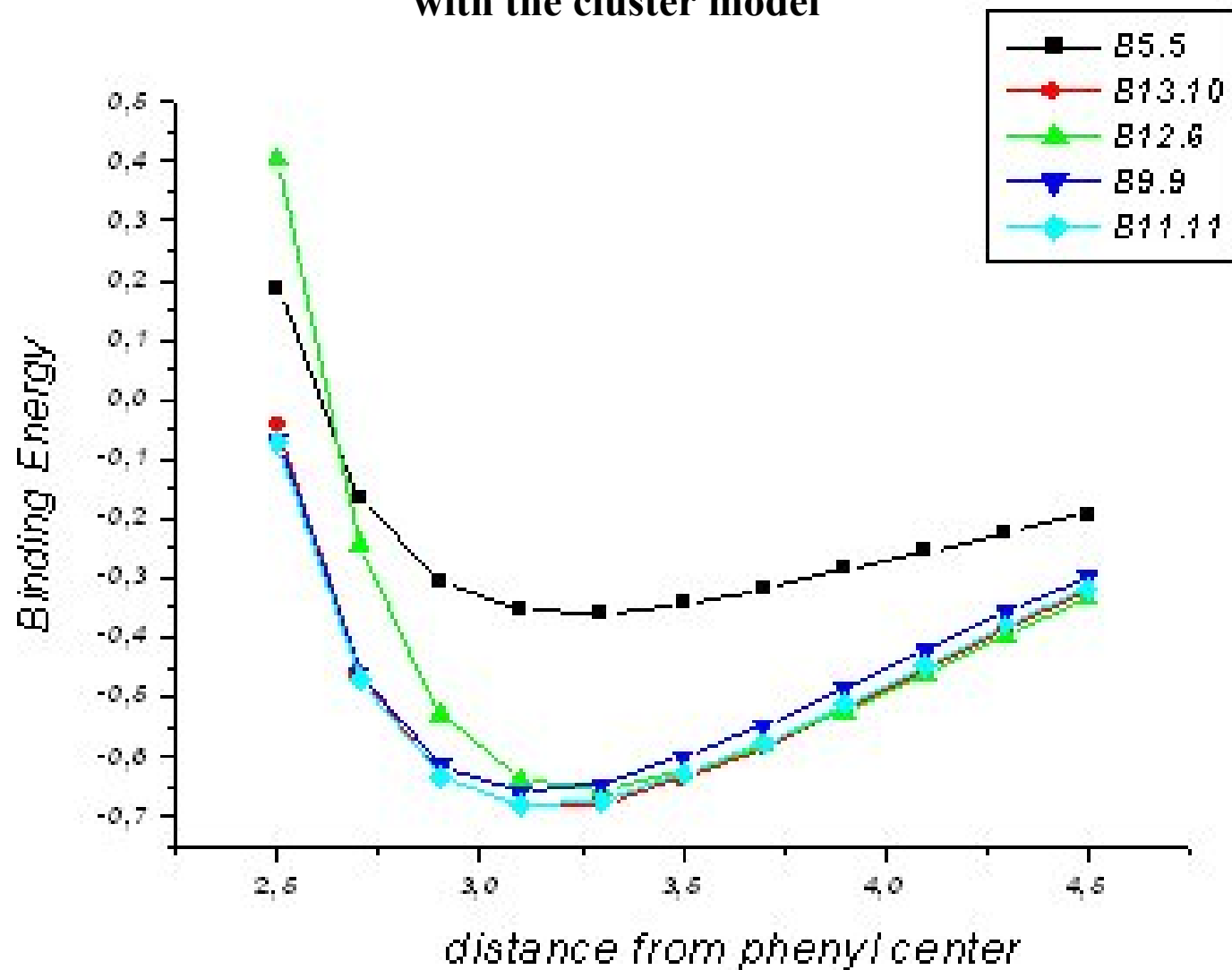
$+ 17\text{eV}$



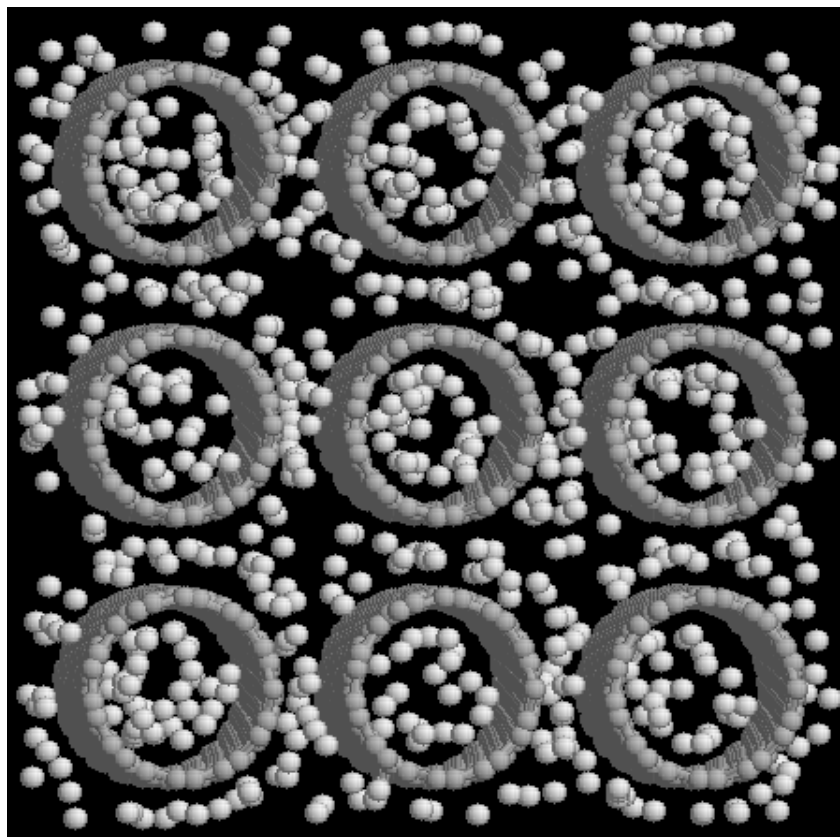


Curvature vs. Chirality in Hydrogen Interaction with SWNTs

Ab-initio DFT calculations
with the cluster model



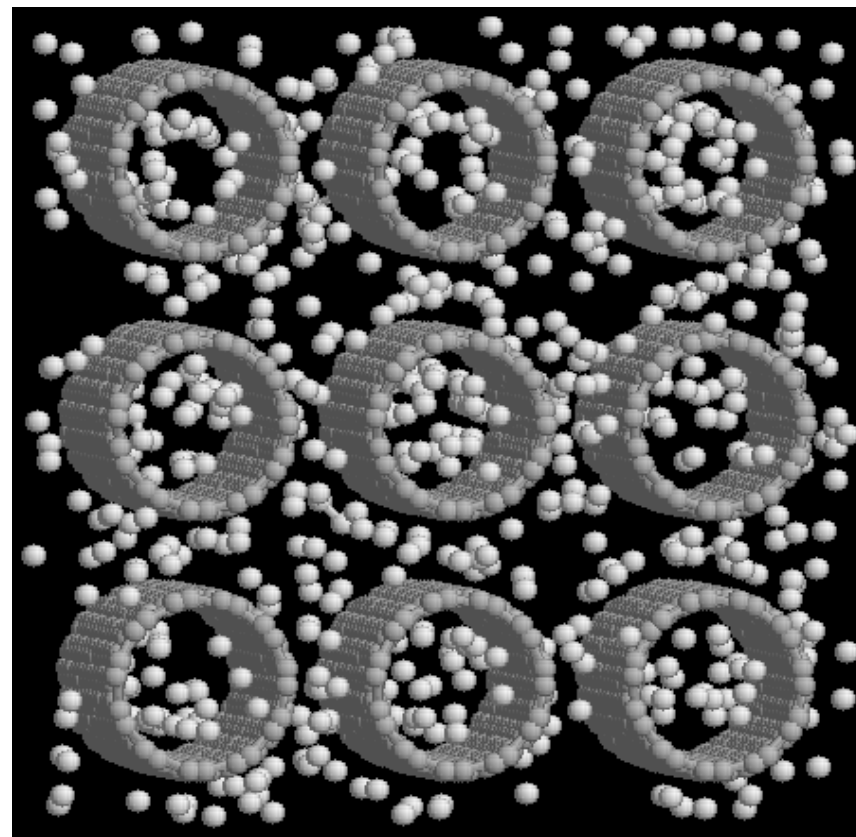
GC-MC Snapshots of the simulation boxes for the thermodynamic state of 175K and 5Mpa



(13,10) SWCN

d=1.56nm

%wt = 1.90



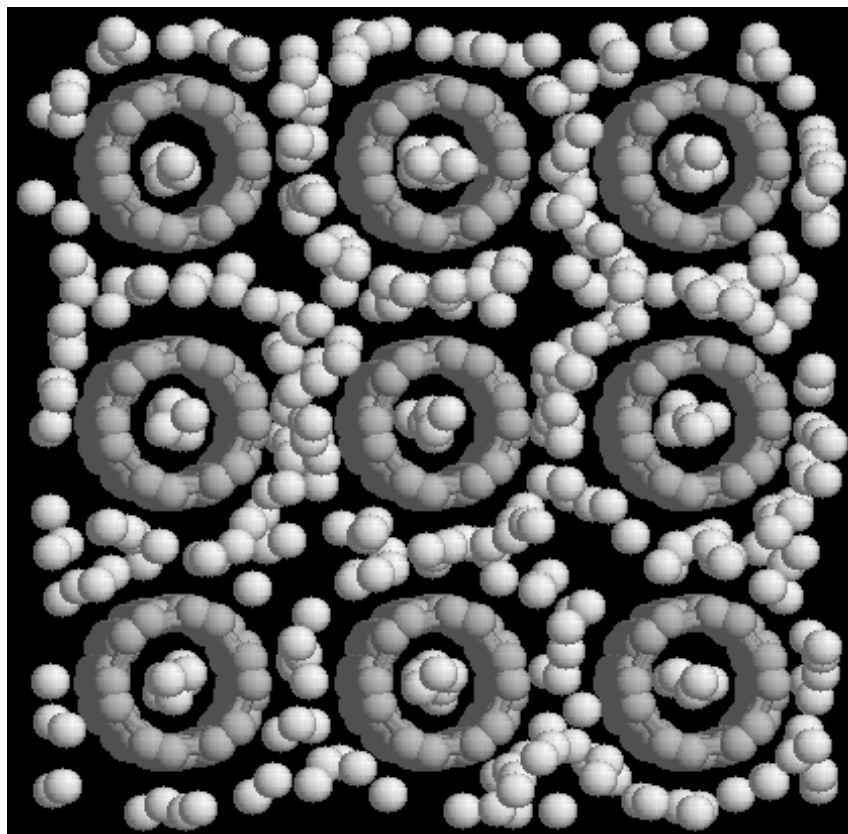
(11,11) SWCN

d=1.55nm

%wt = 1.92

chirality

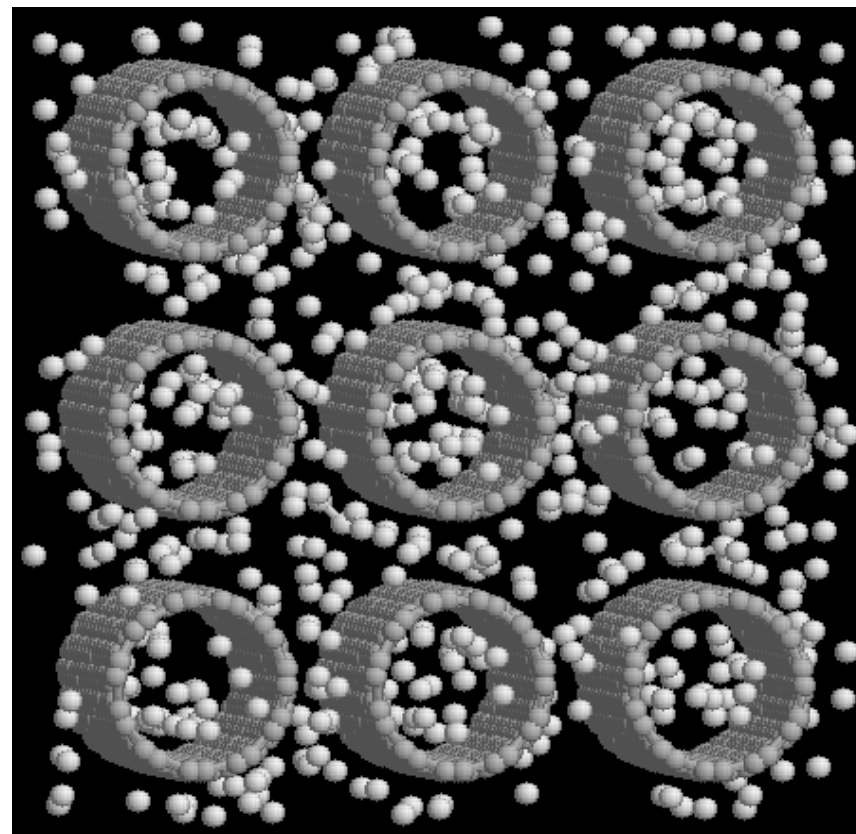
GC-MC Snapshots of the simulation boxes for the thermodynamic state of 175K and 10Mpa



(6,6) SWCN

d=0.81nm

%wt = 2.20



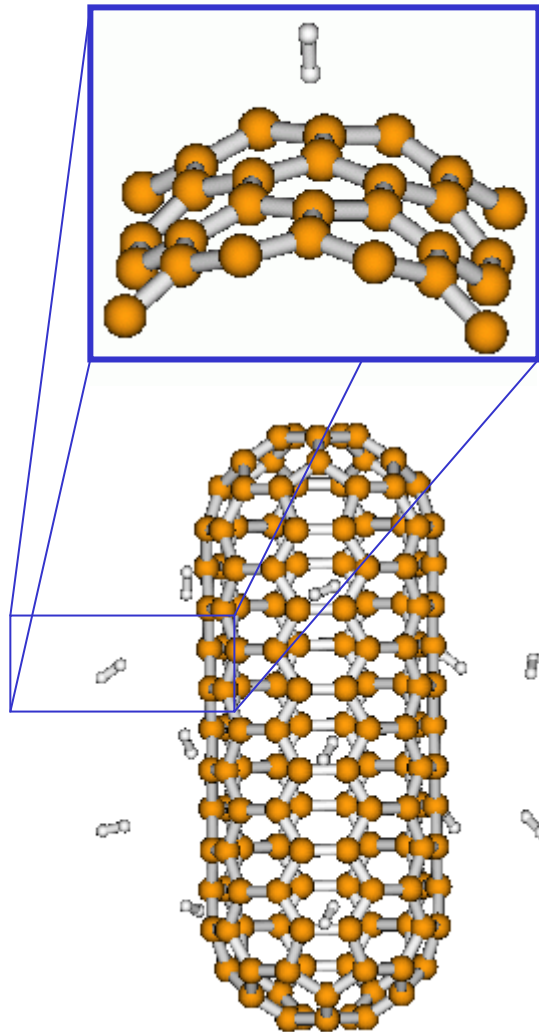
(11,11) SWCN

d=1.55nm

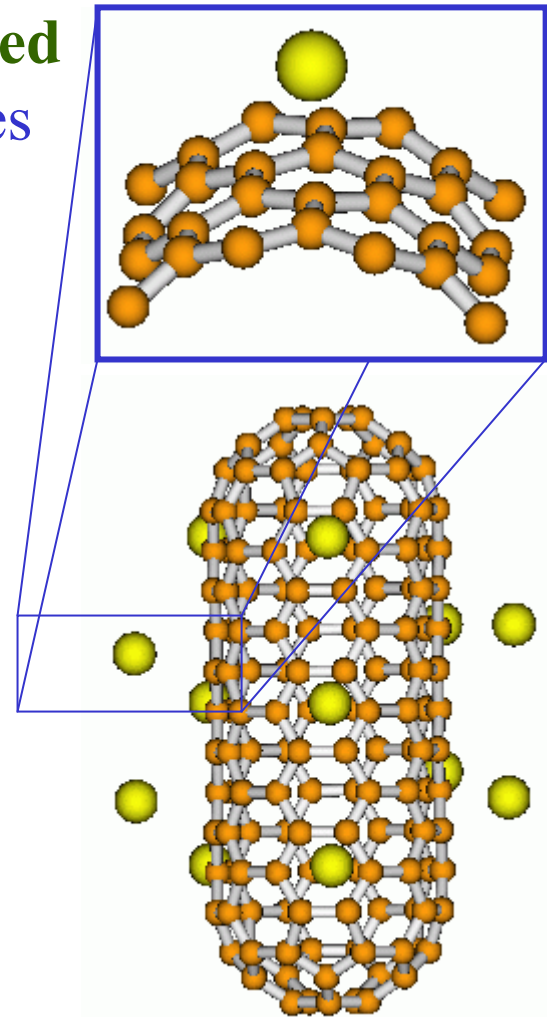
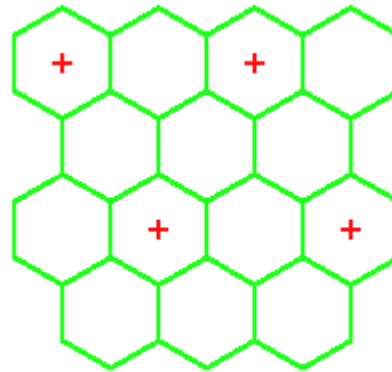
%wt = 3.03

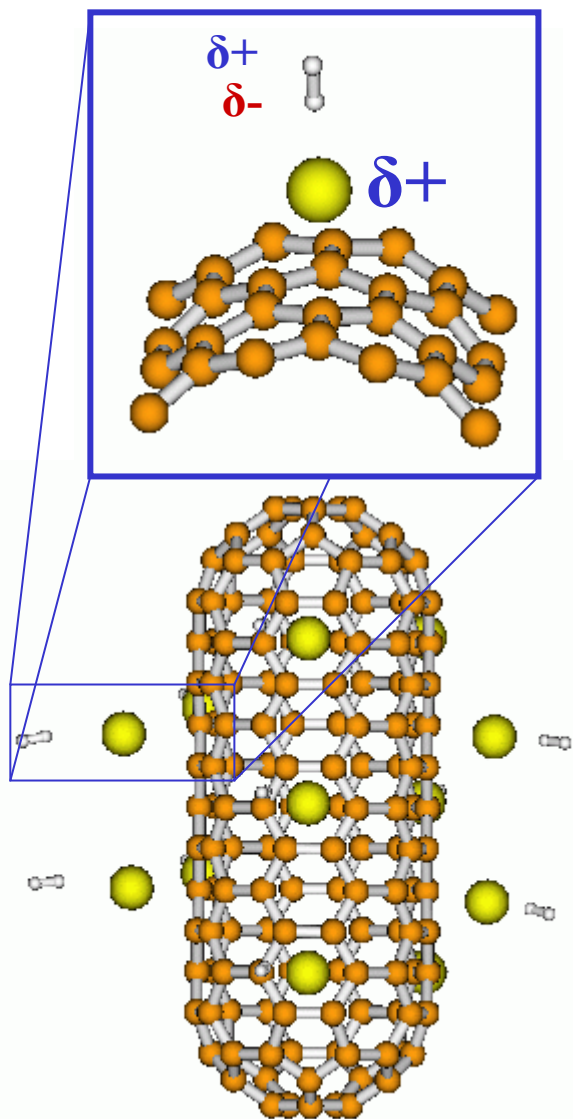
curvature

Hydrogen Interaction with doped SWNTs

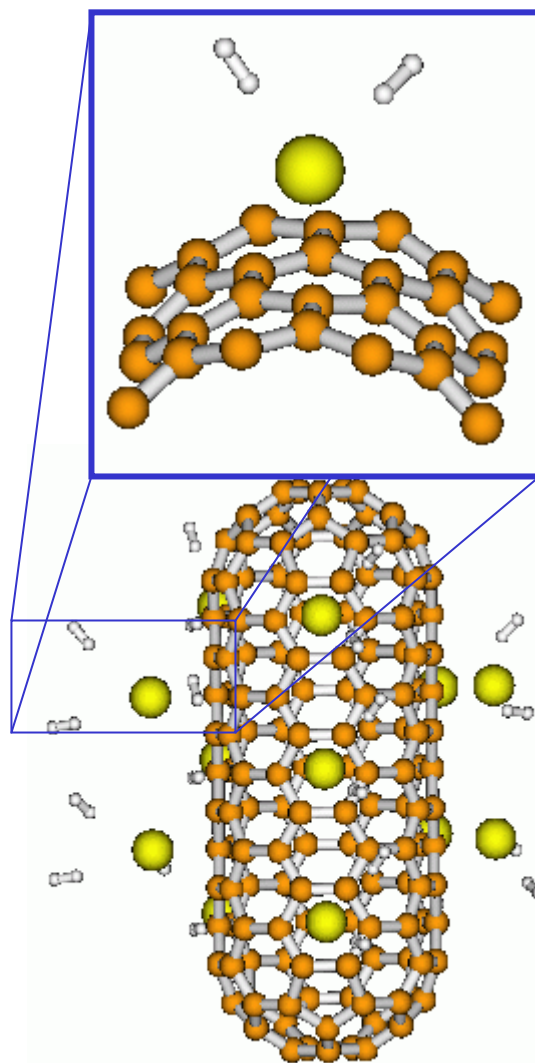


Alkali Metal Doped Carbon Nanotubes

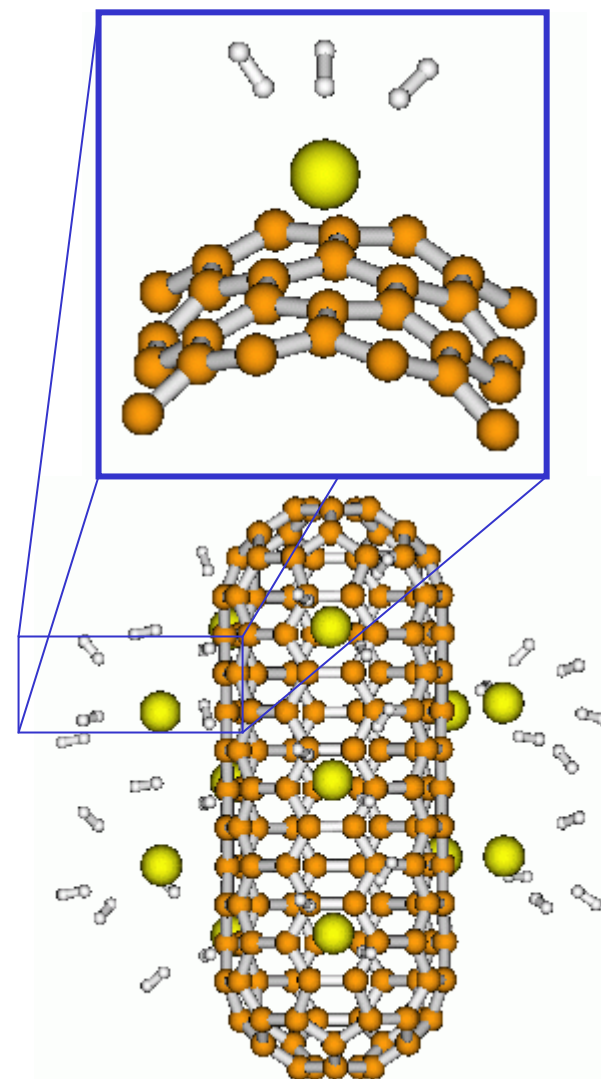




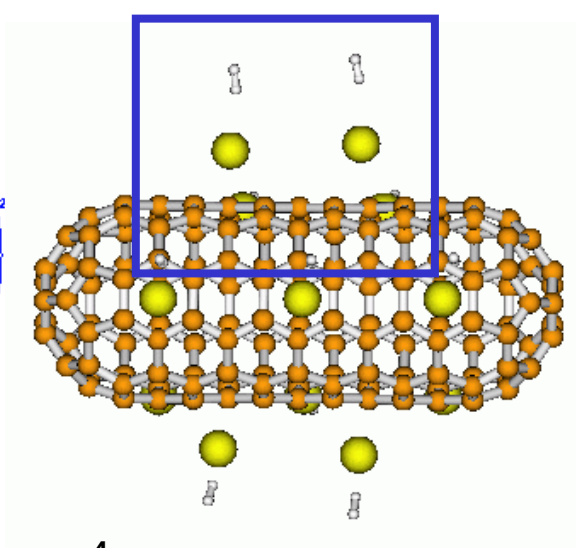
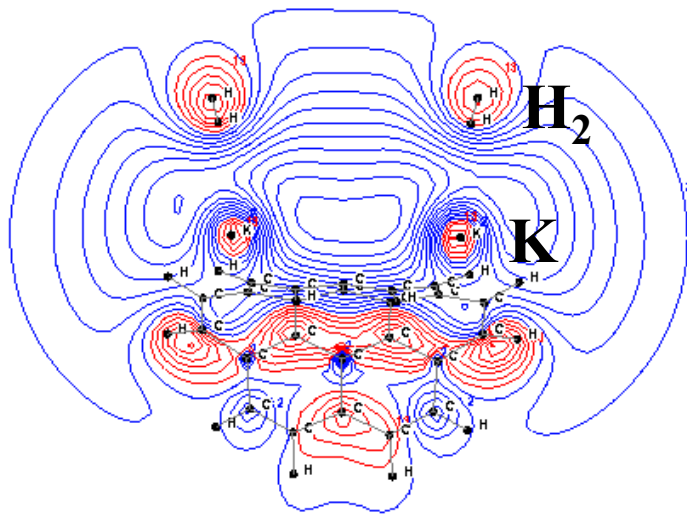
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2.5 kcal/mol/ H_2

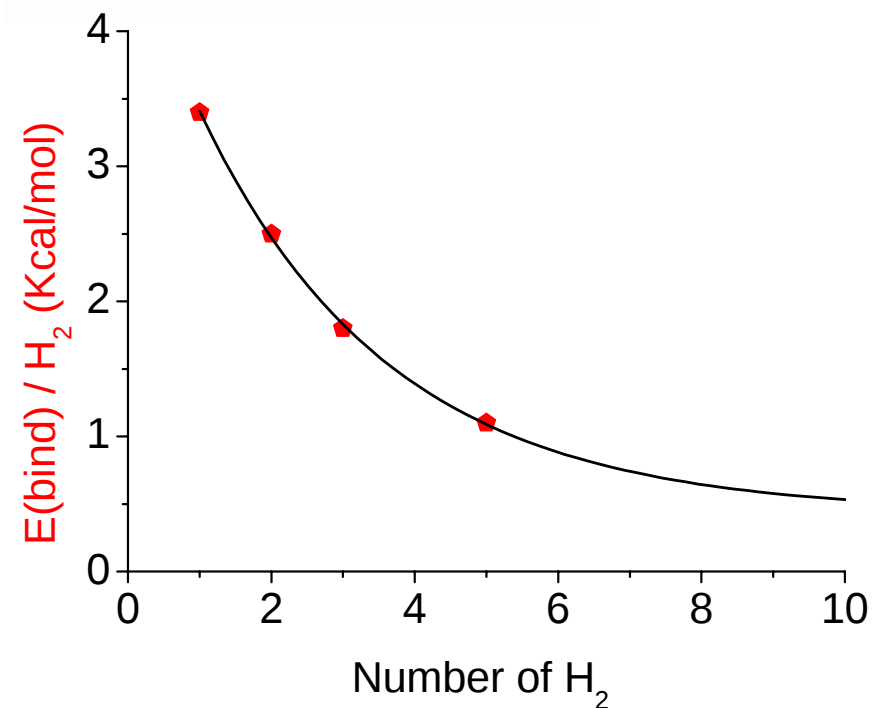


1.8 kcal/mol/ H_2



Energetic and **structural** characteristics for all the different cases of molecular hydrogen adsorption in K-doped (5,5)-carbon nanotube (DFT).

Number of H ₂	$E_{\text{bind}}/\text{H}_2$ (kcal/mol)	$d [\text{K}-\text{C}_{\text{hex}}]$ (Å)	$d [\text{K}-\text{H}_2]$ (Å)
1	3.4	3.0	3.0
2	2.5	3.0	3.3
3	1.8	3.0	3.5
5	1.1	3.0	3.8



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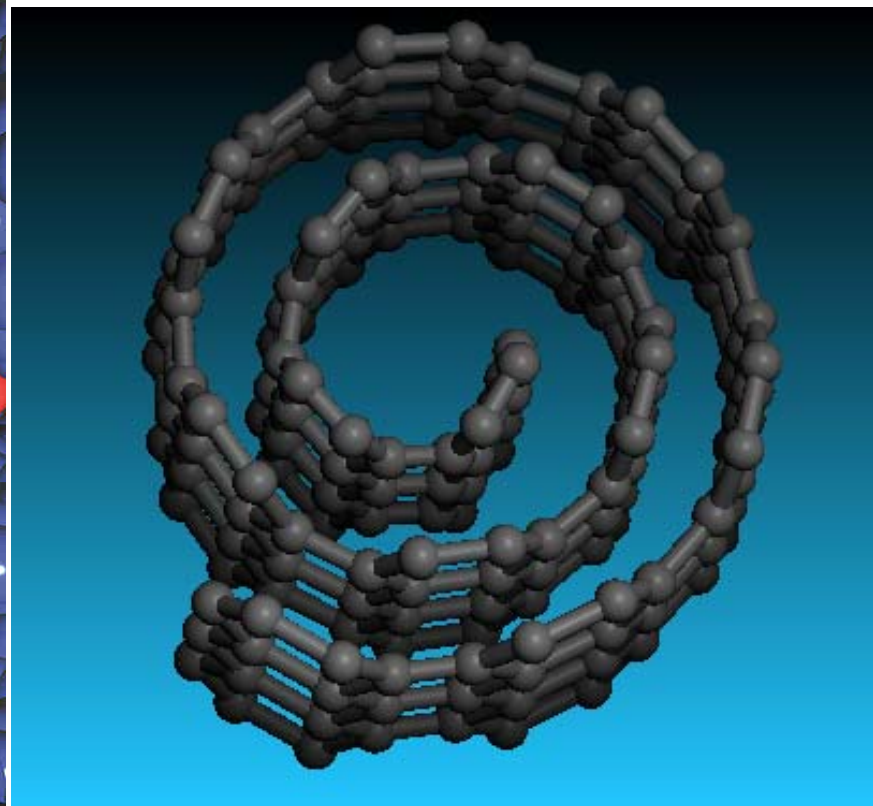
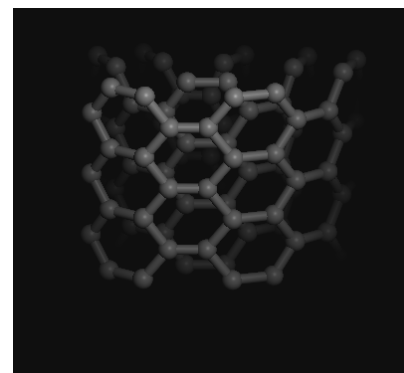
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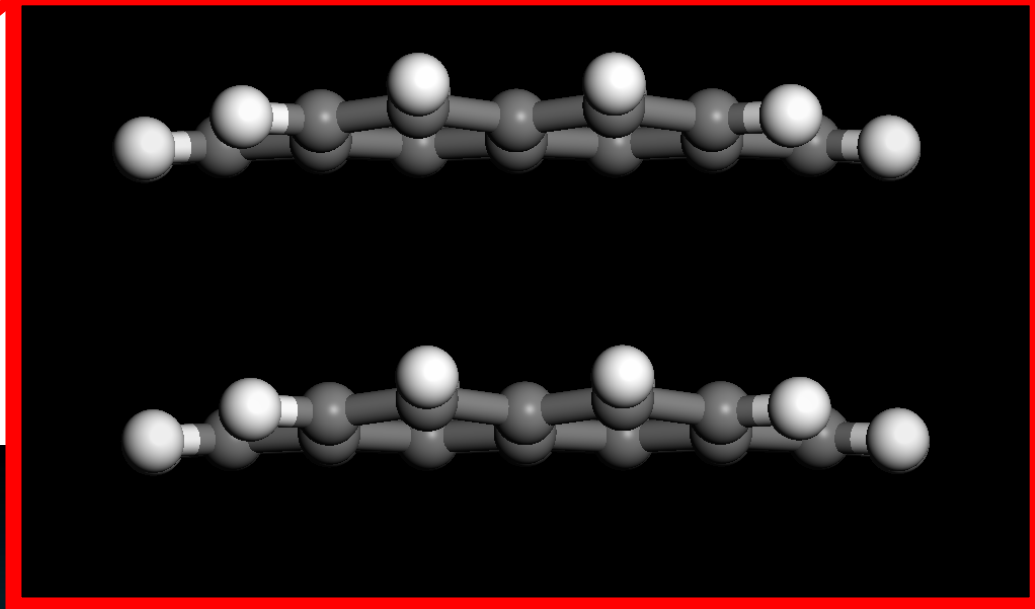
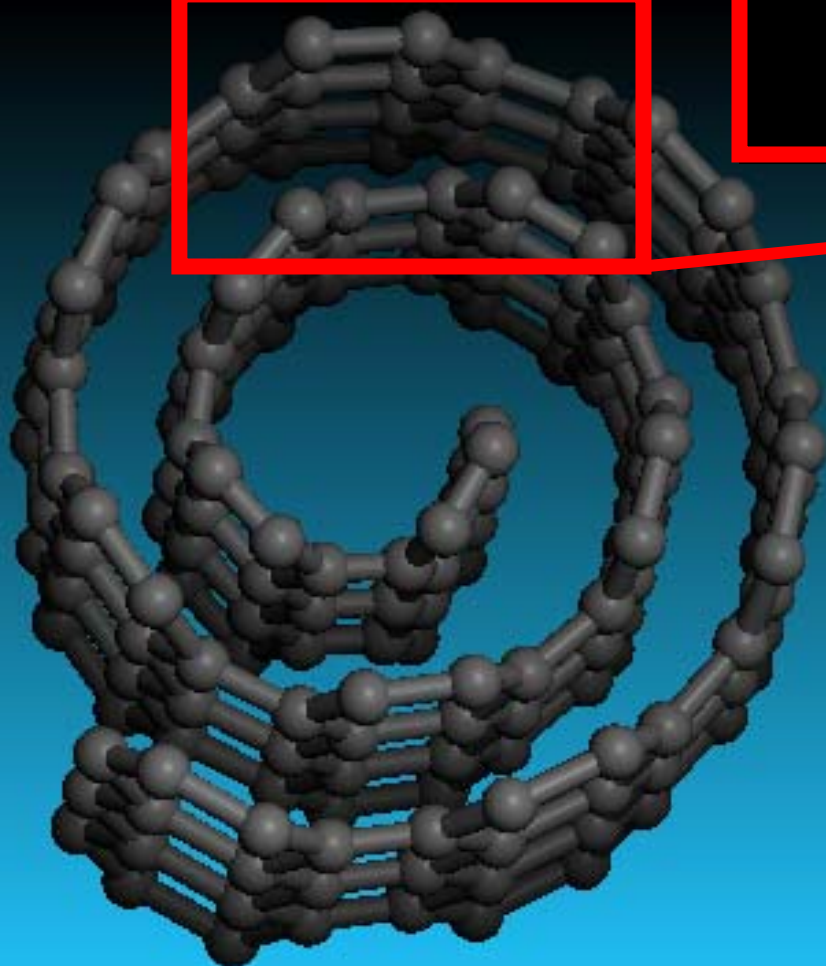
- **Surface**
- **Charge**

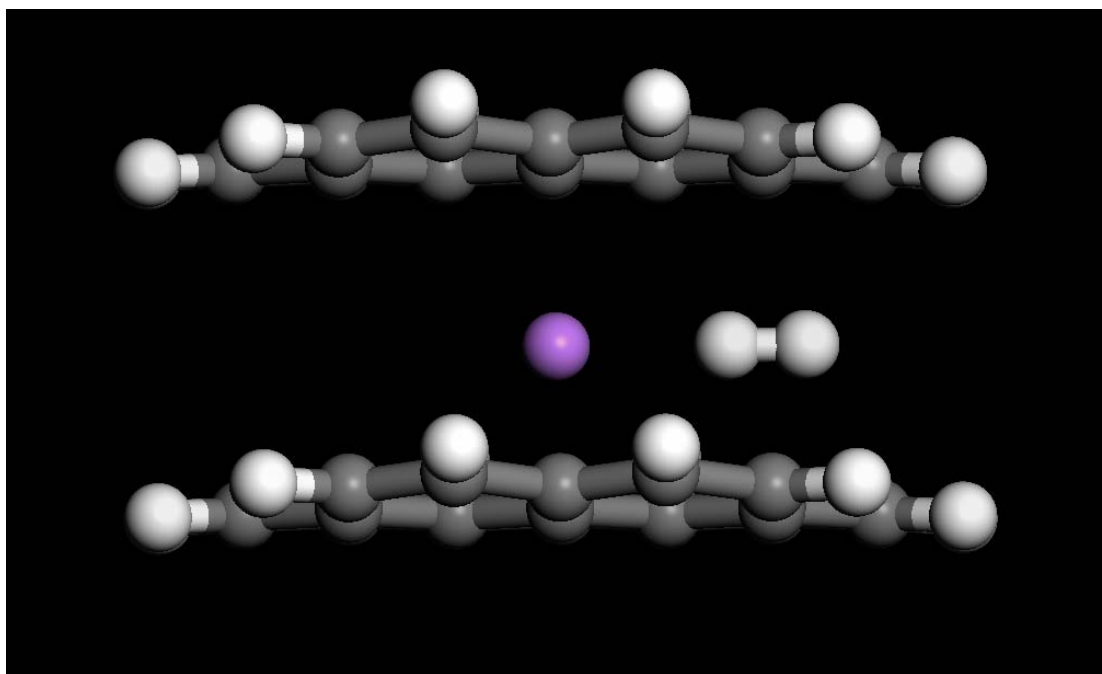
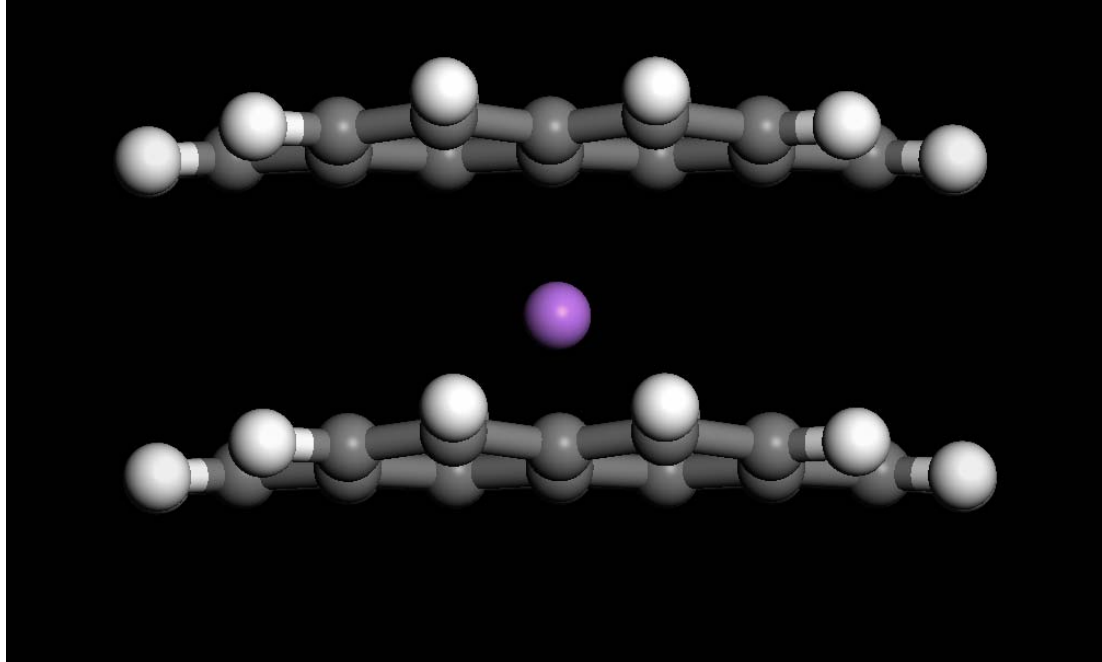
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