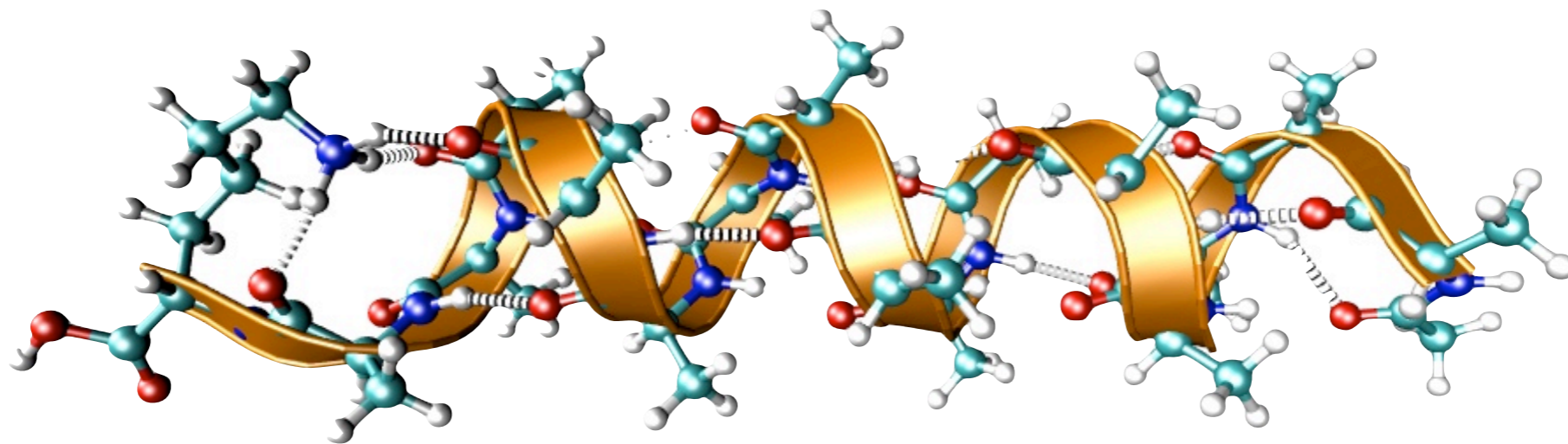


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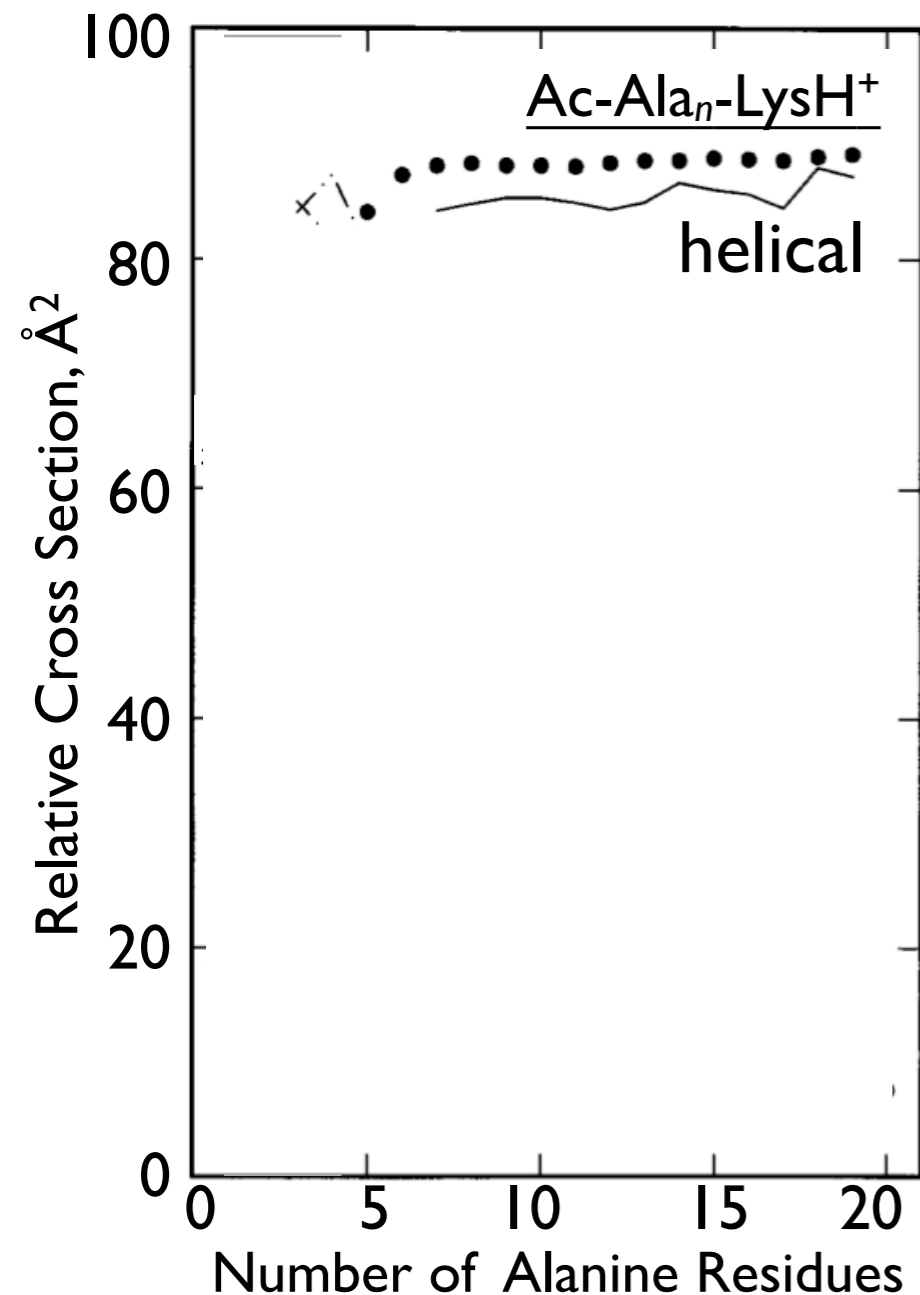


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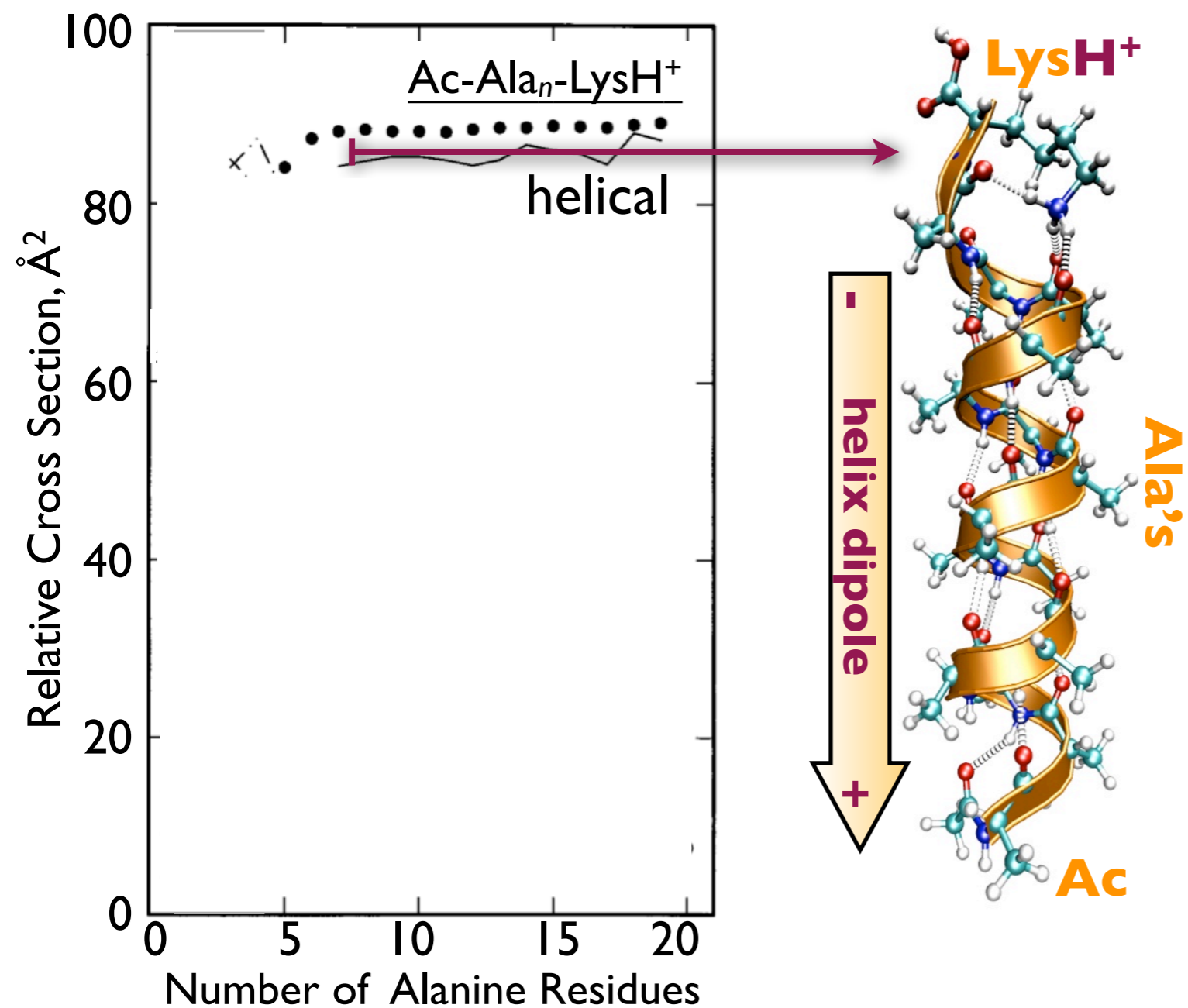


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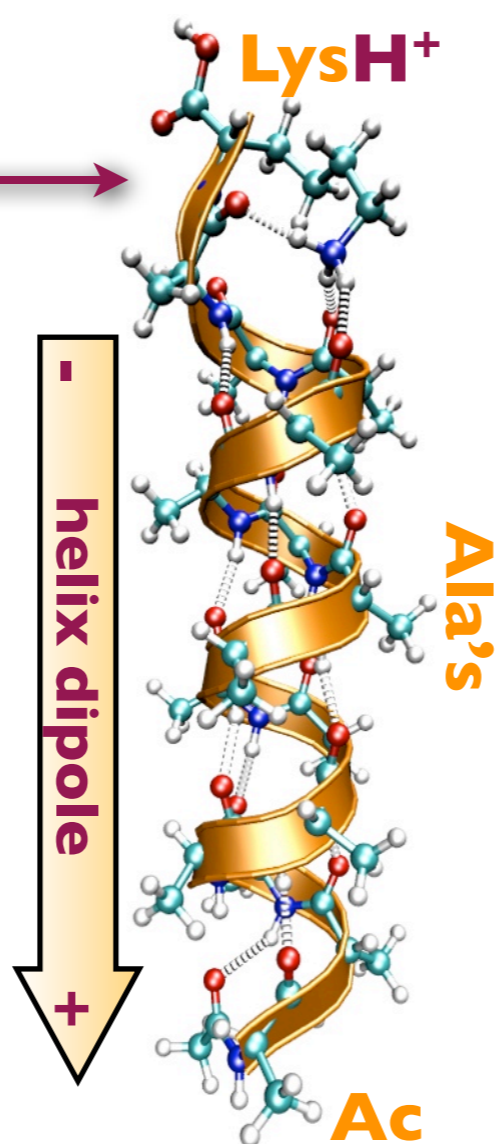
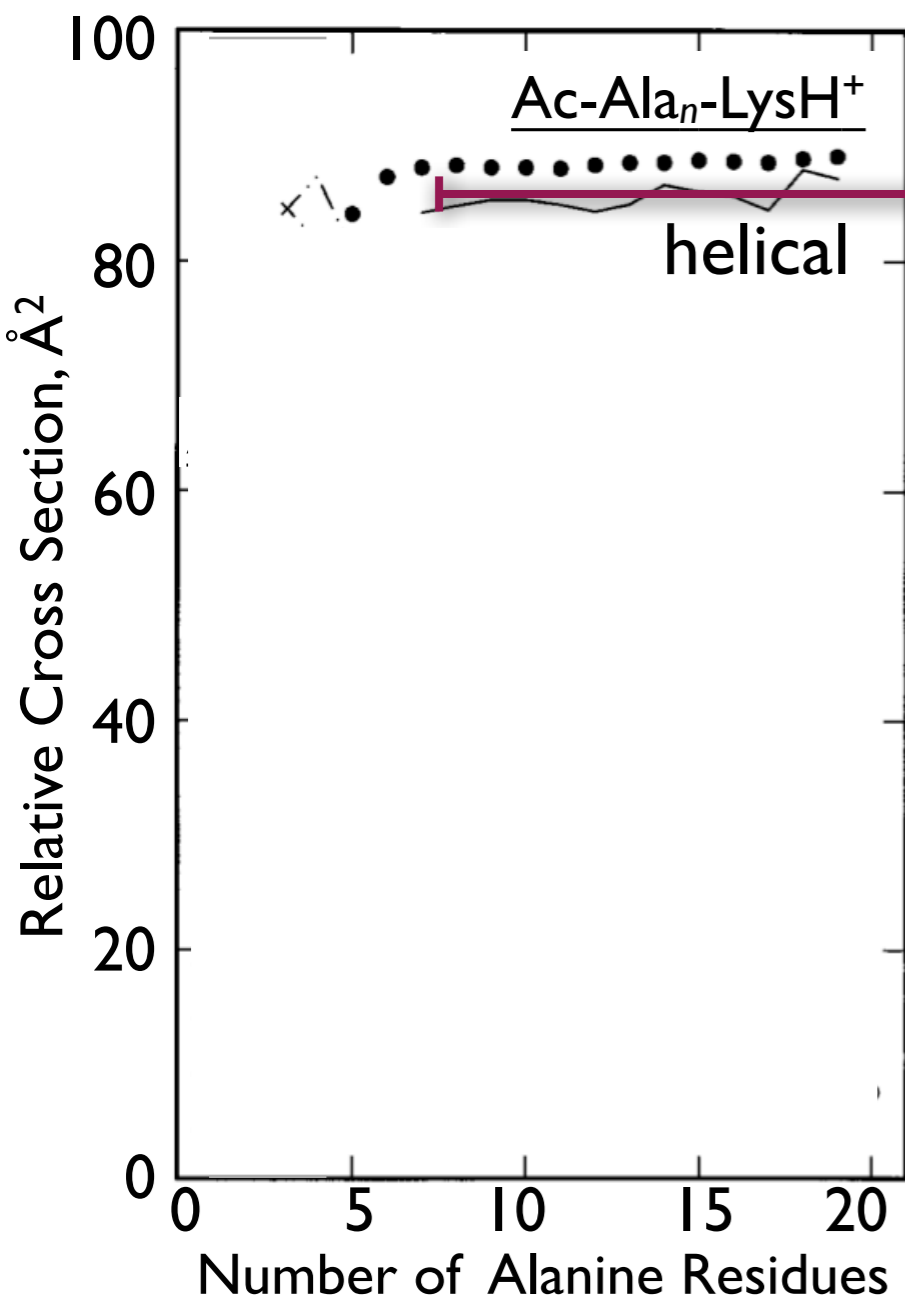


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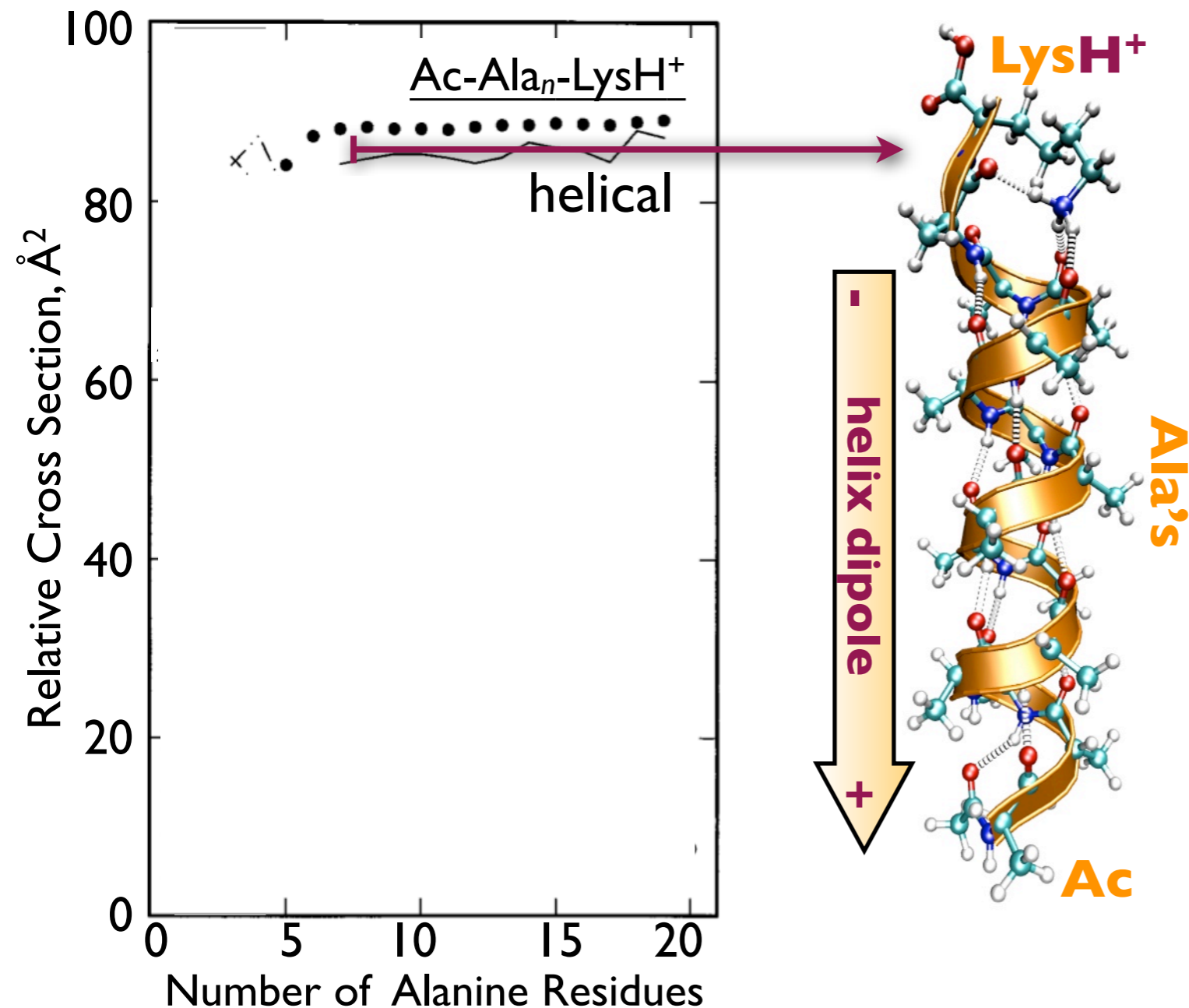
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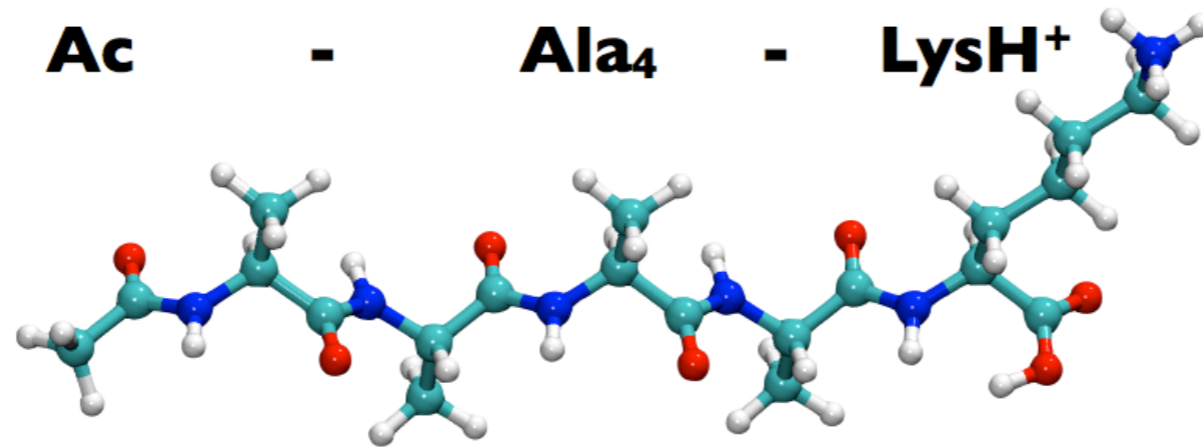
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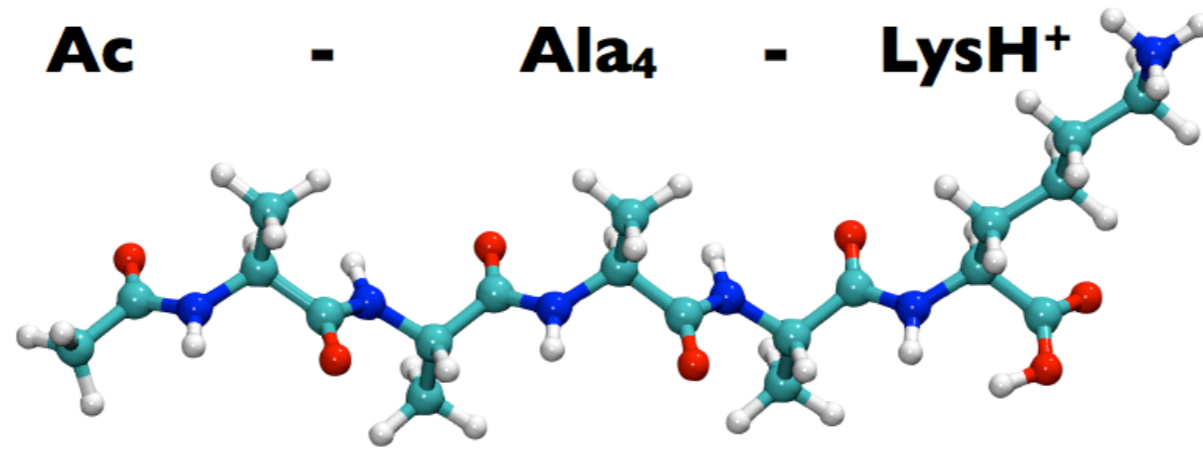
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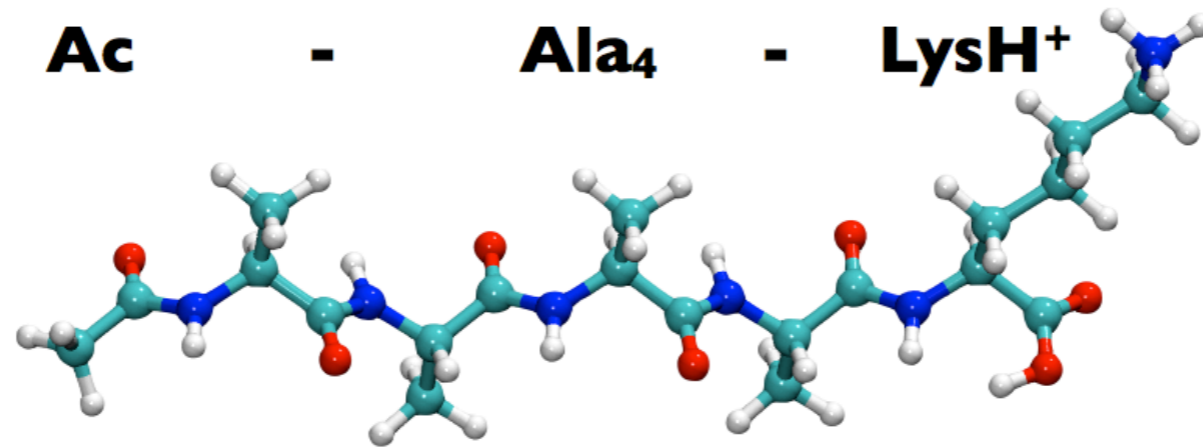
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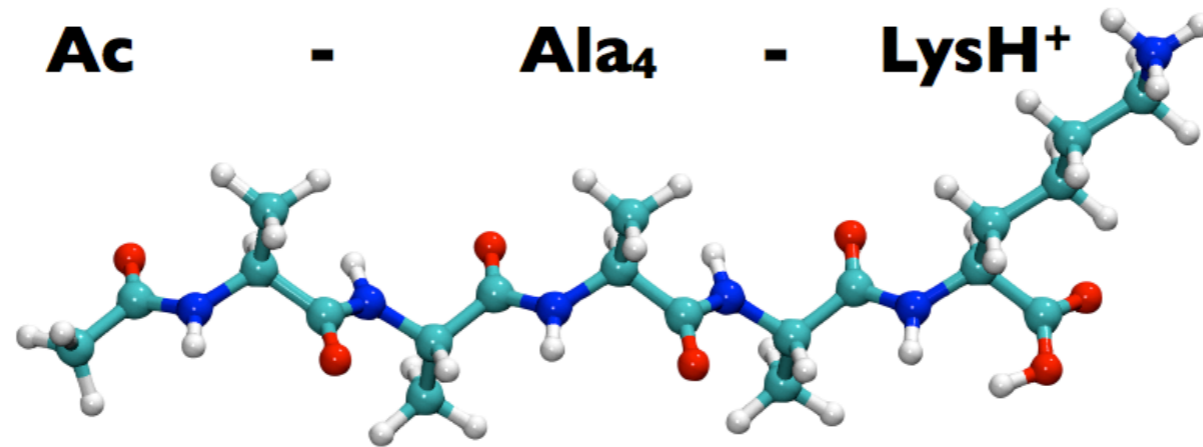
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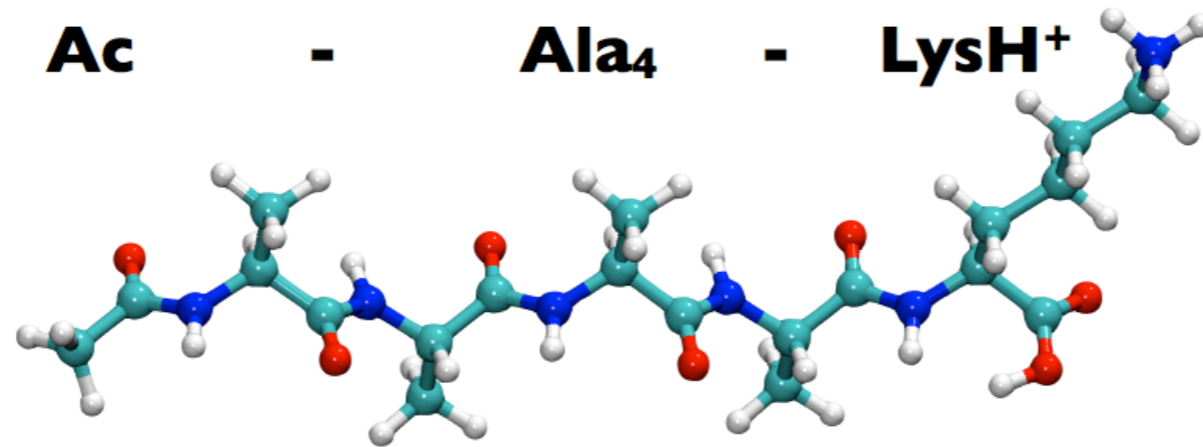
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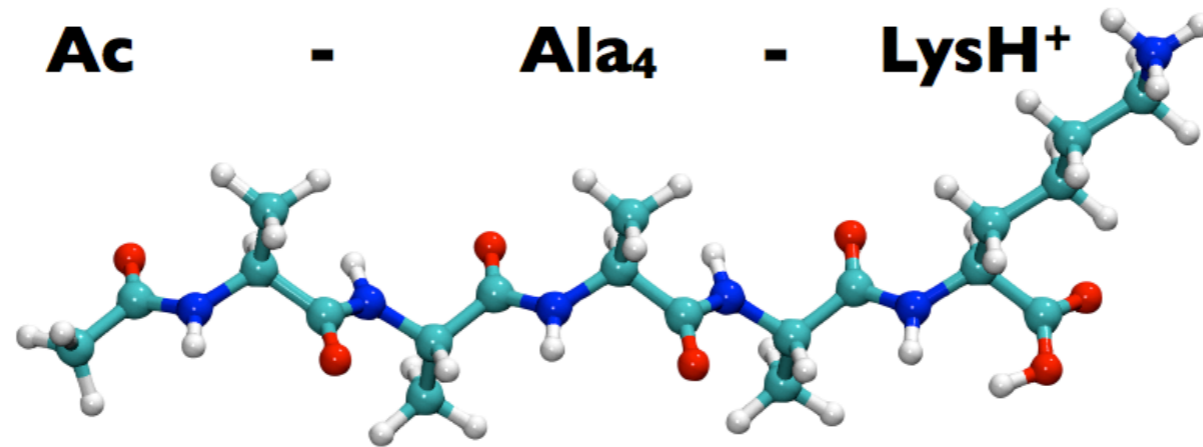
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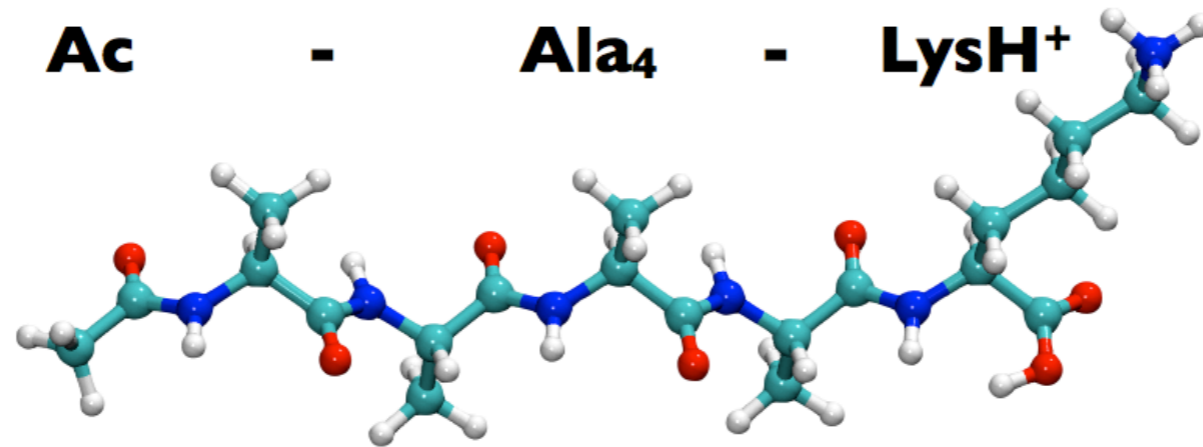
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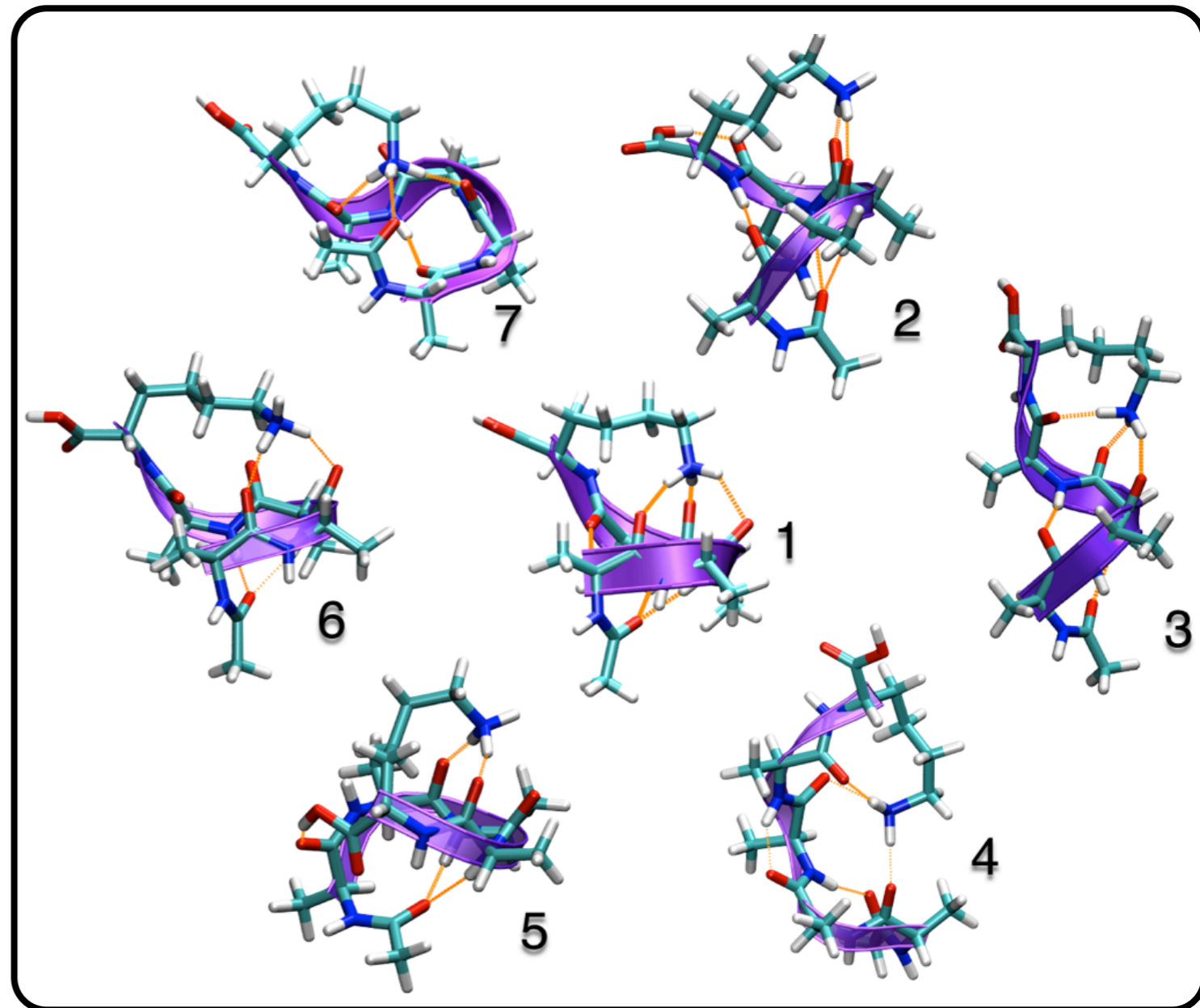
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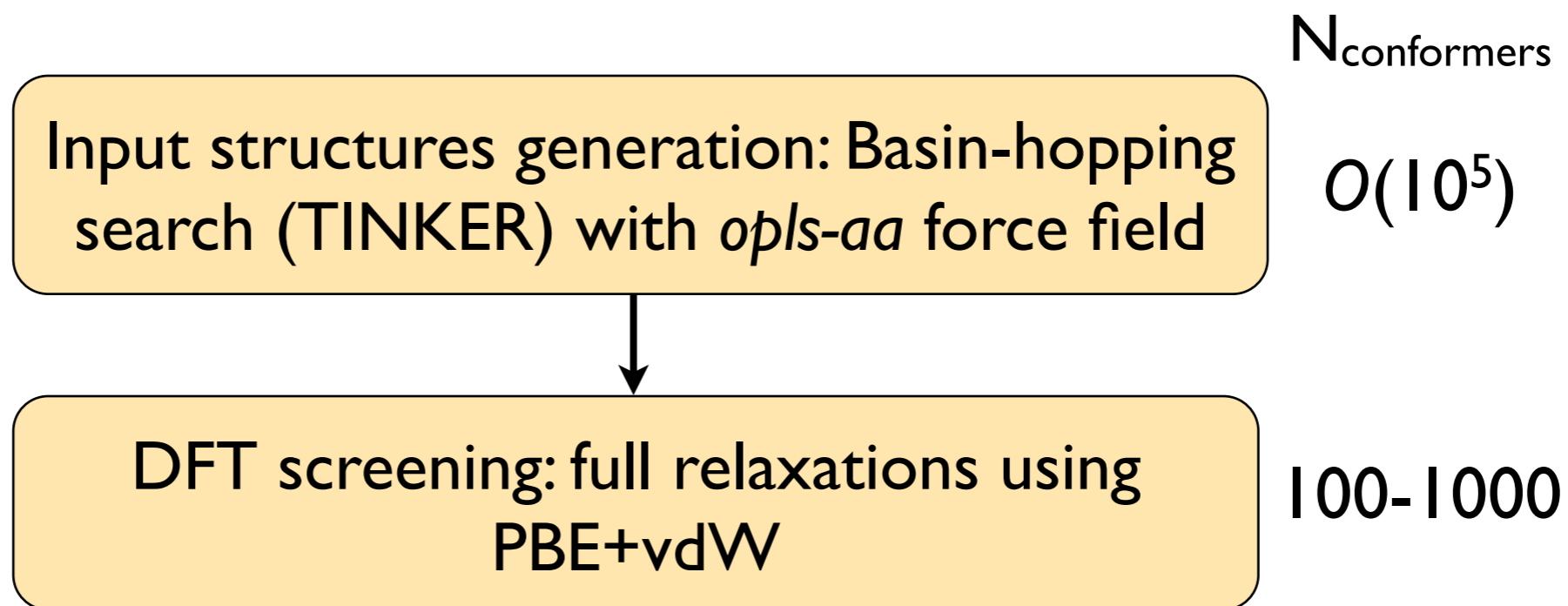
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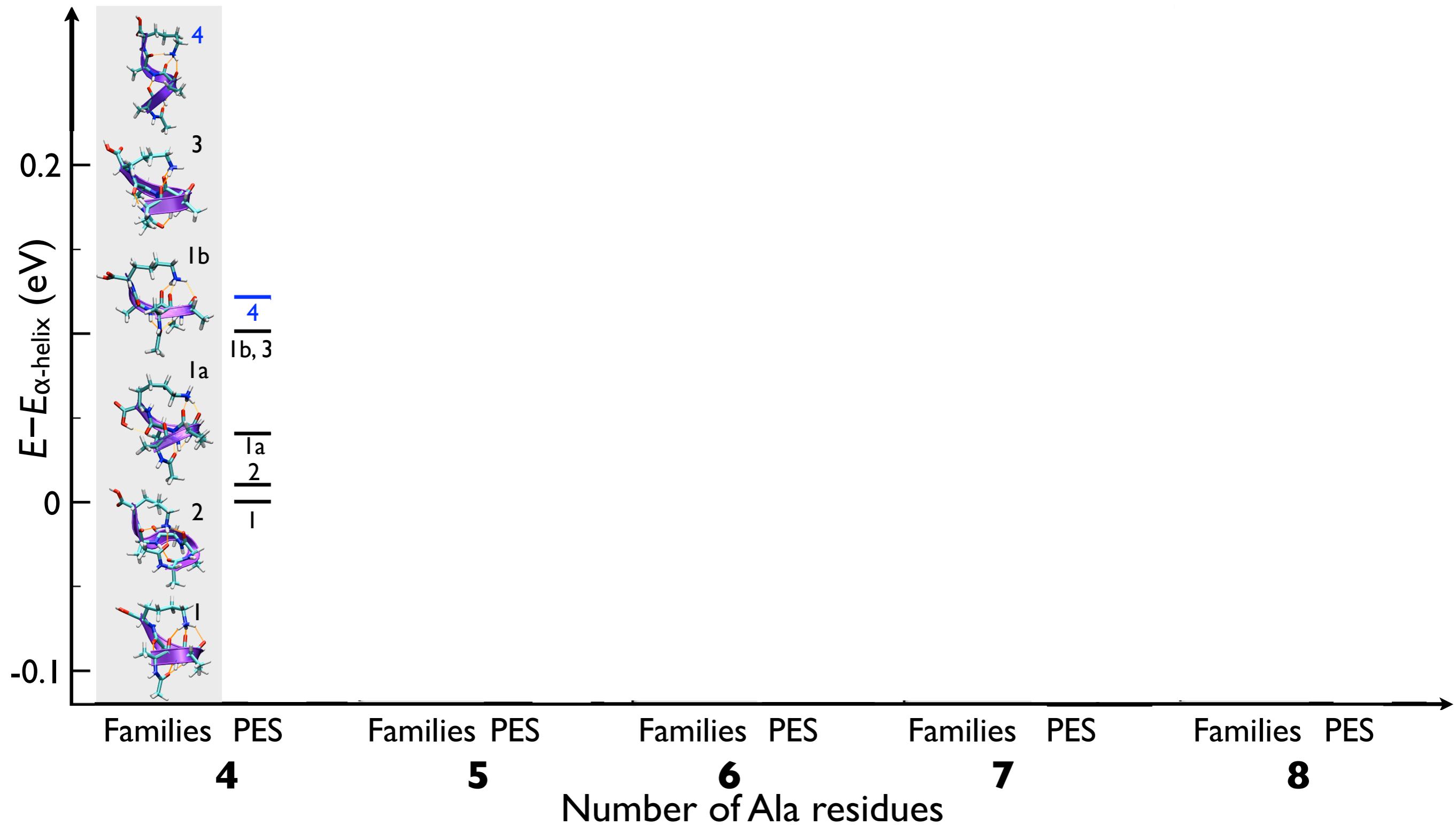
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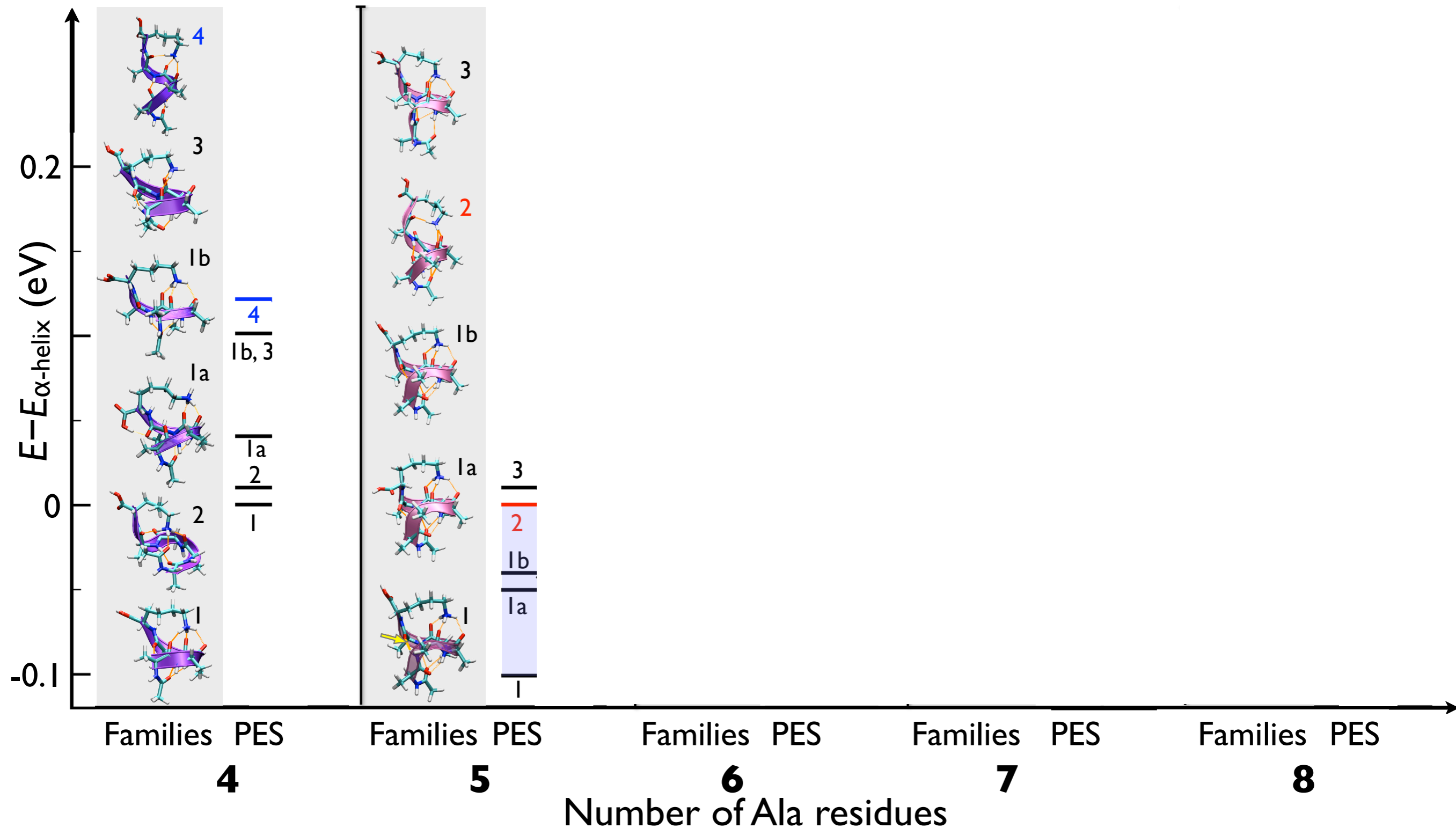
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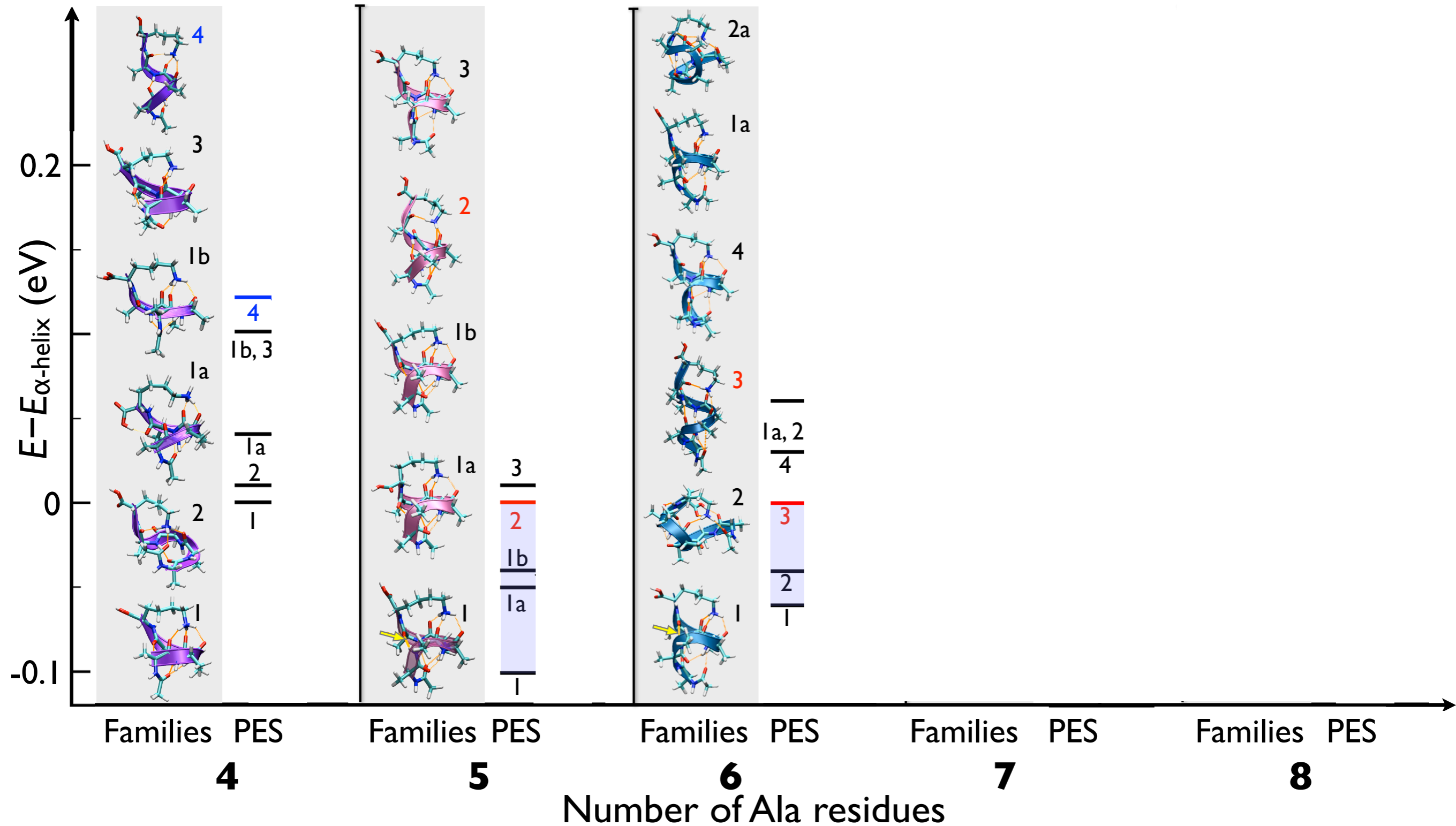
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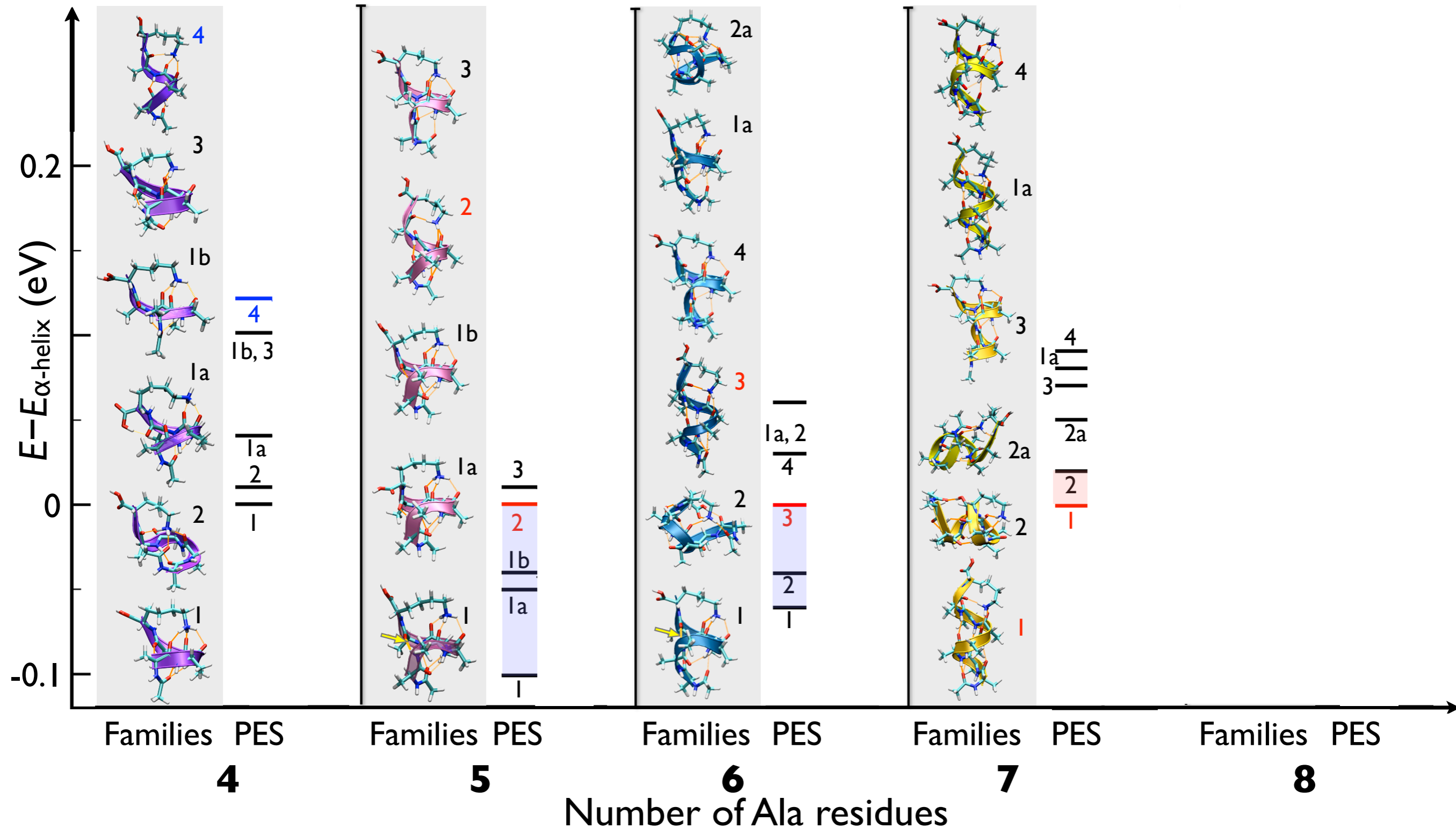
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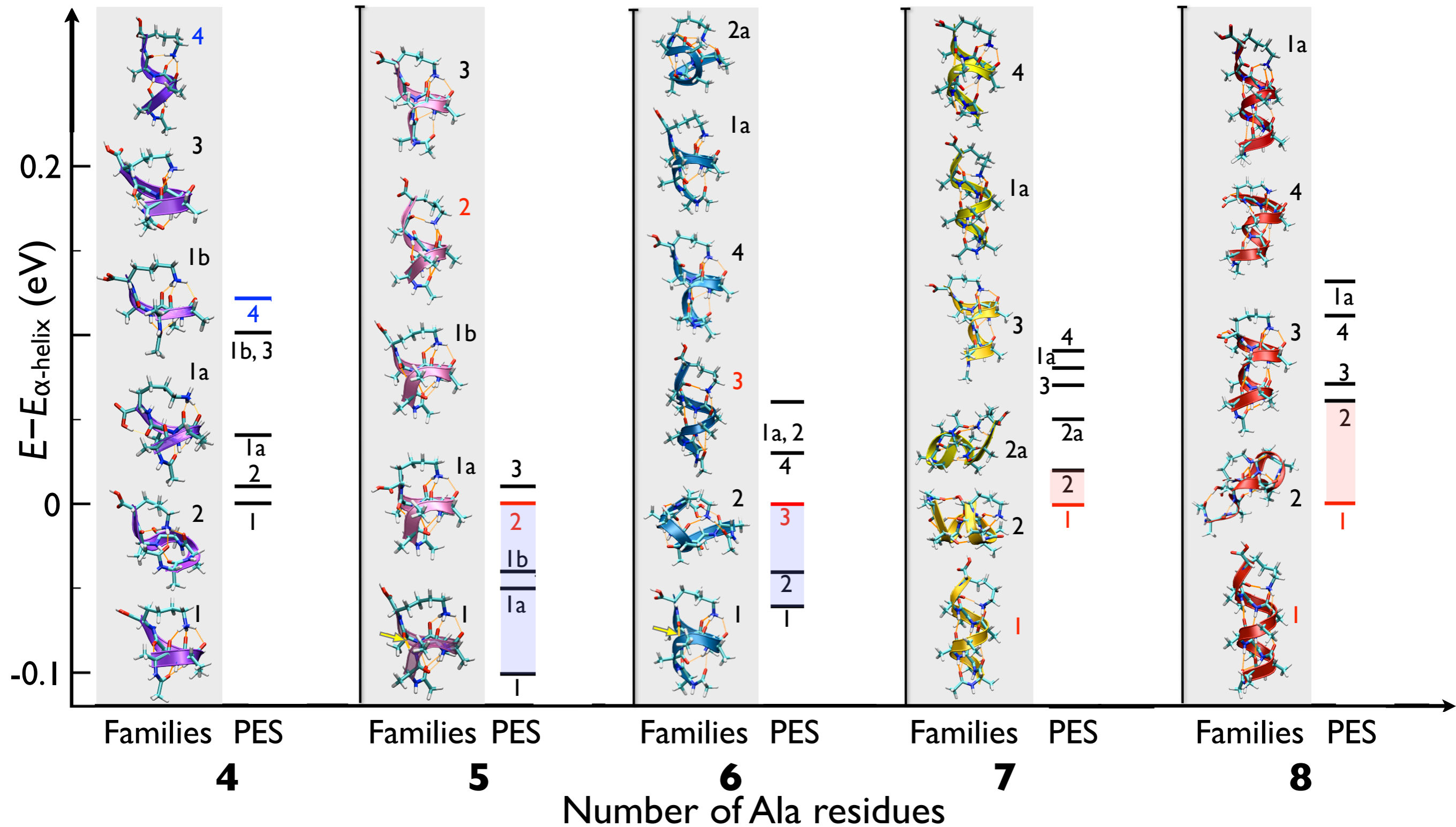
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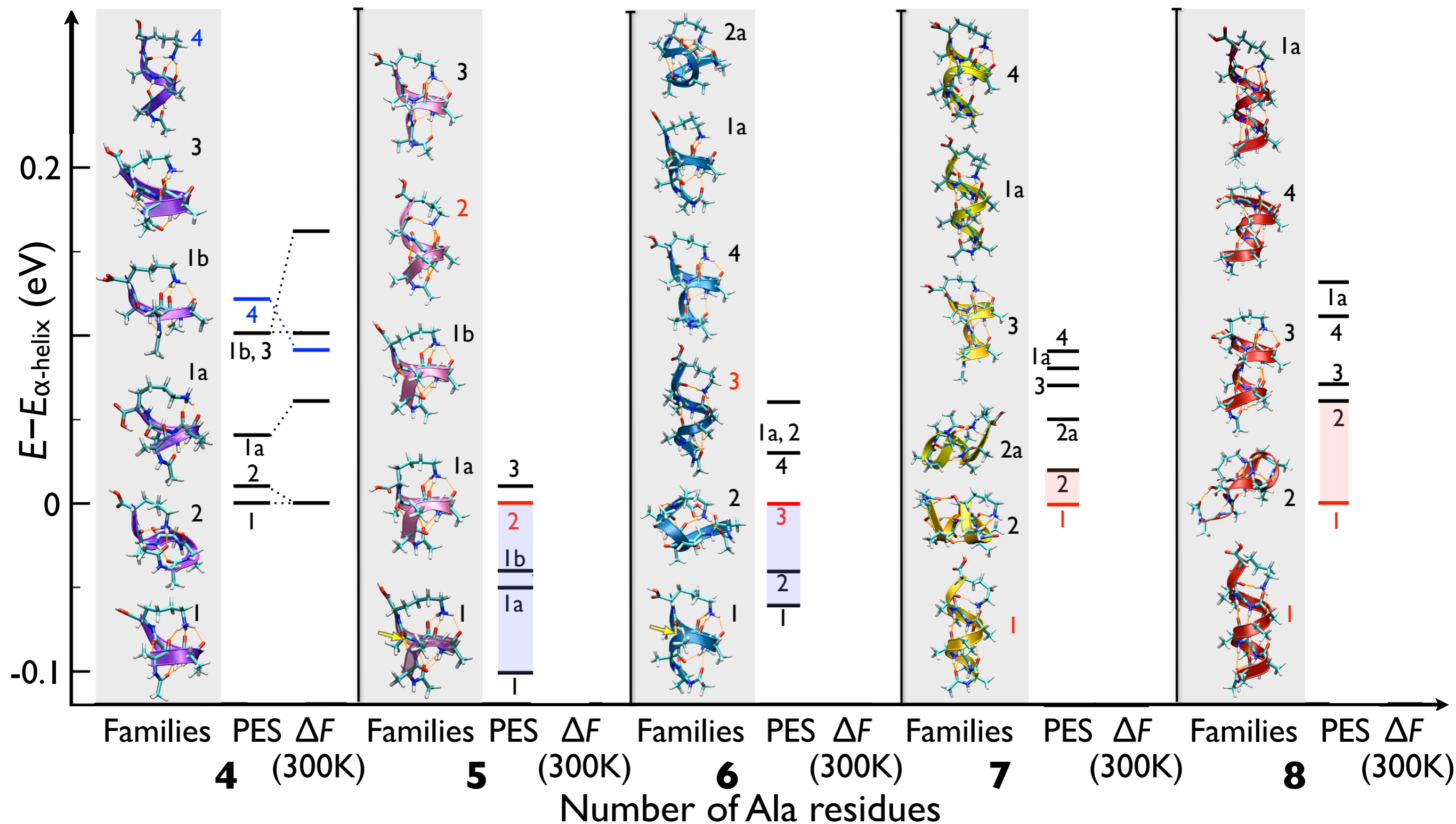
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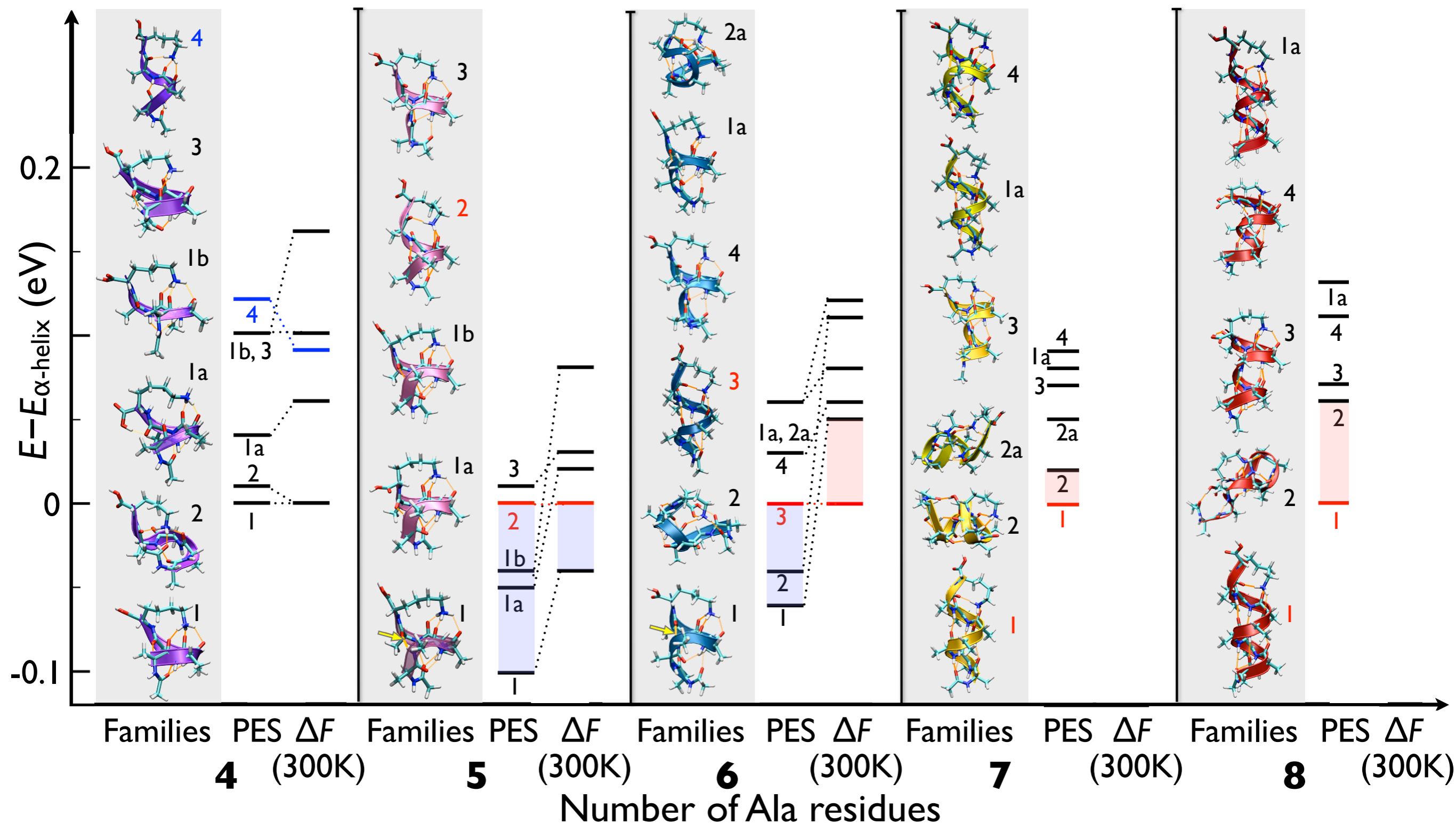
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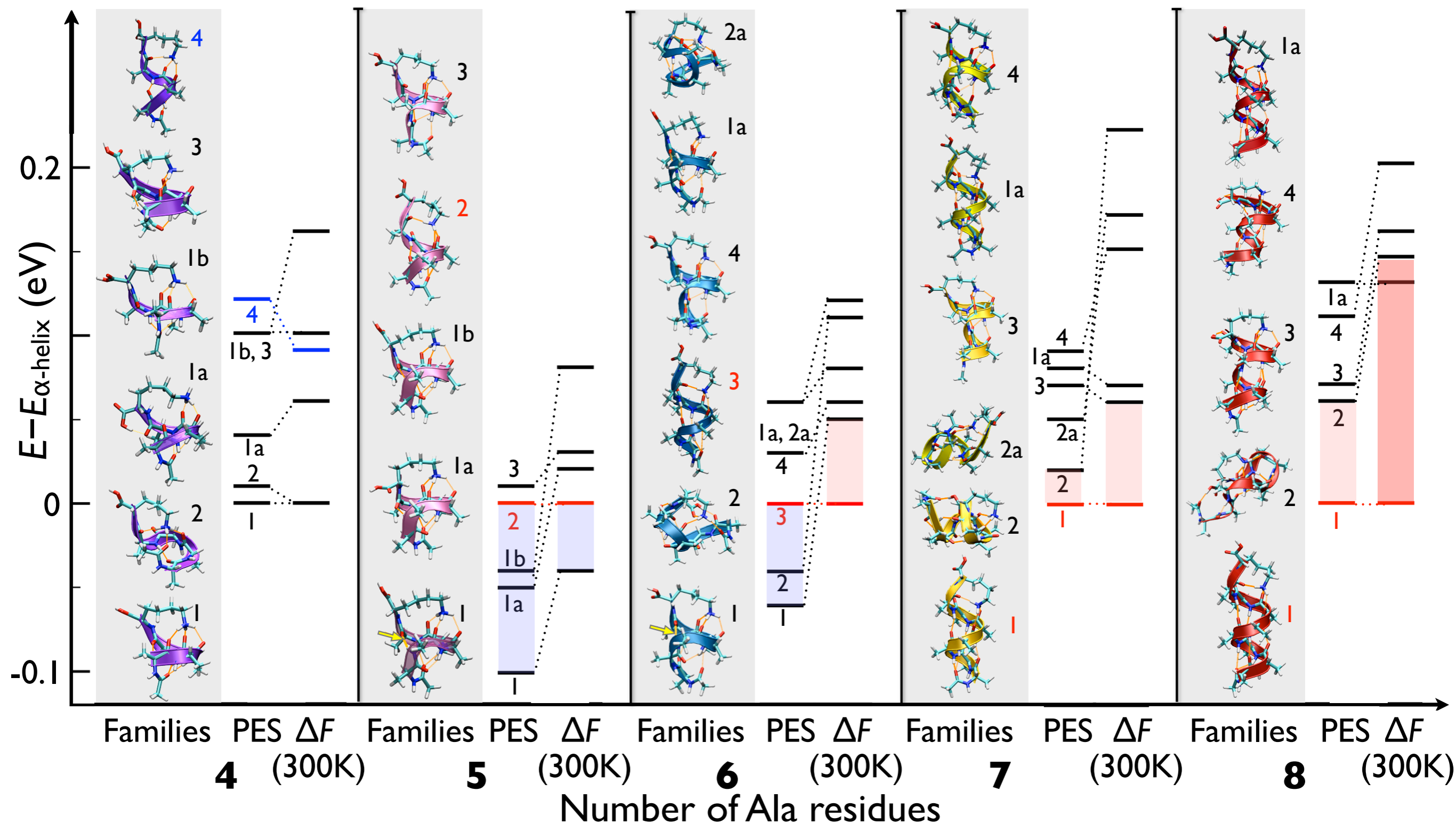
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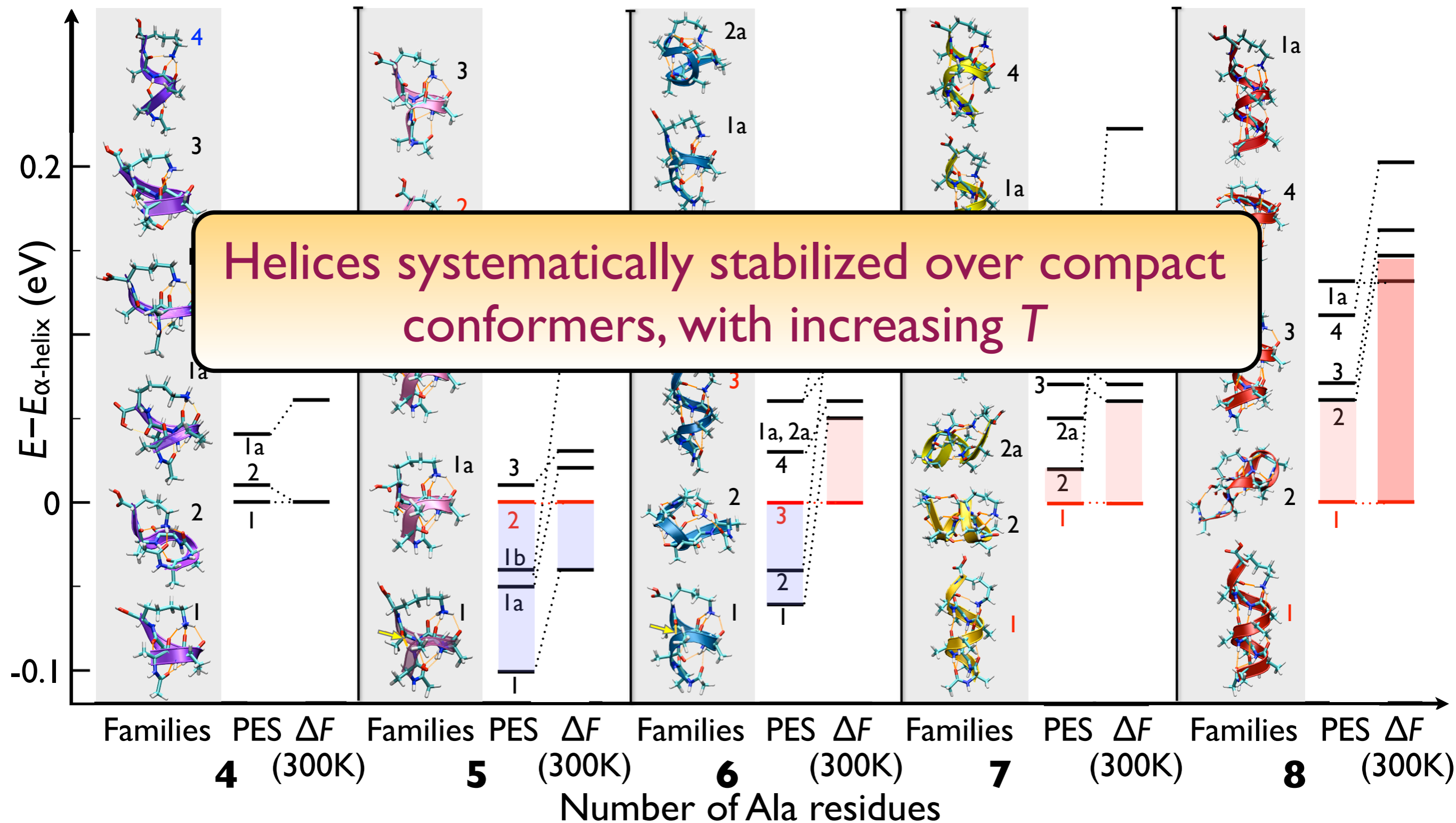
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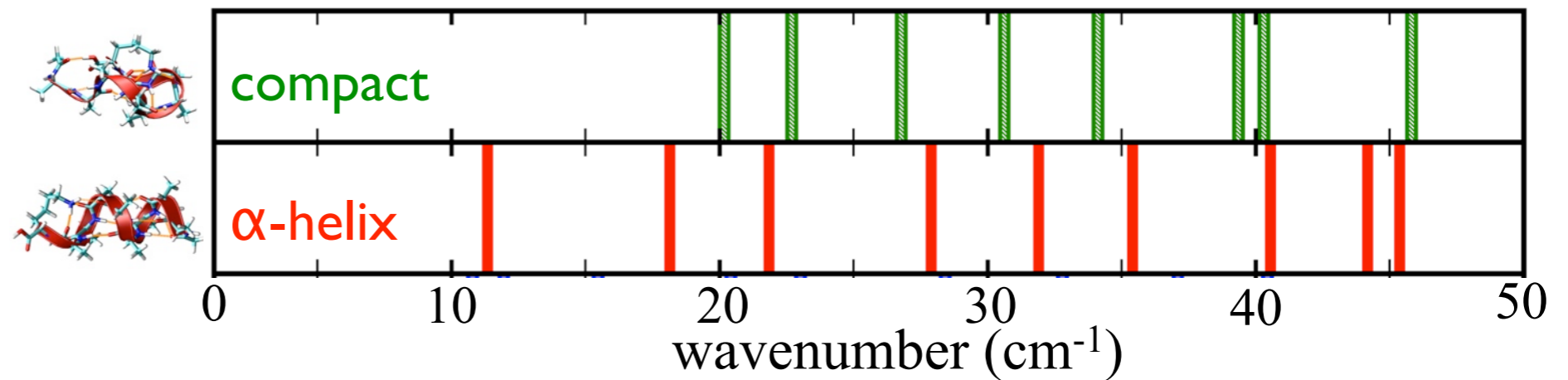
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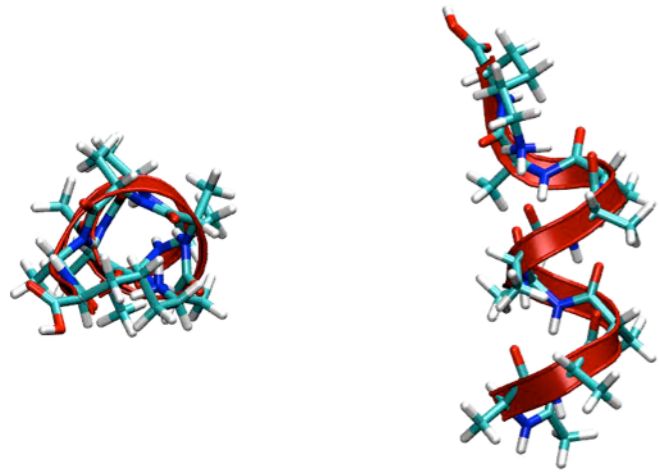
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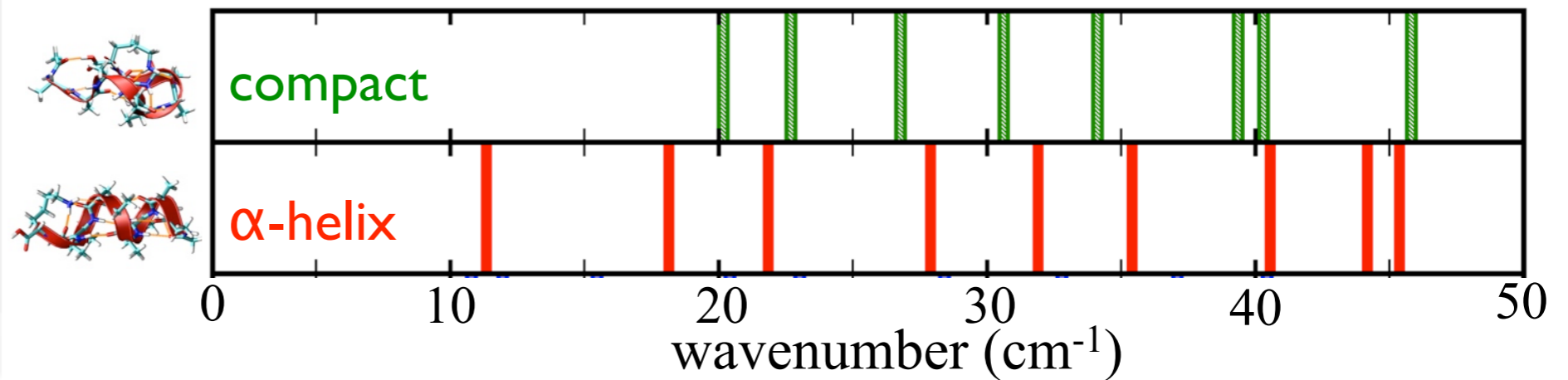


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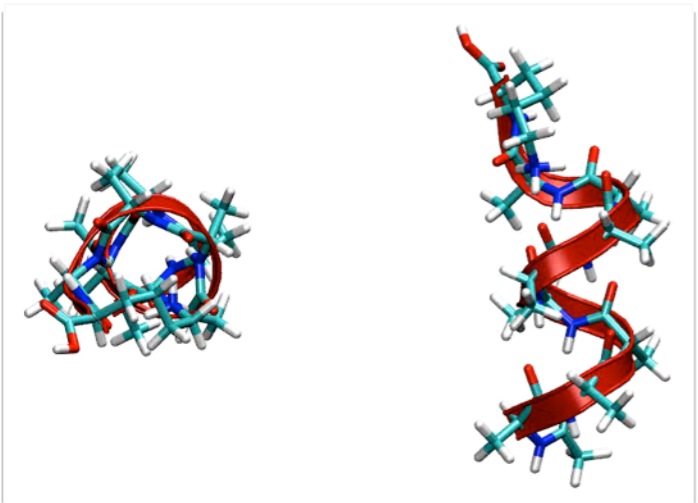


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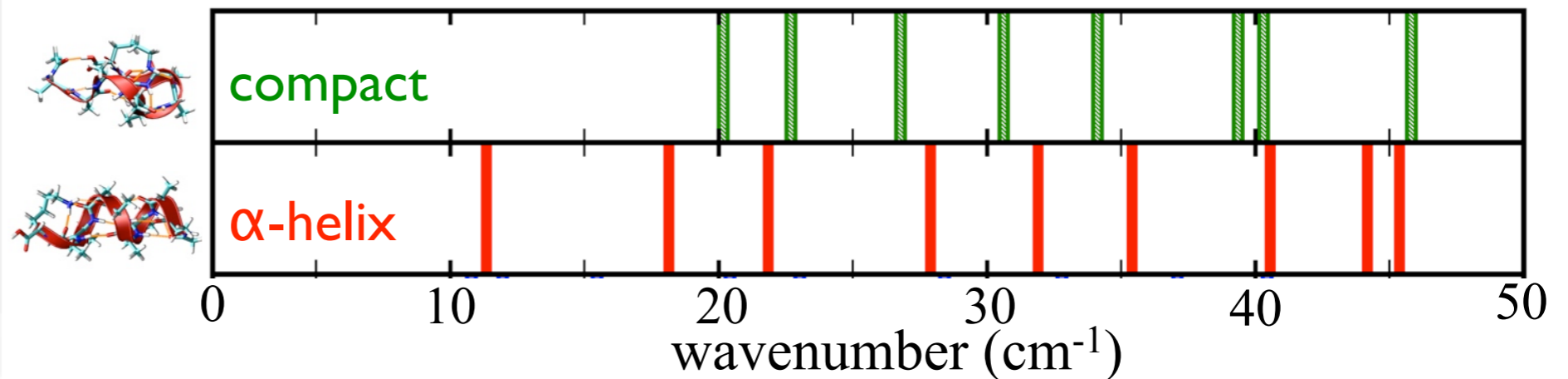


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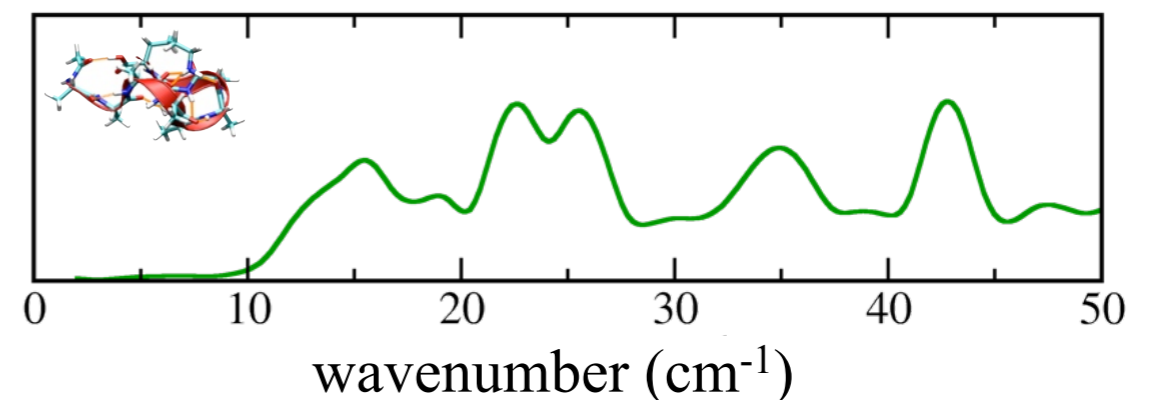
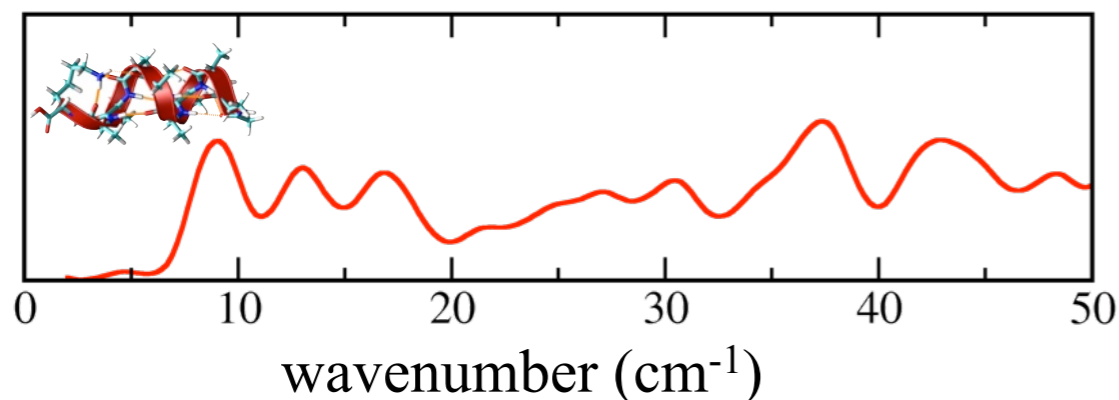


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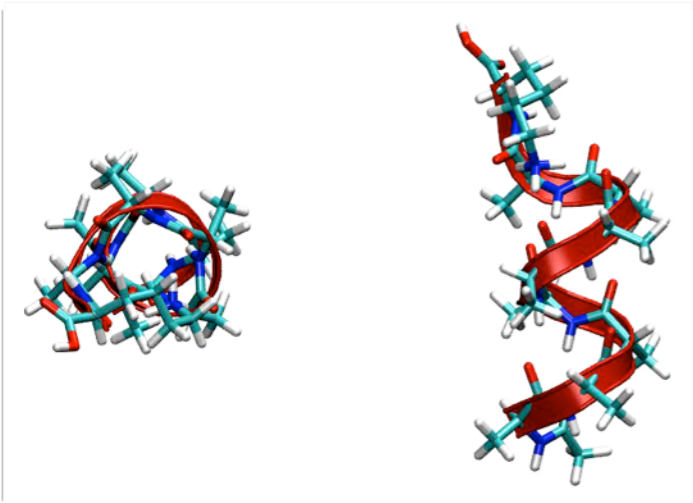
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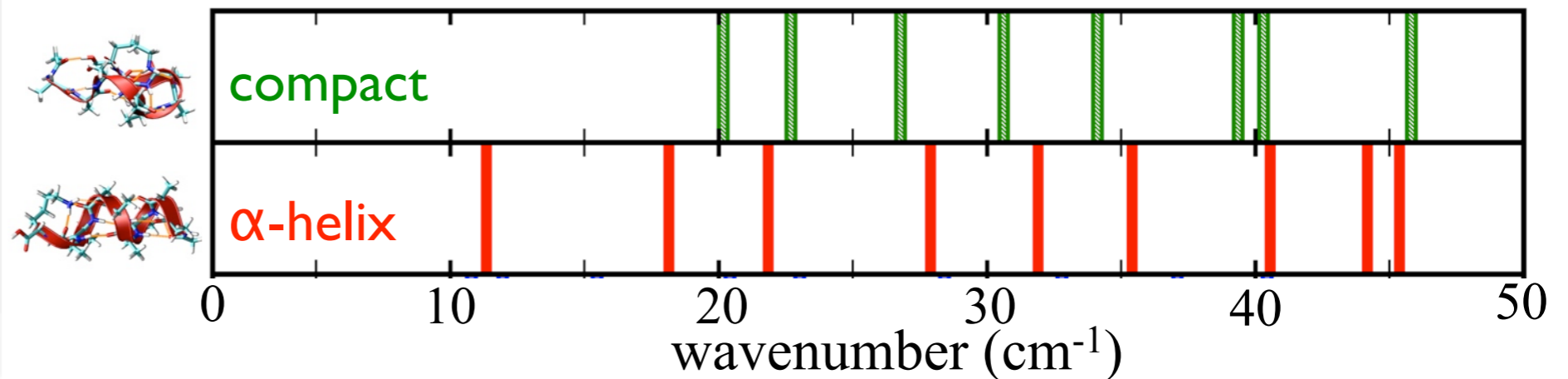


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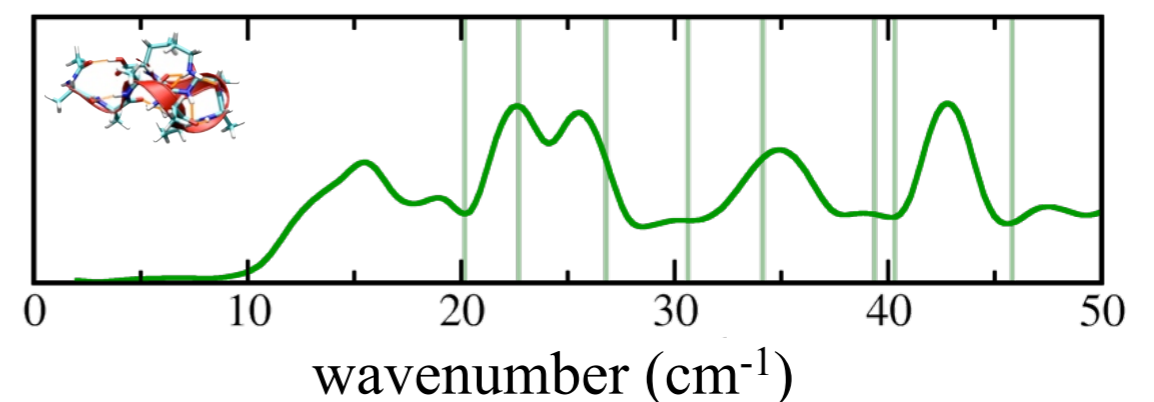
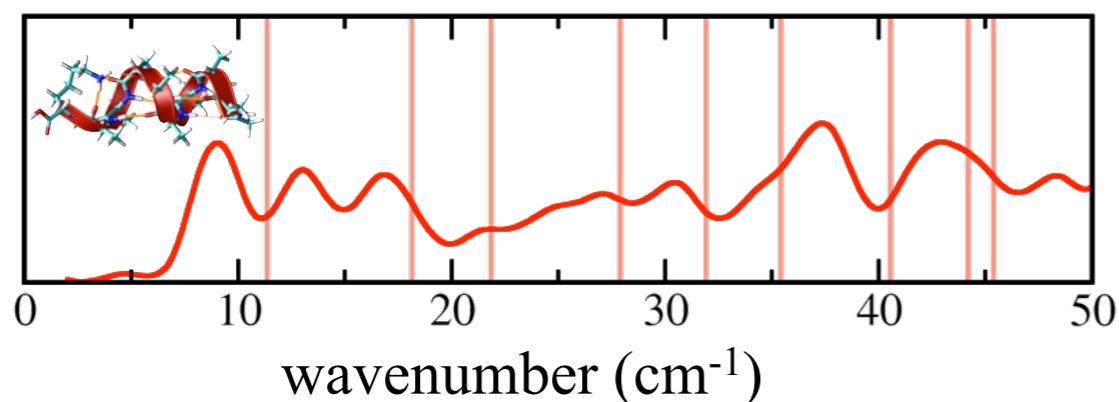
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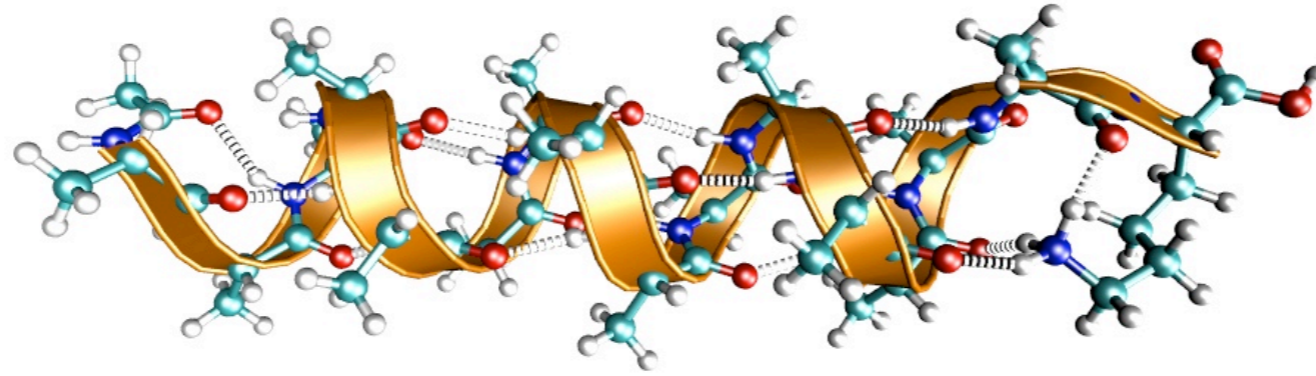
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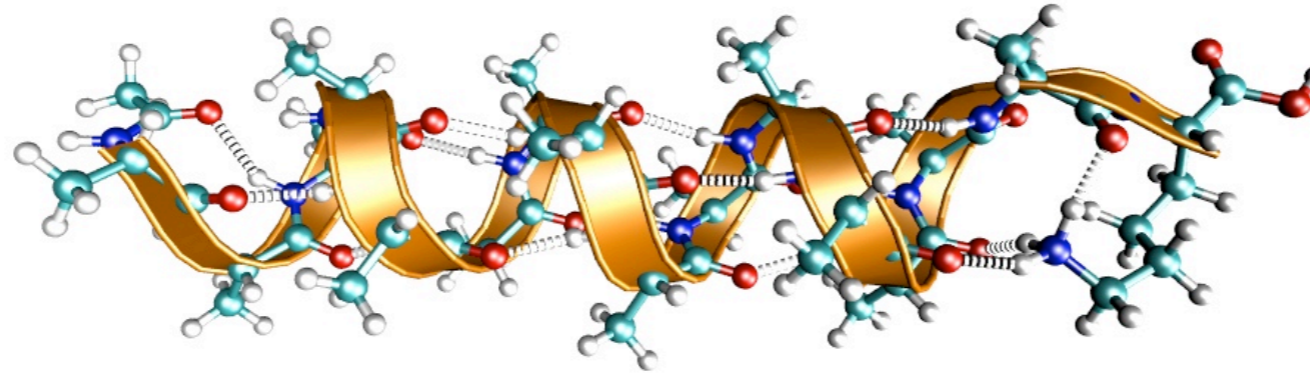


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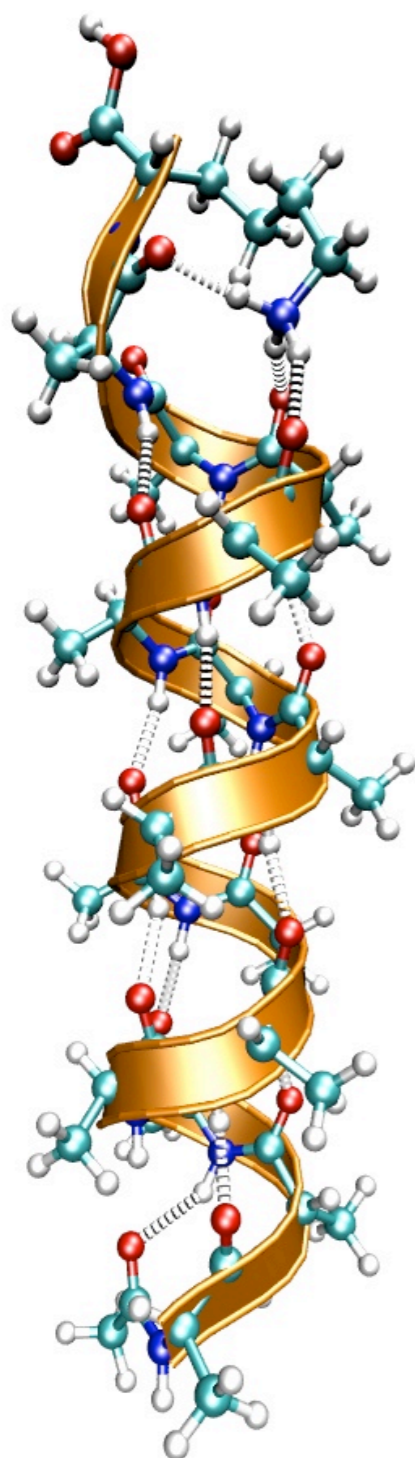
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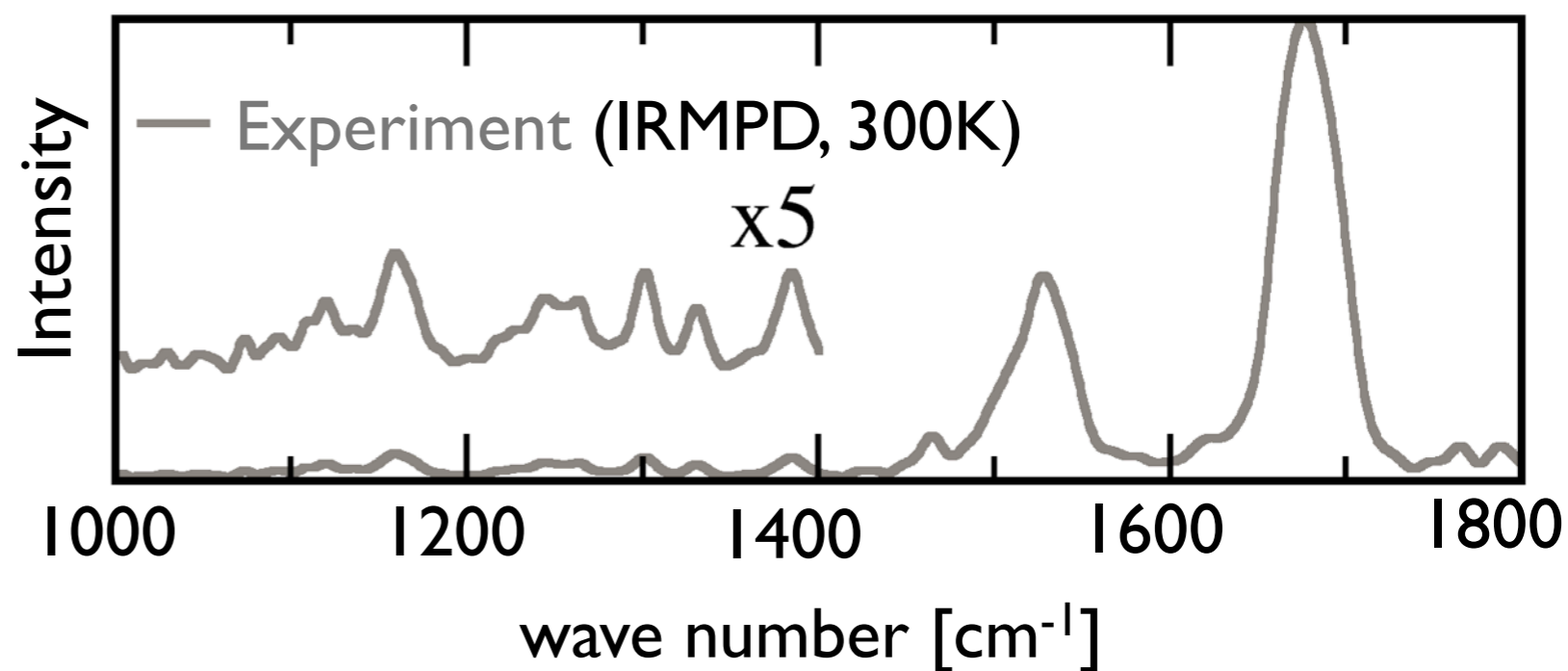
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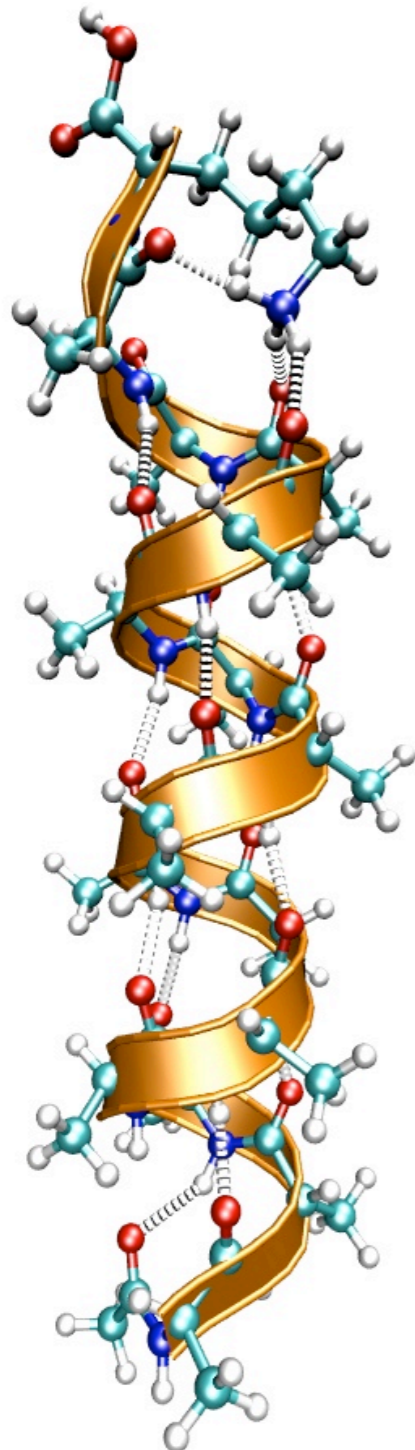
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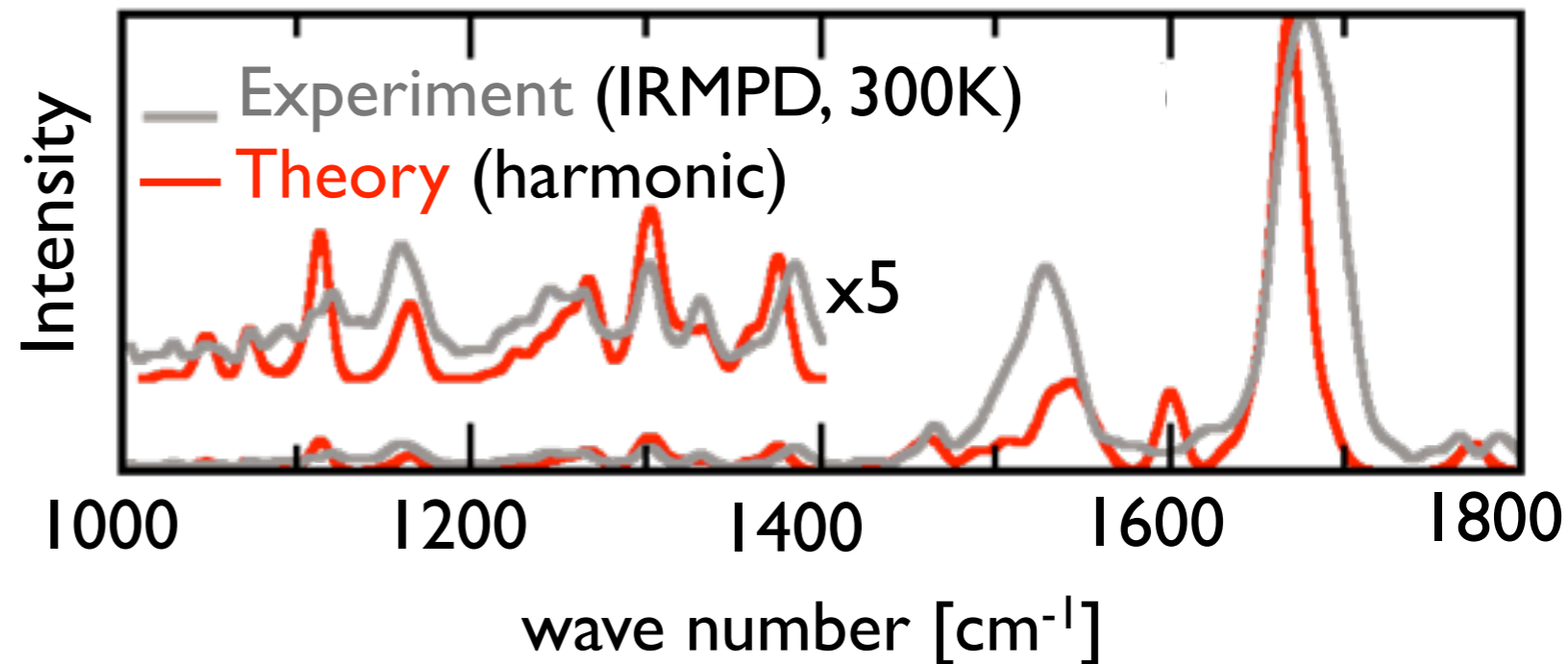
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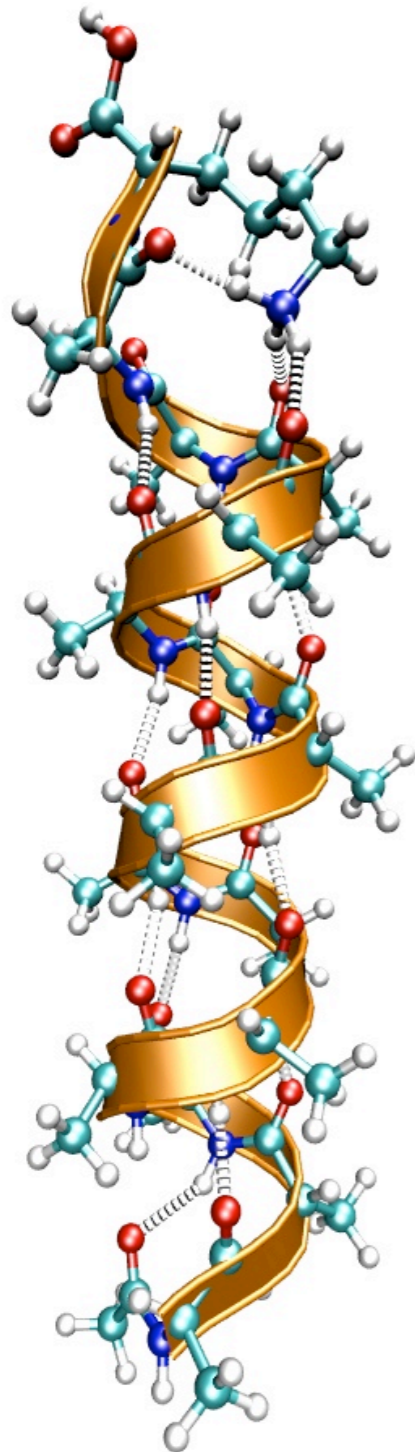
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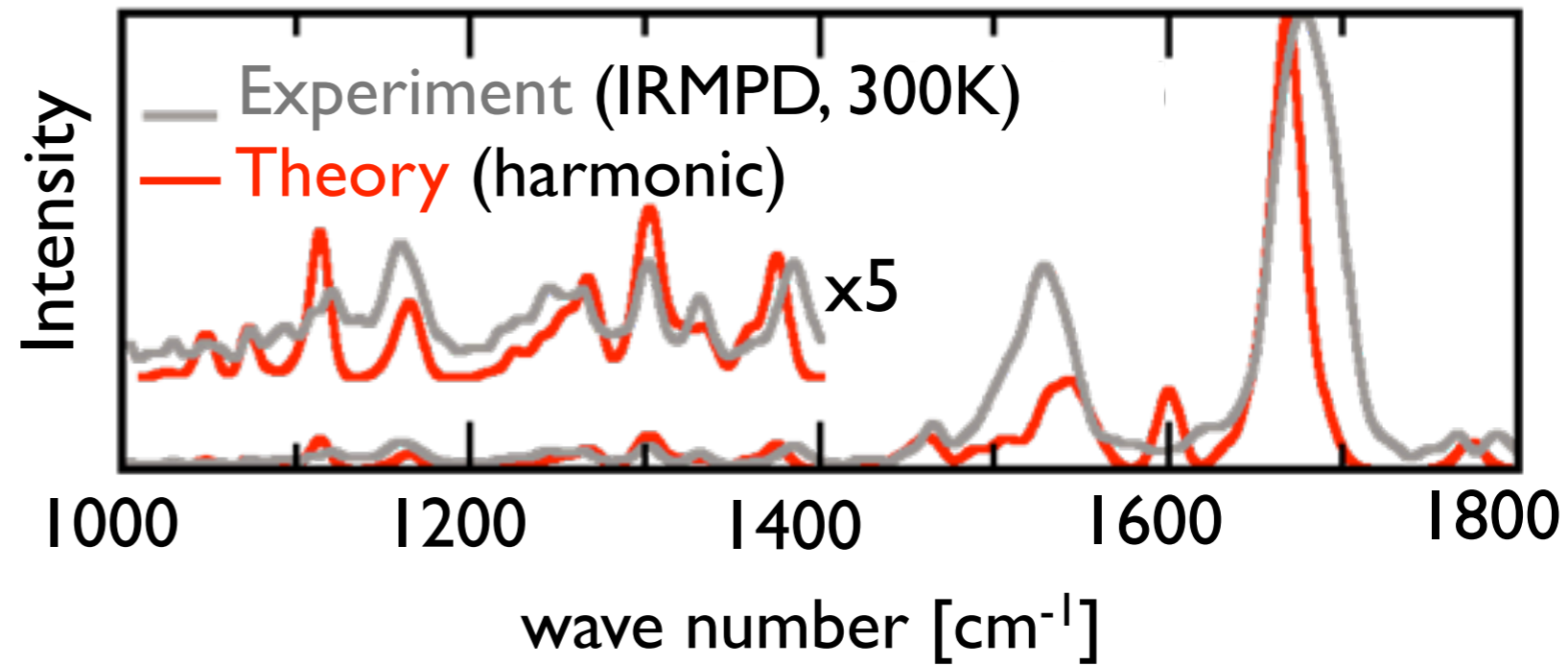


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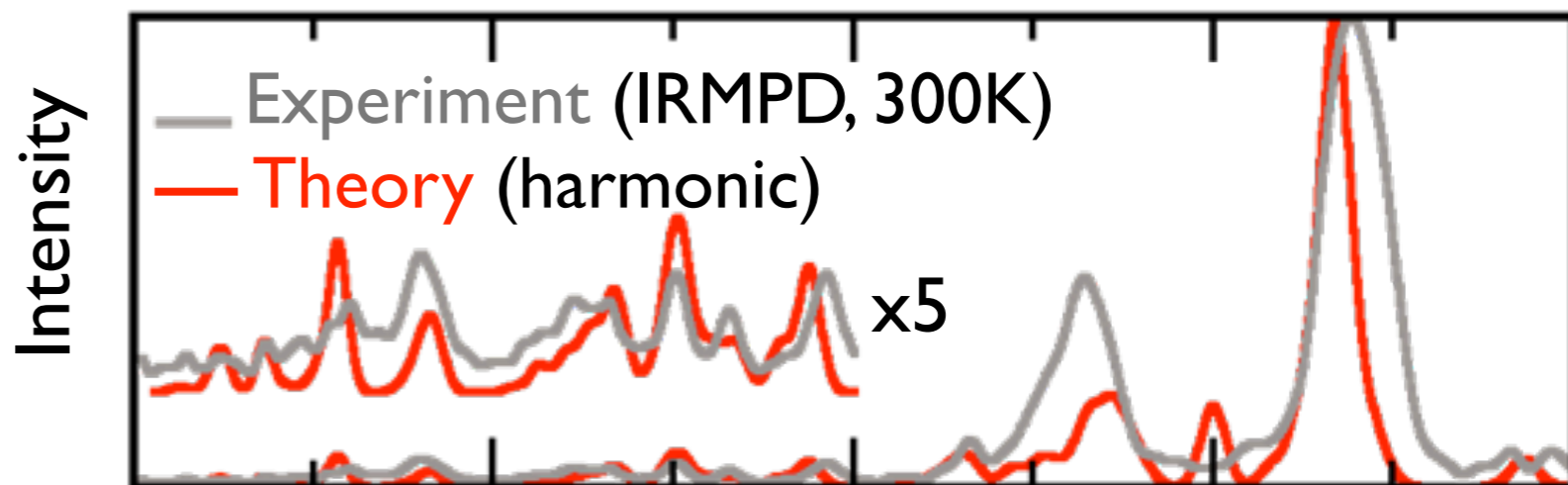


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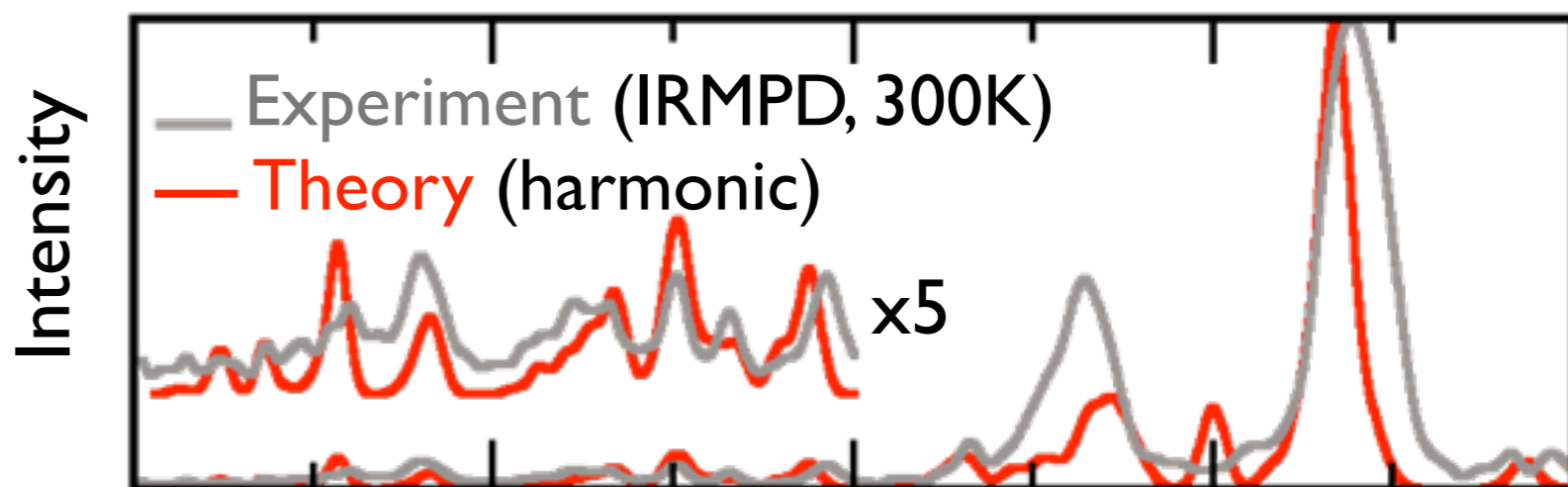
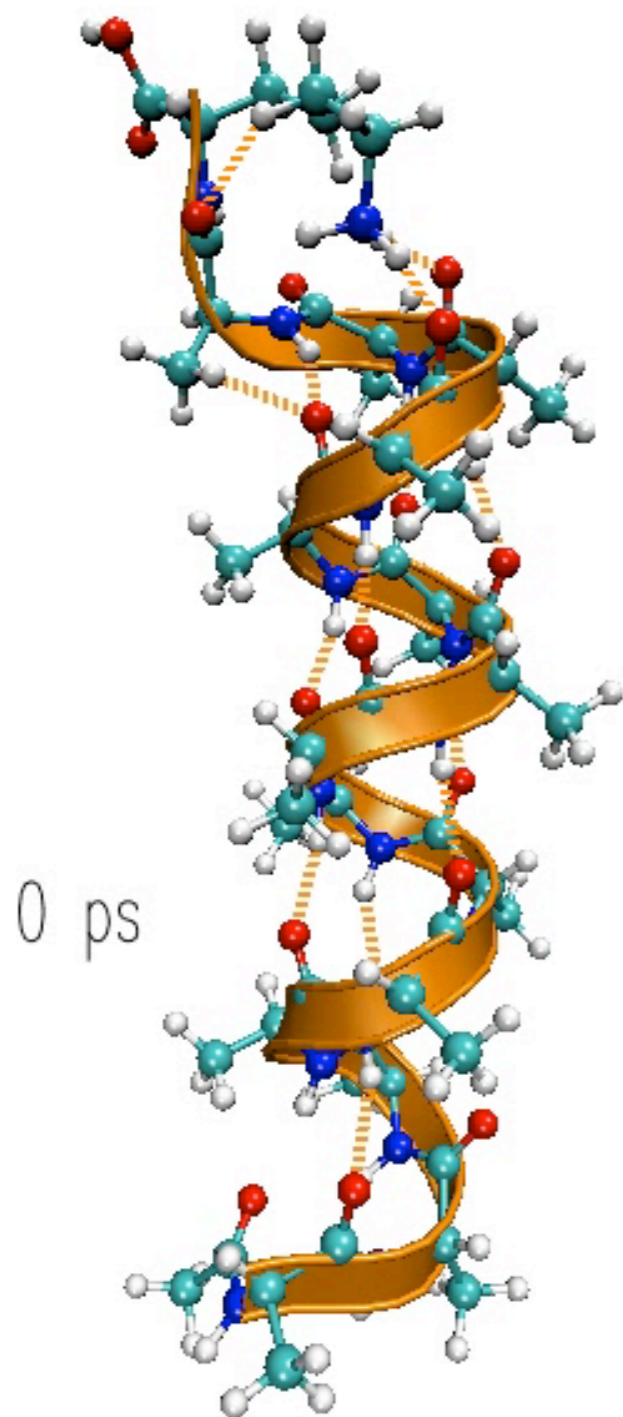
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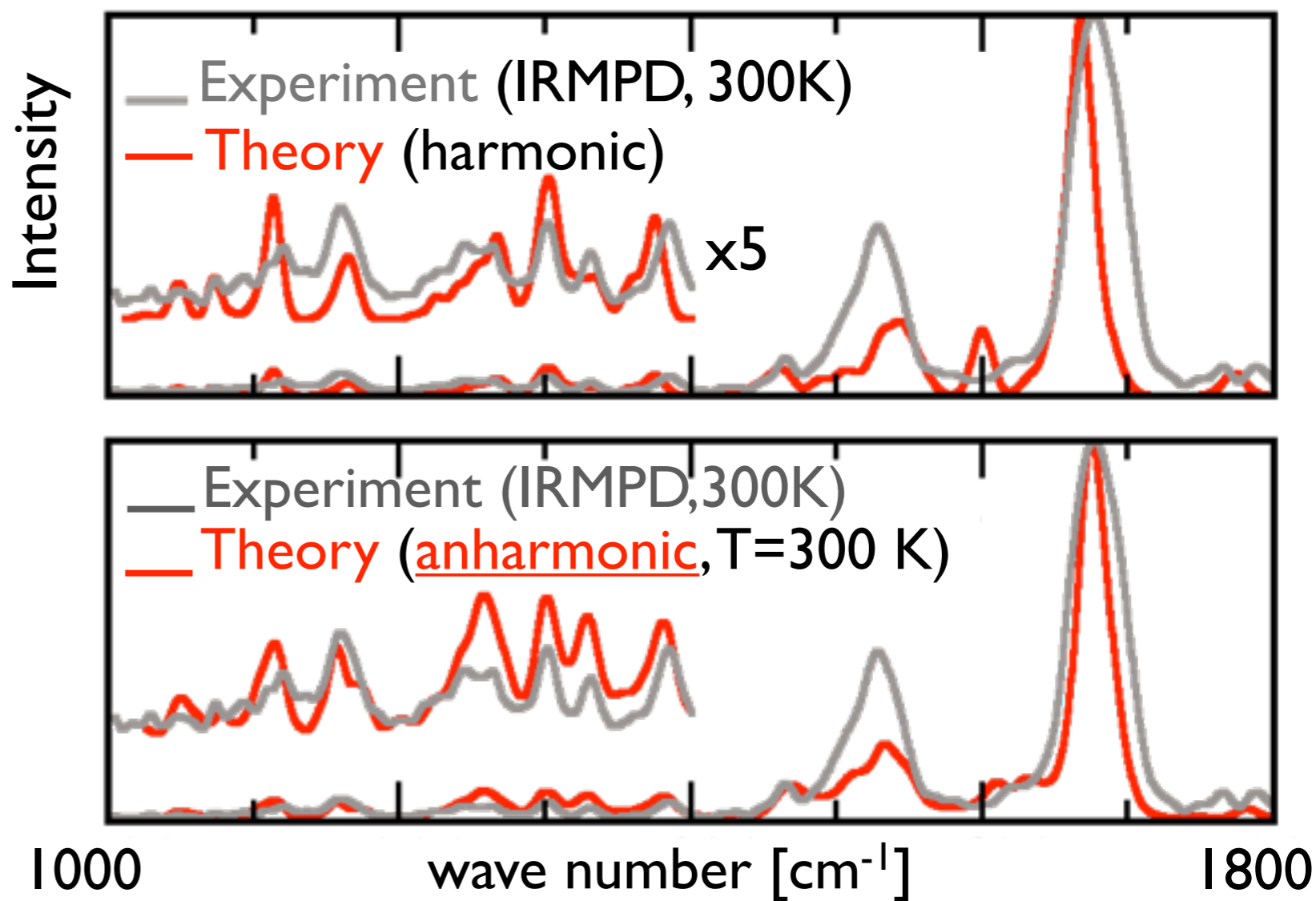
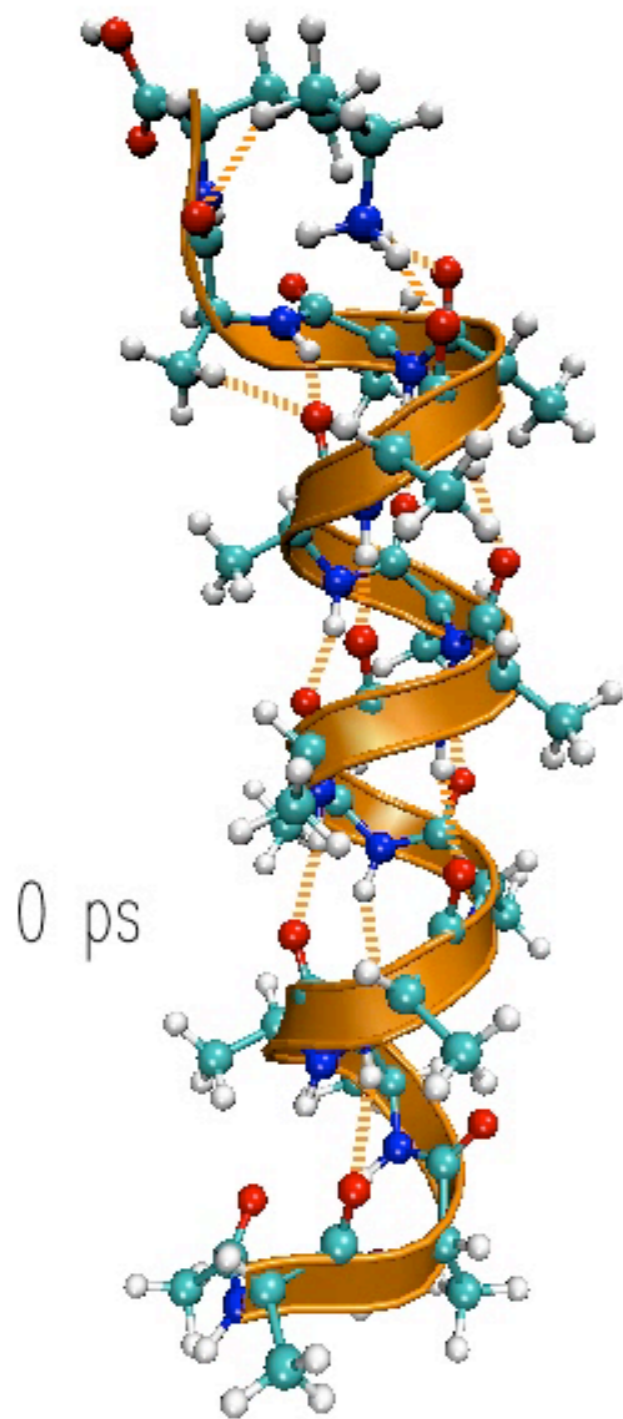
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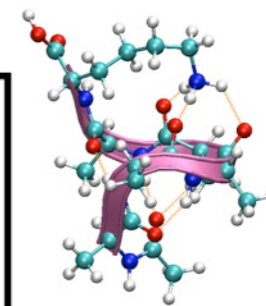
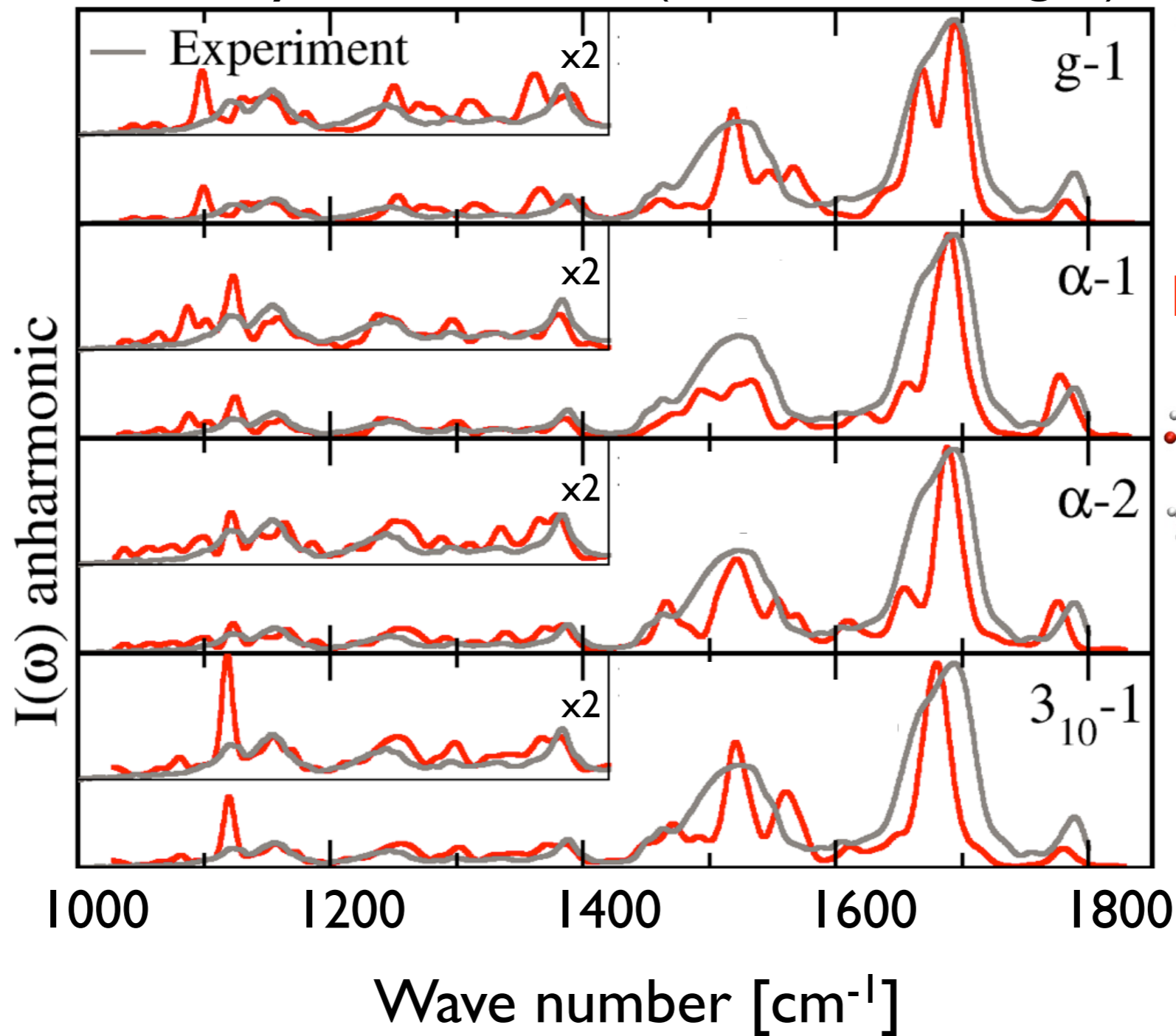
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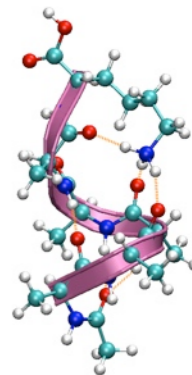
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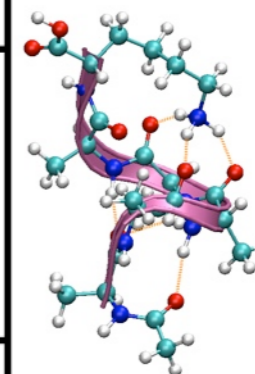
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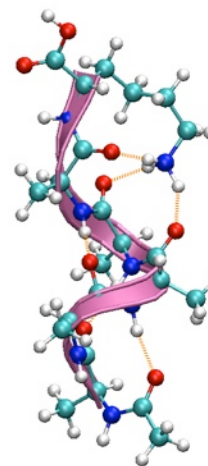


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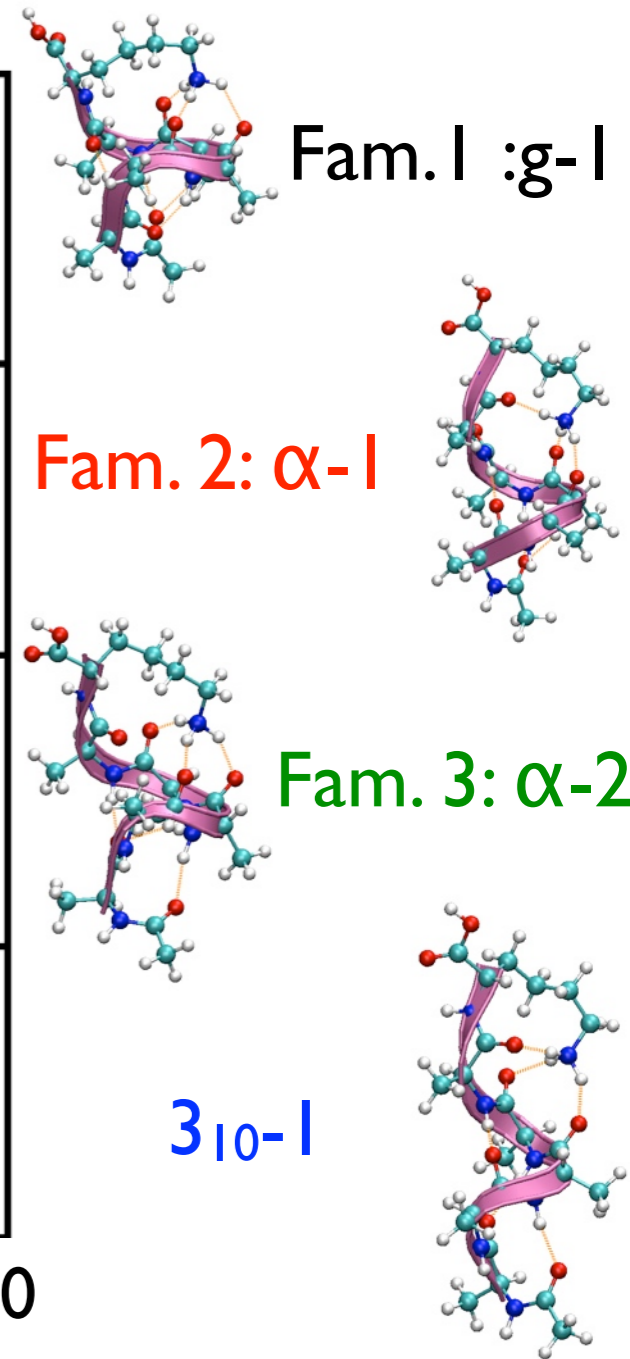
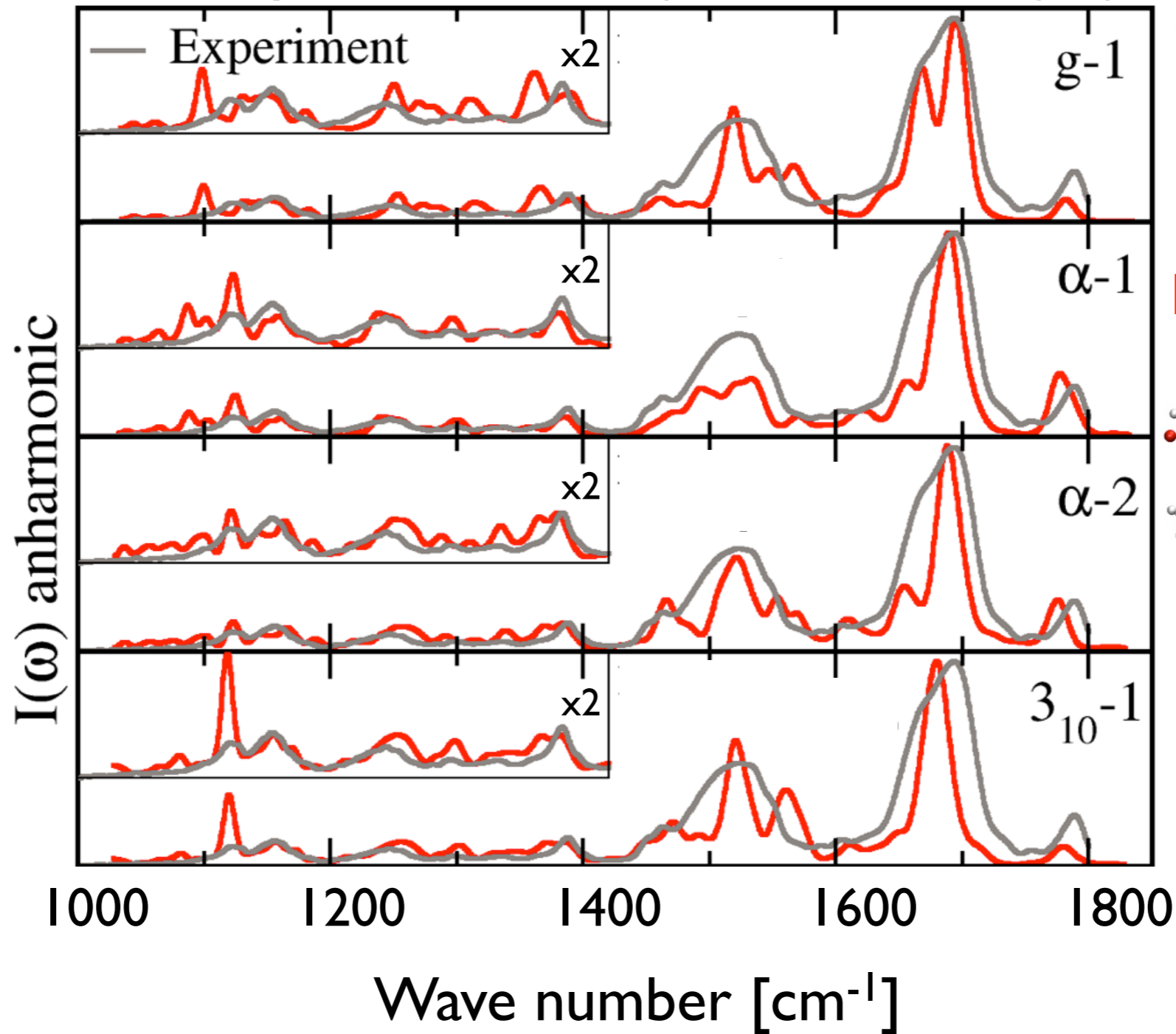
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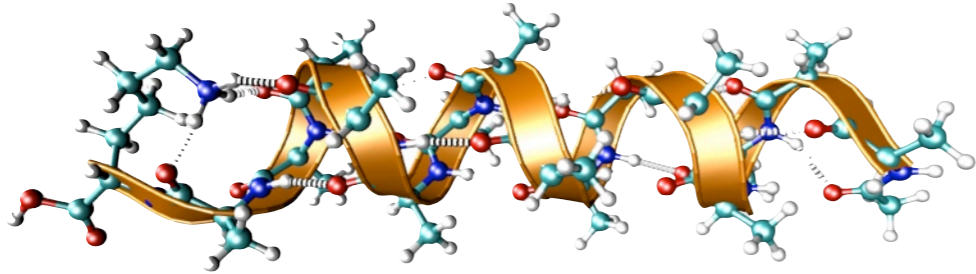
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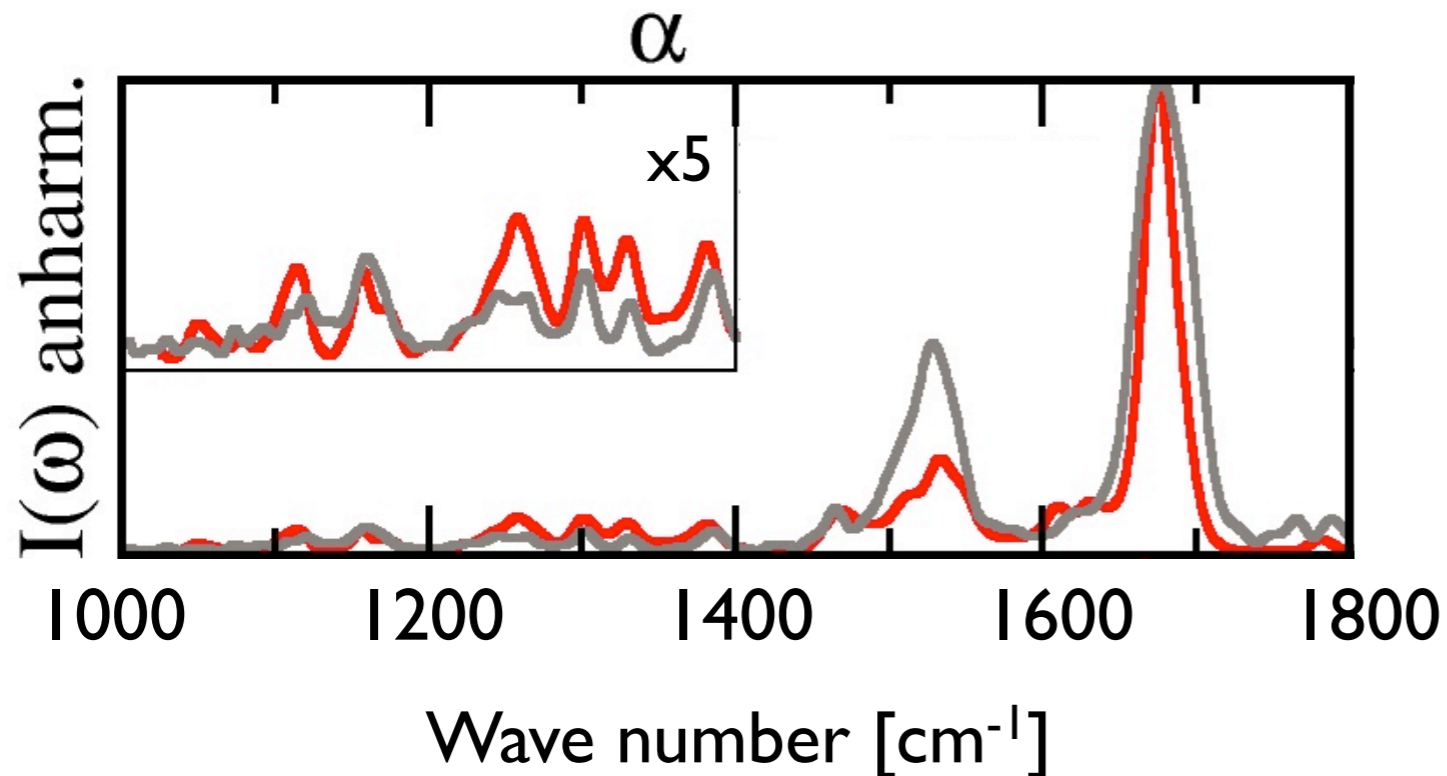
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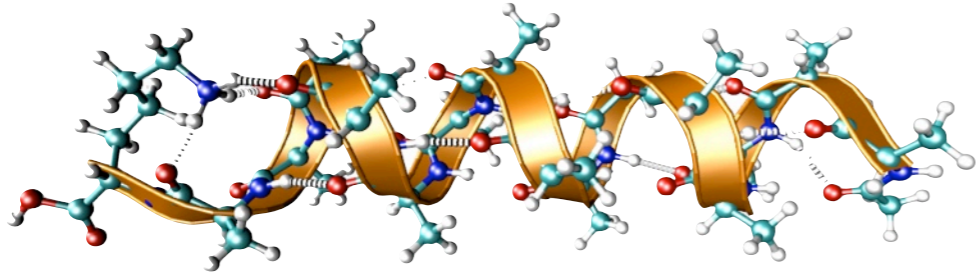


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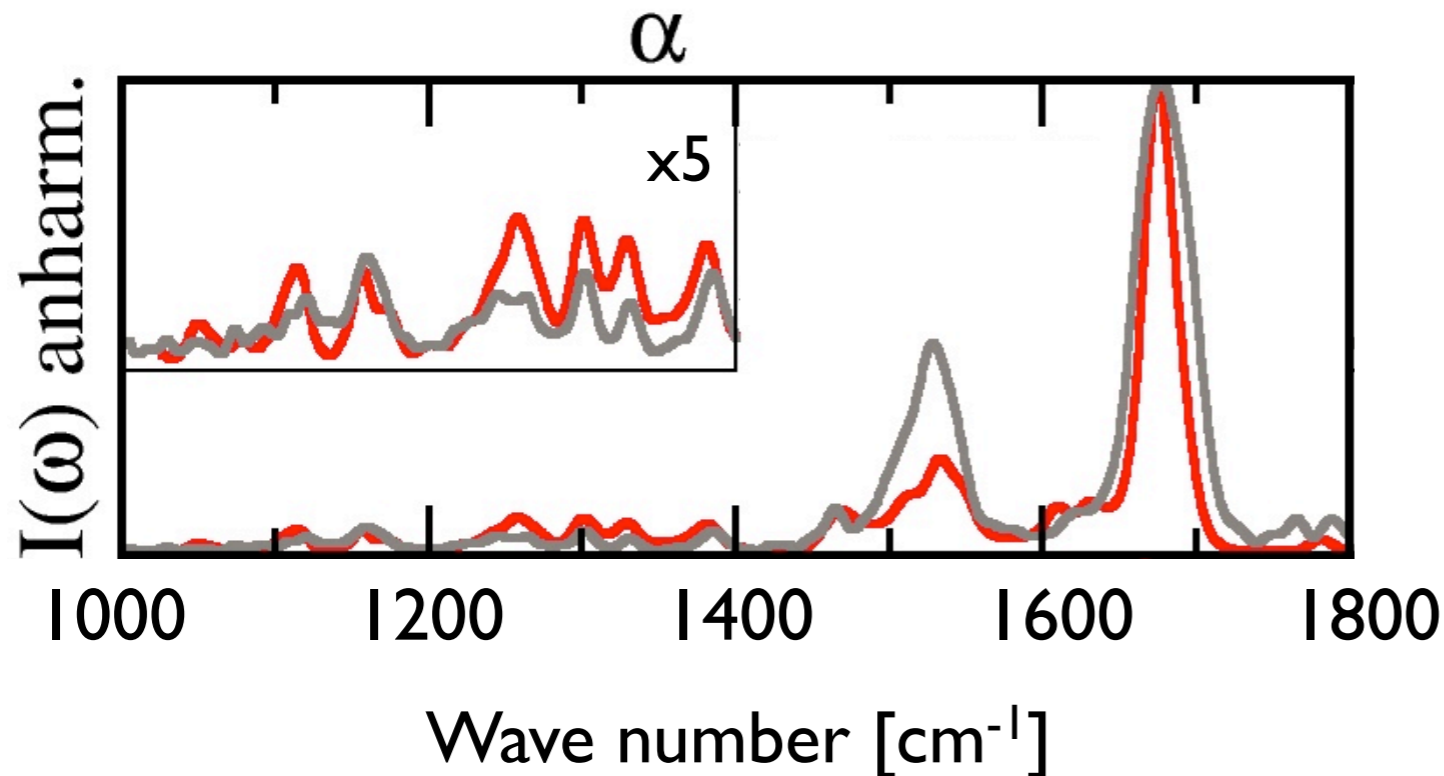
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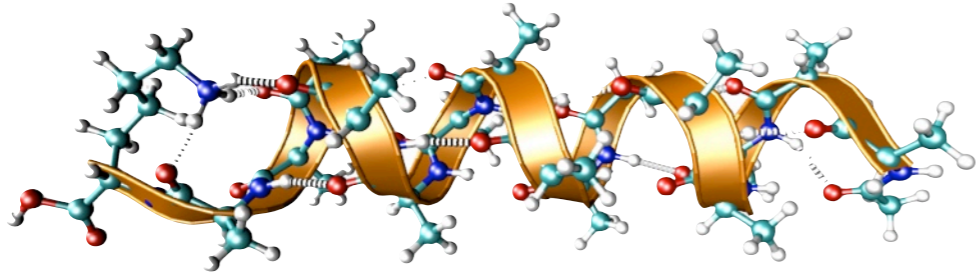
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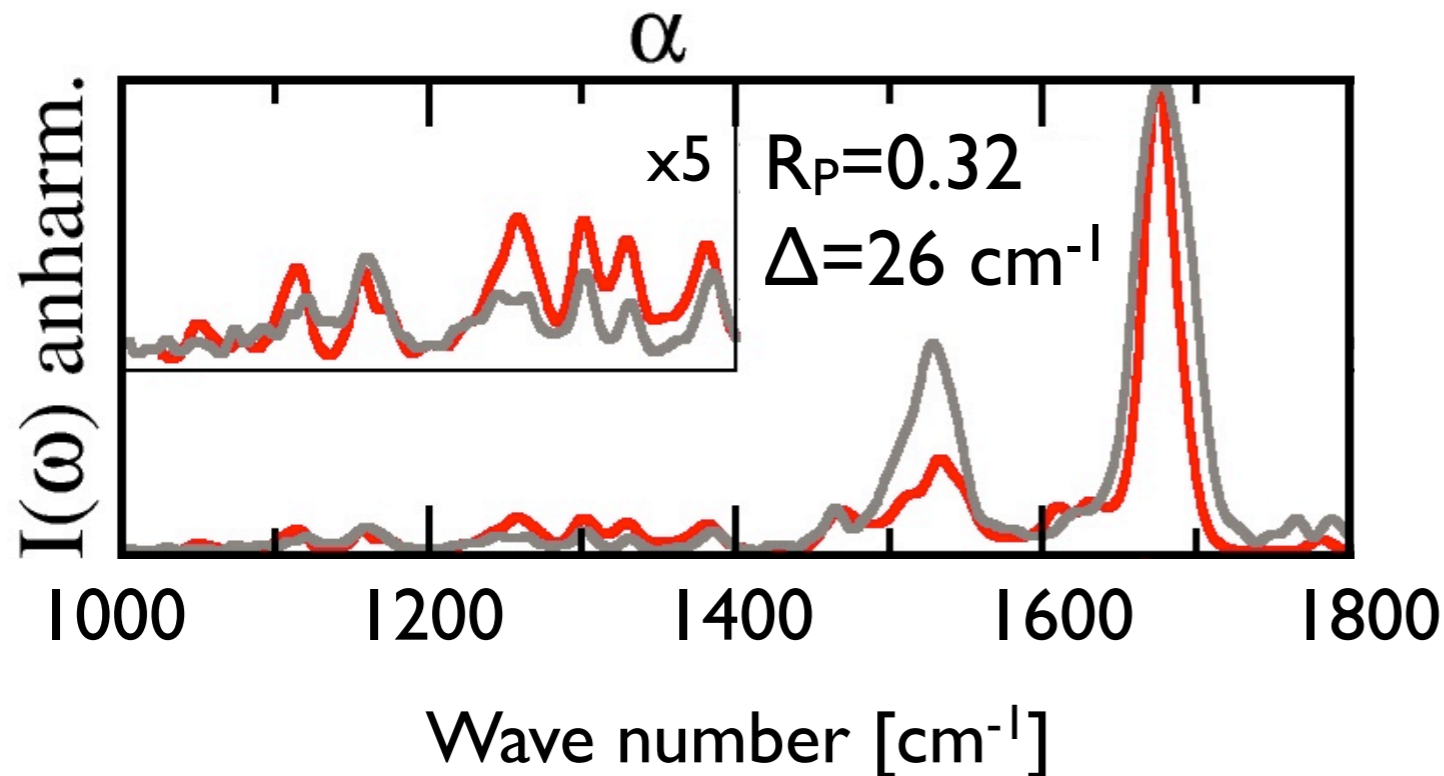
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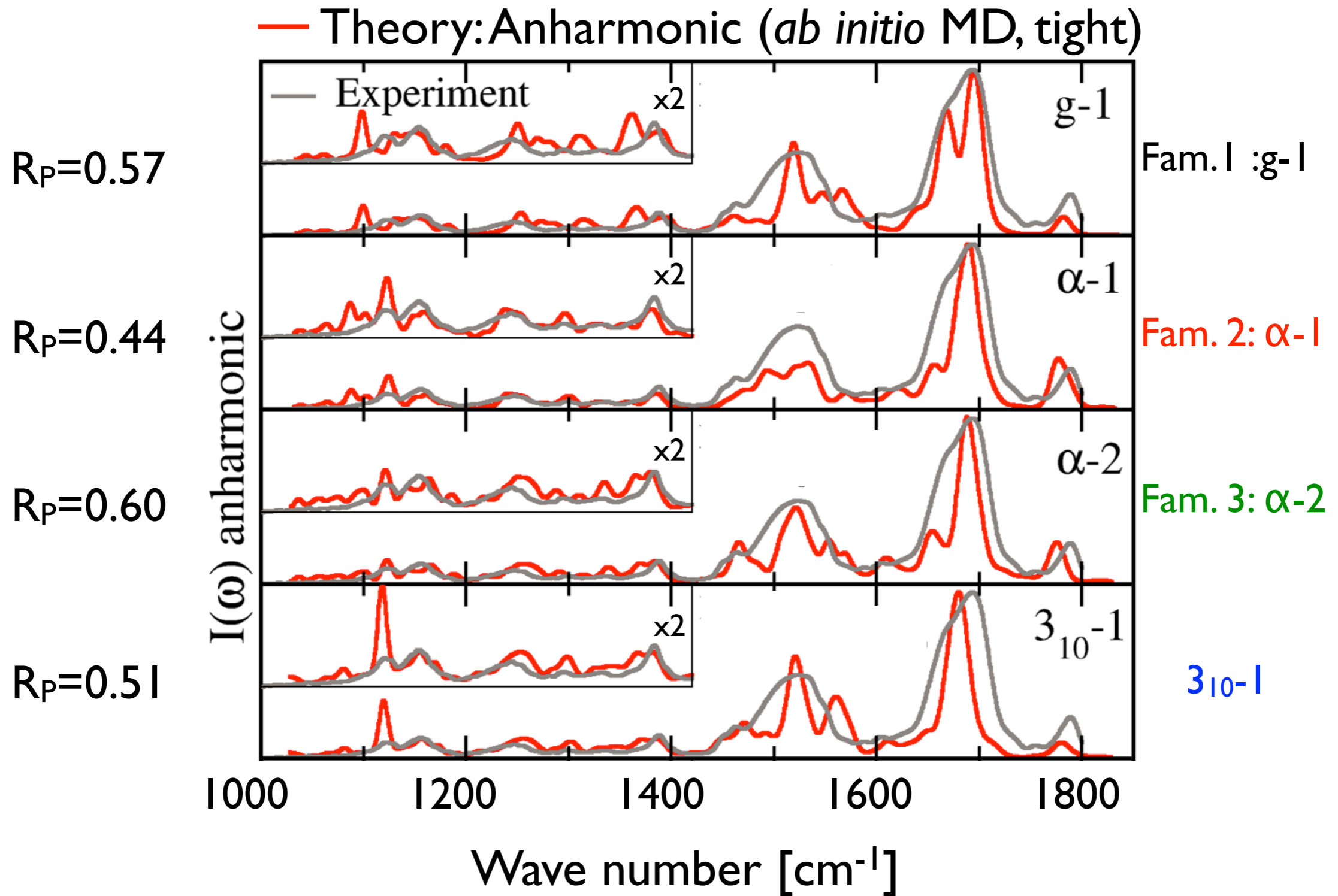
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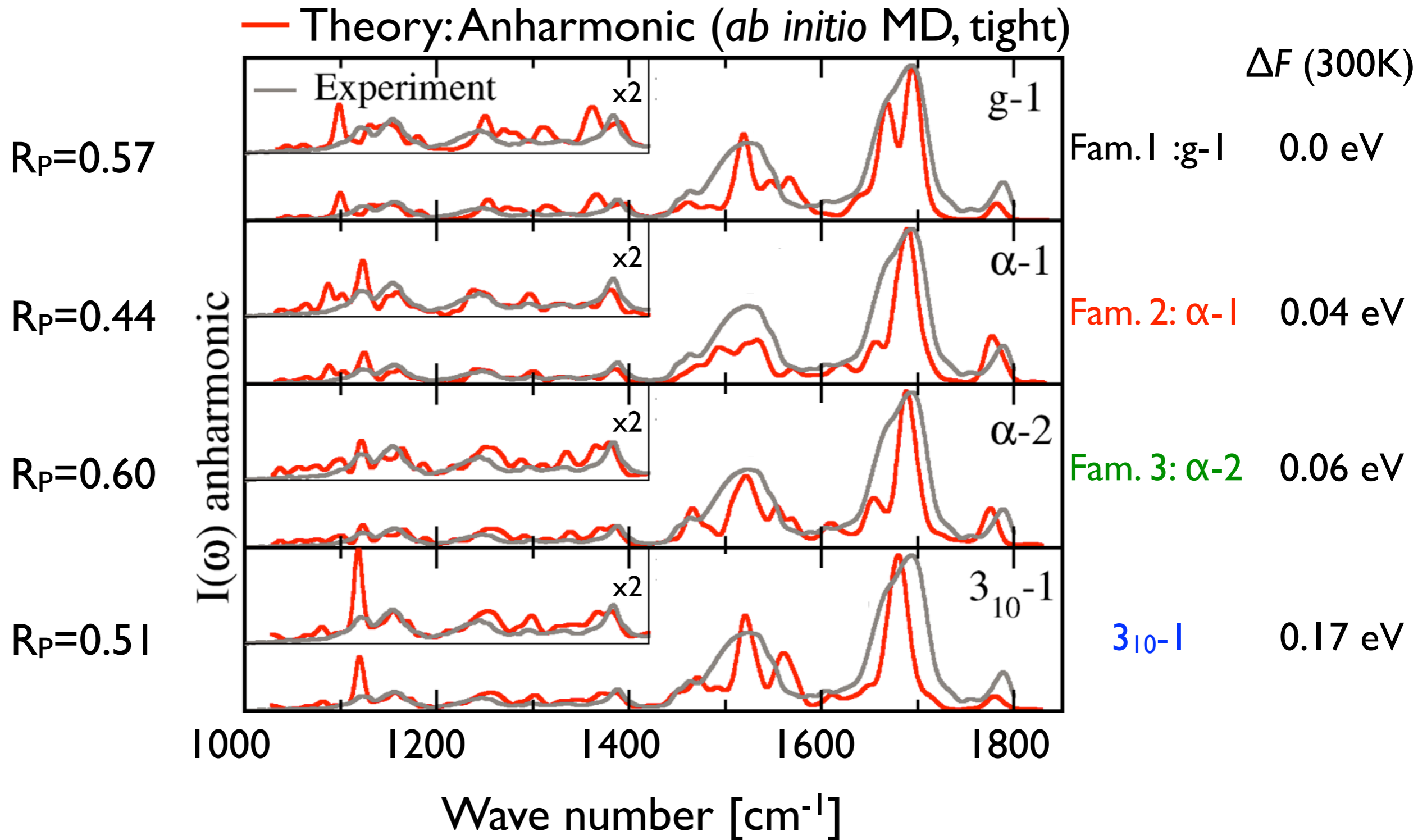
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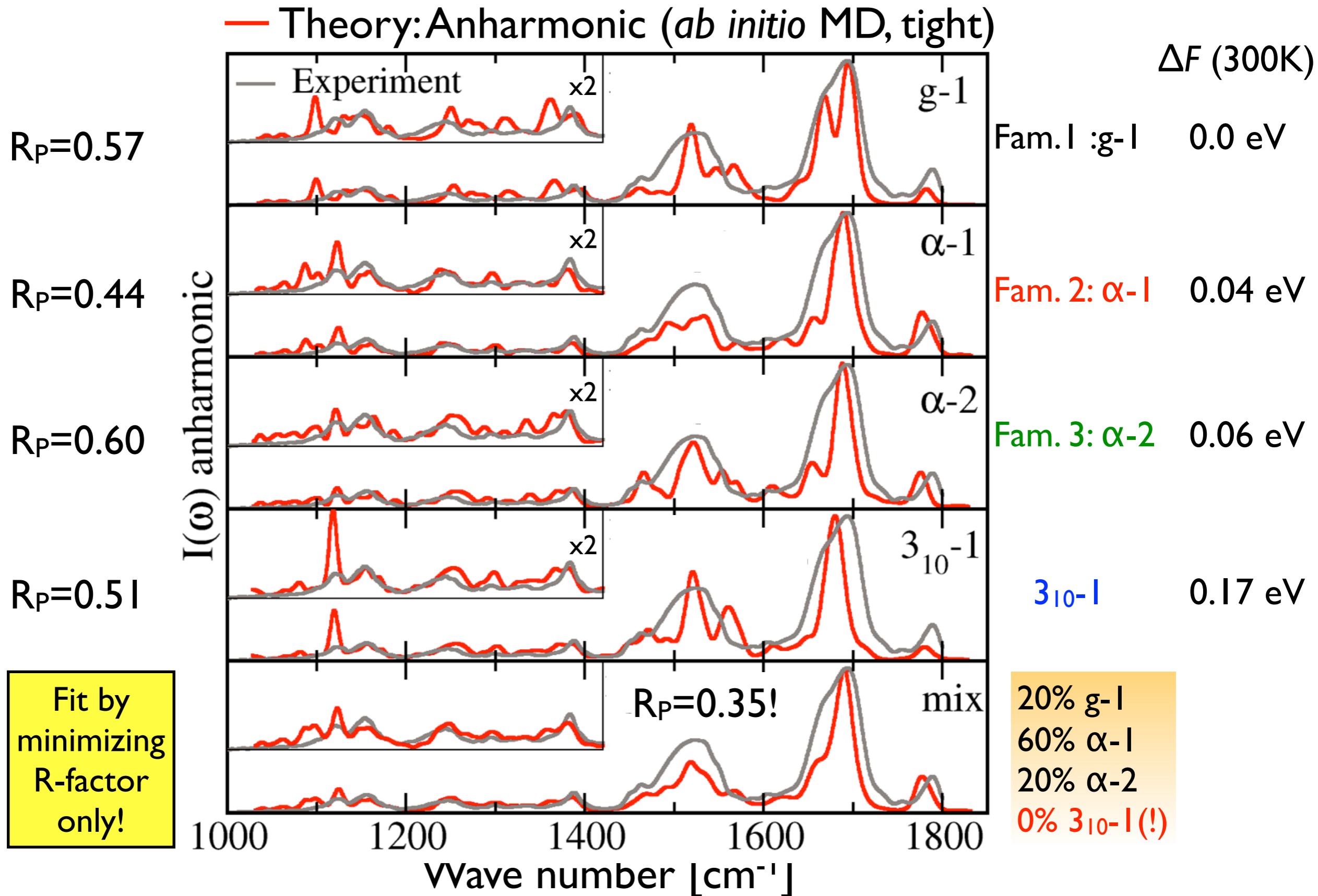
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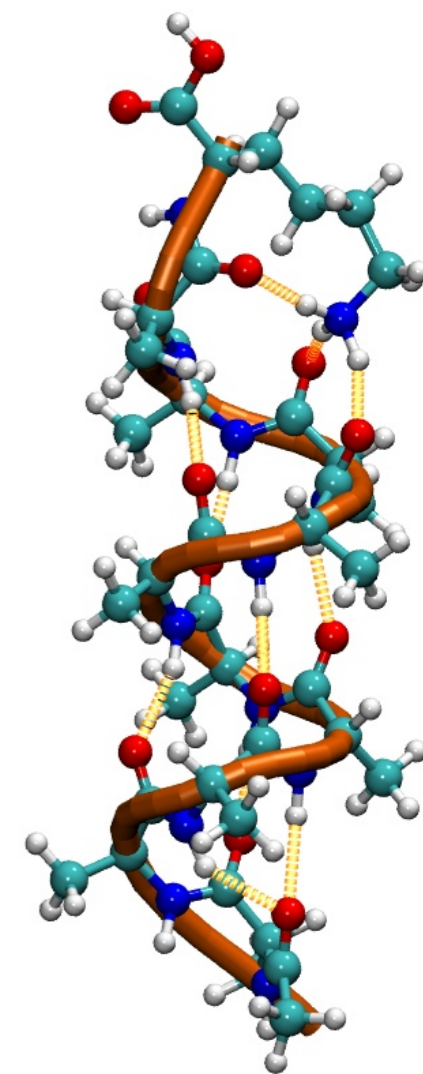
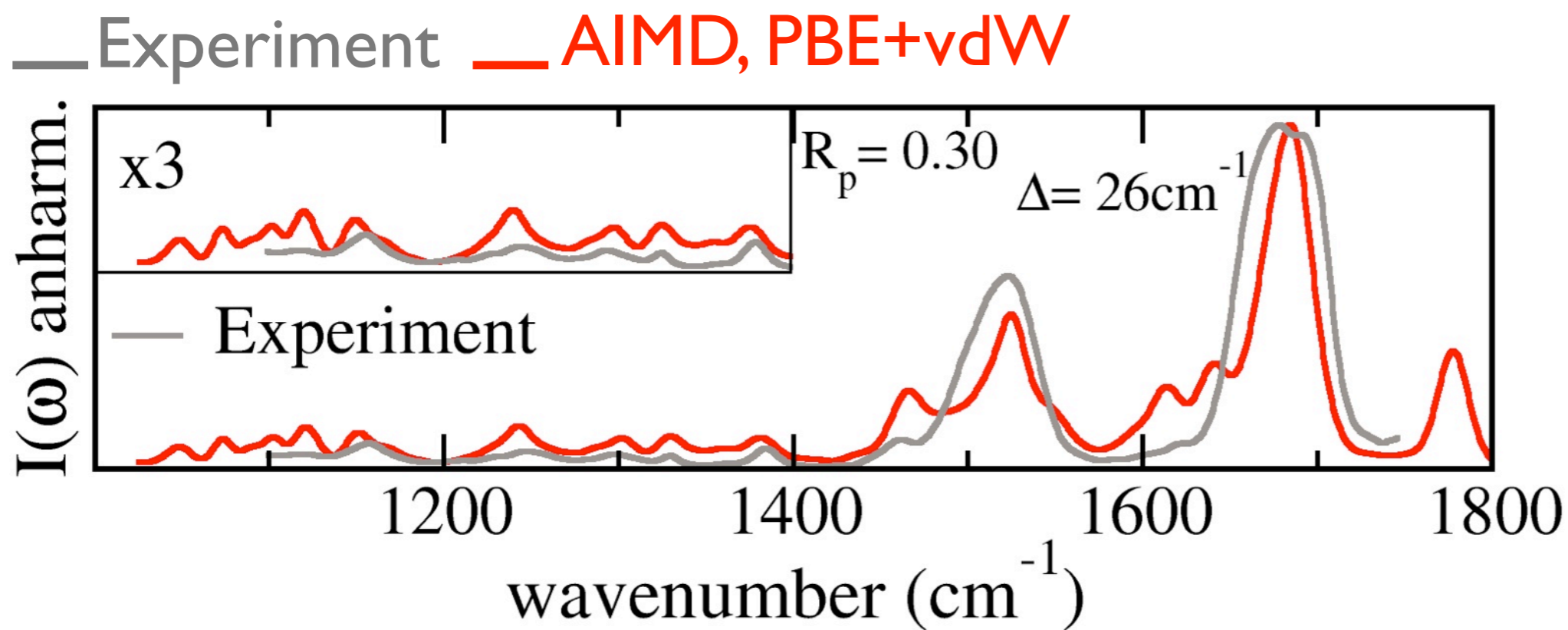


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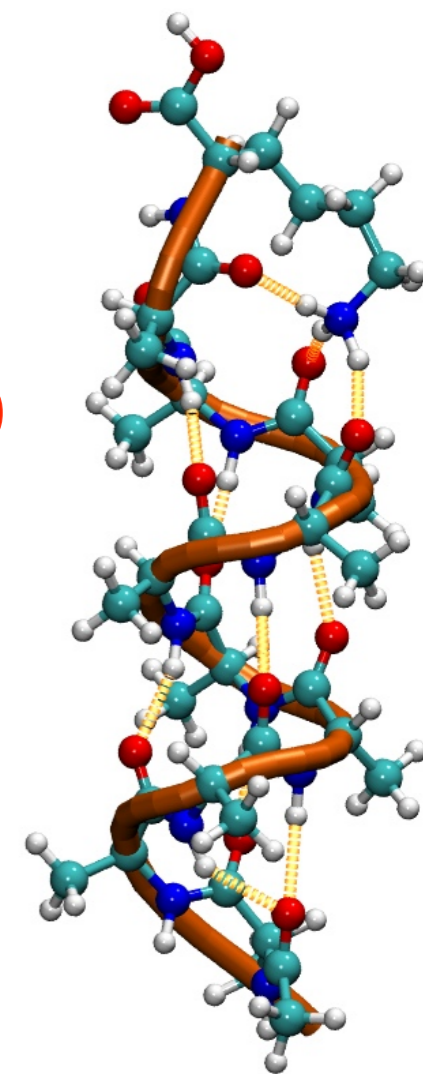
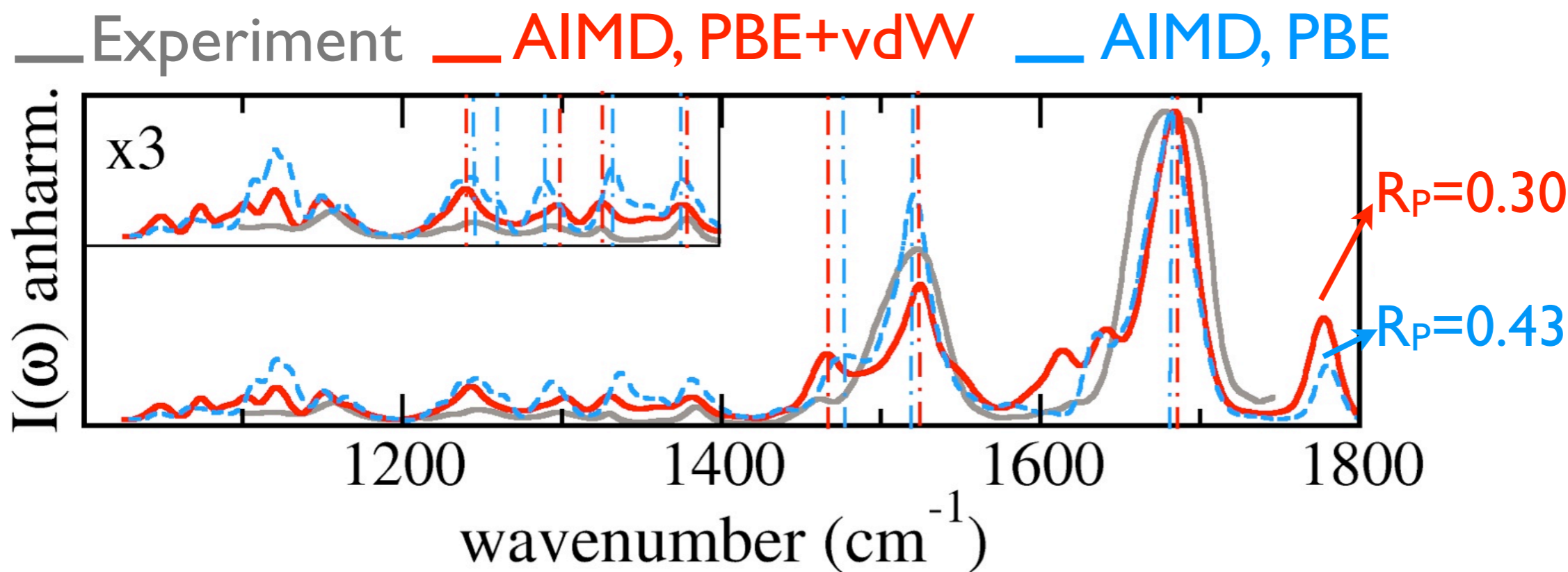
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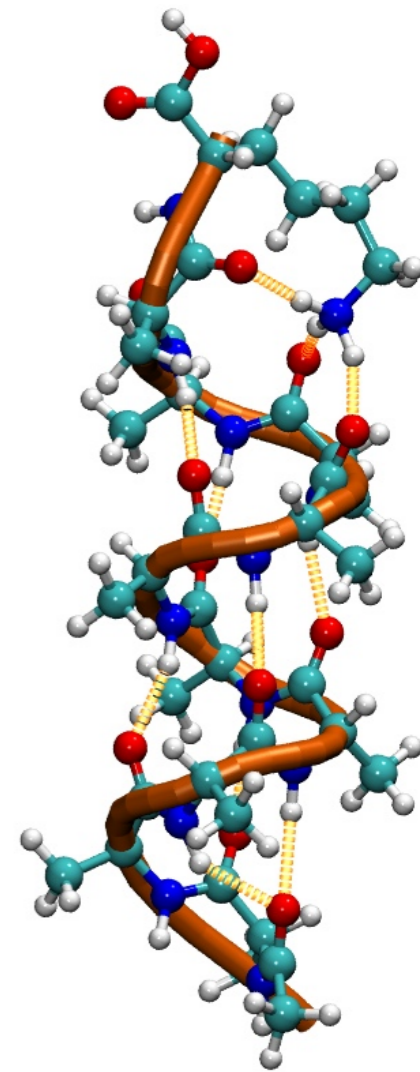
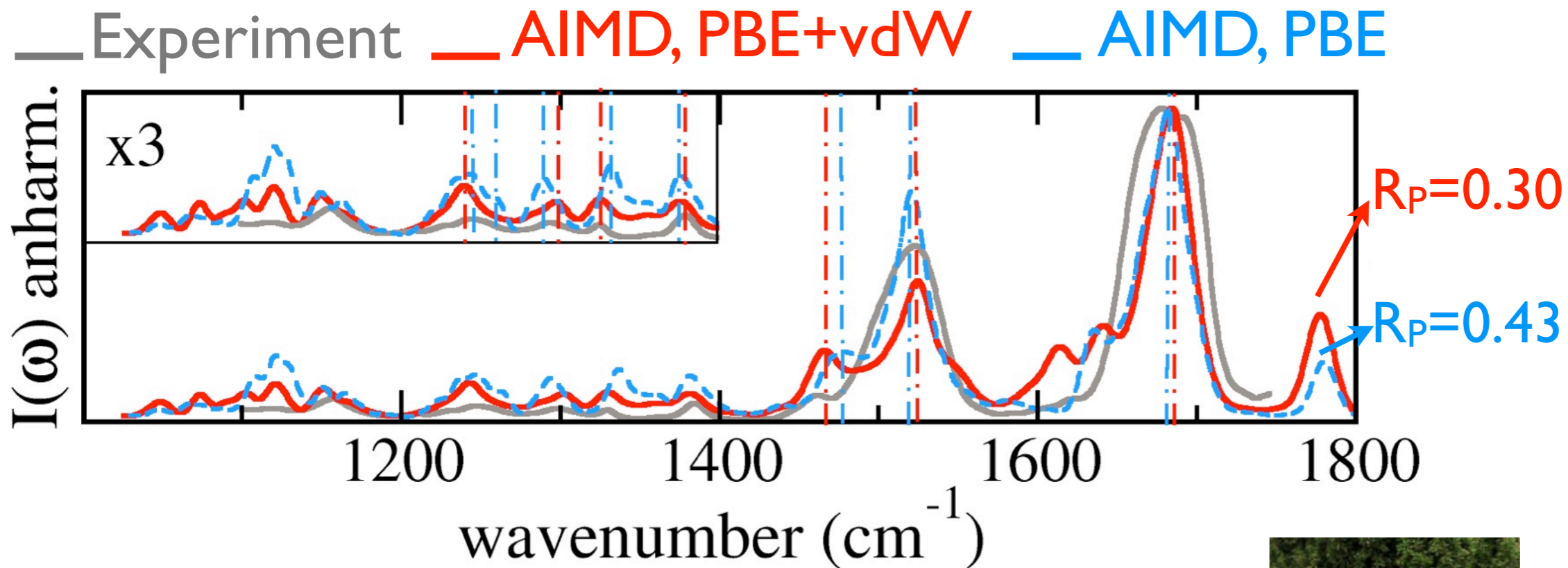
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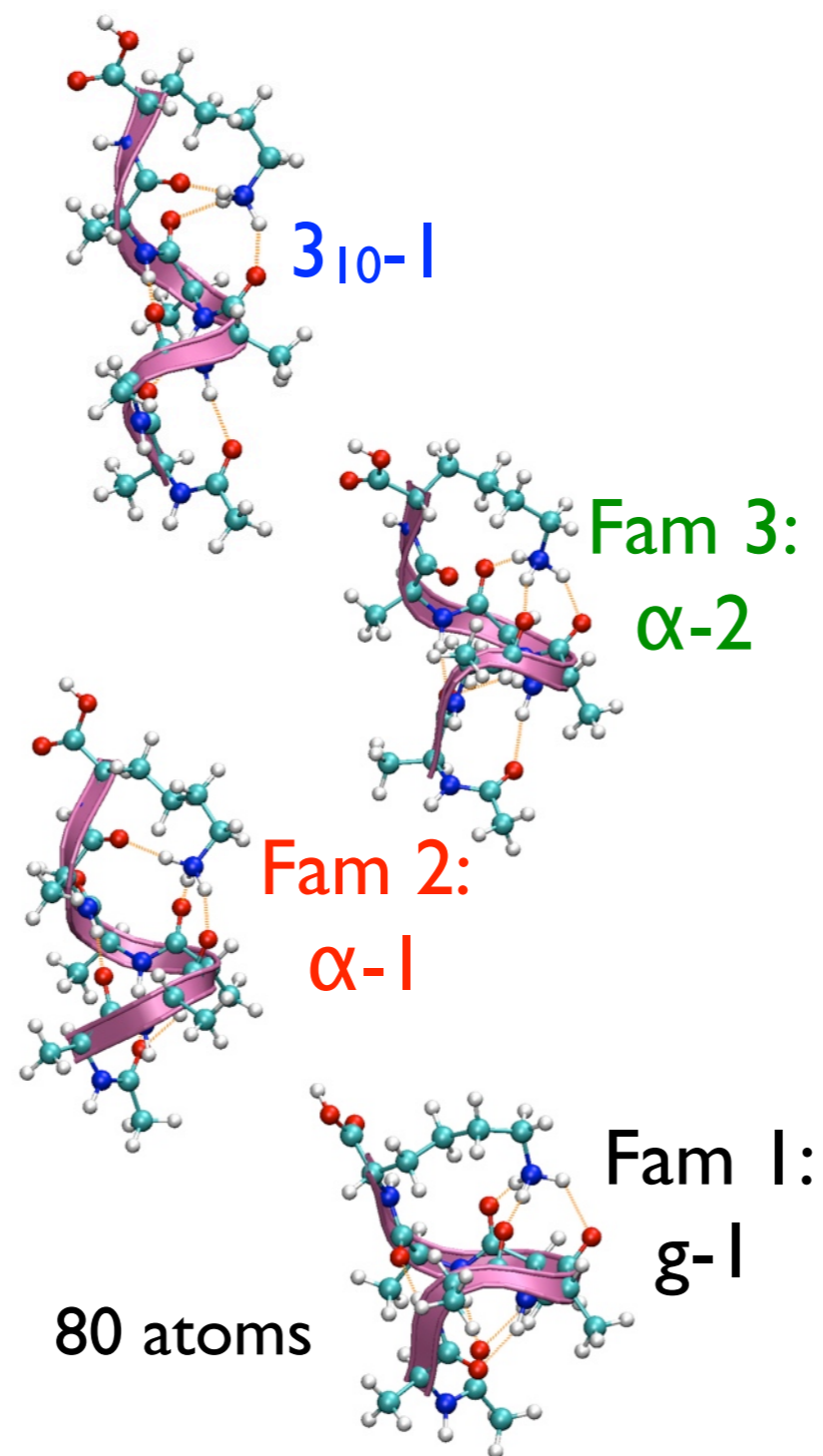
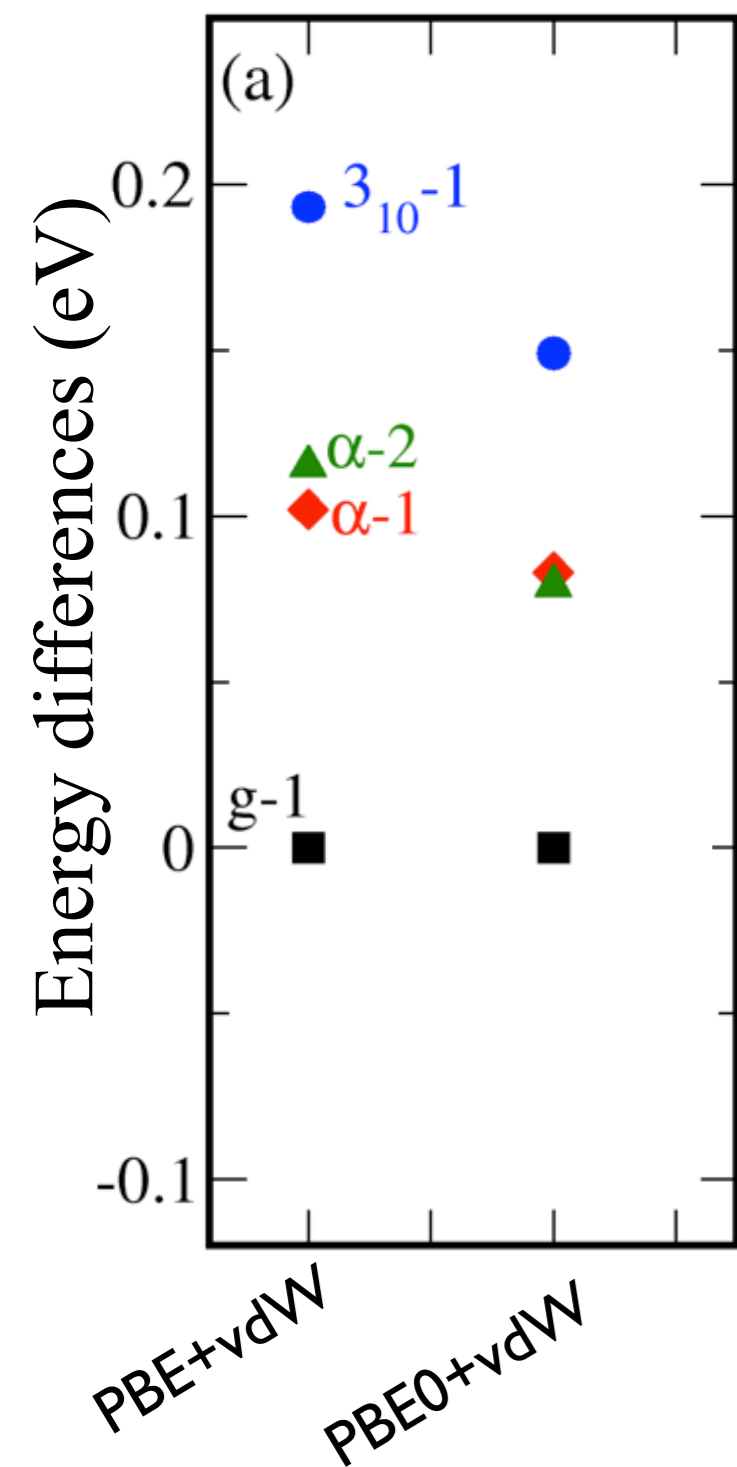
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Even larger polypeptides: Franziska Schubert, P 10

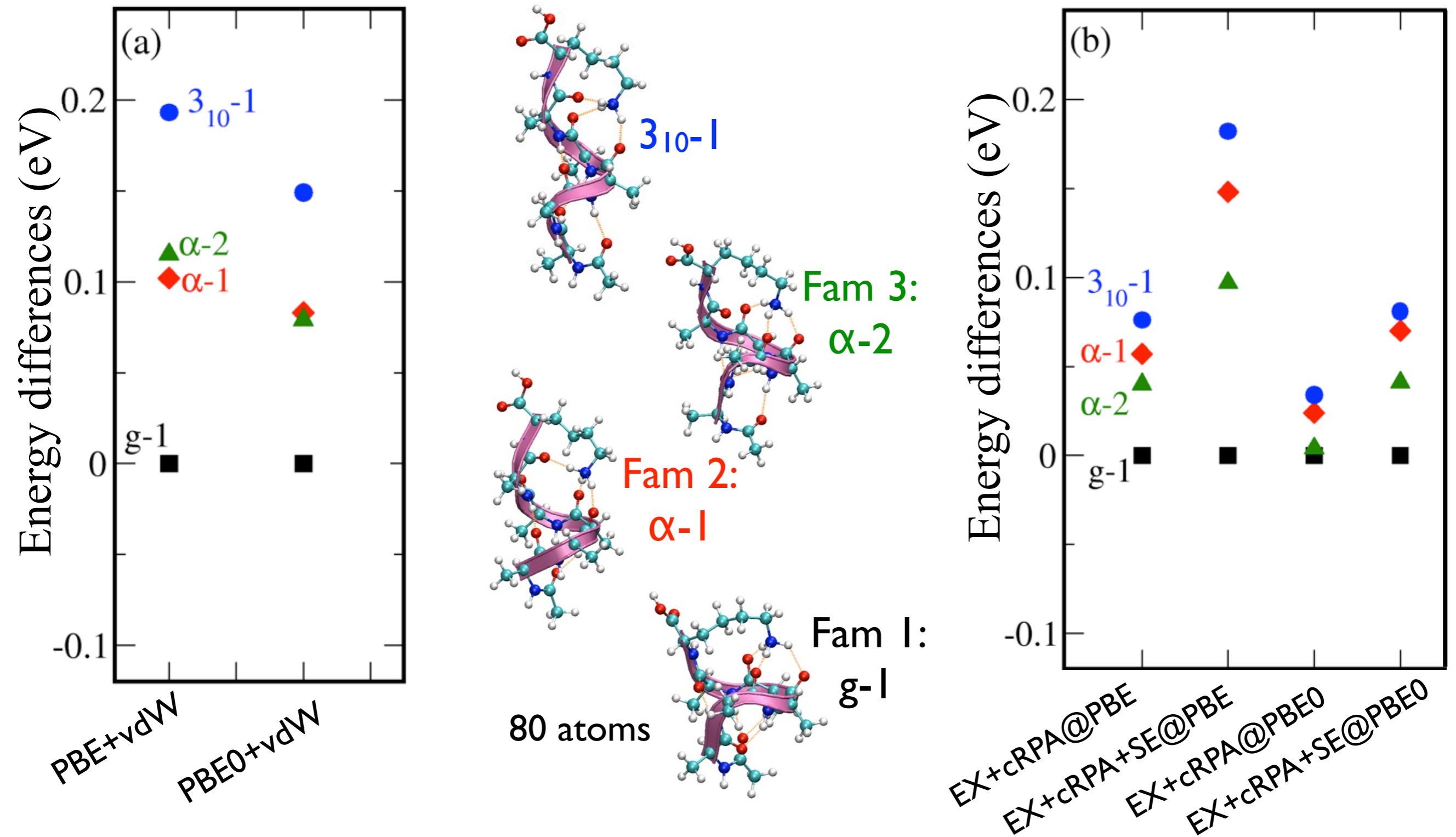


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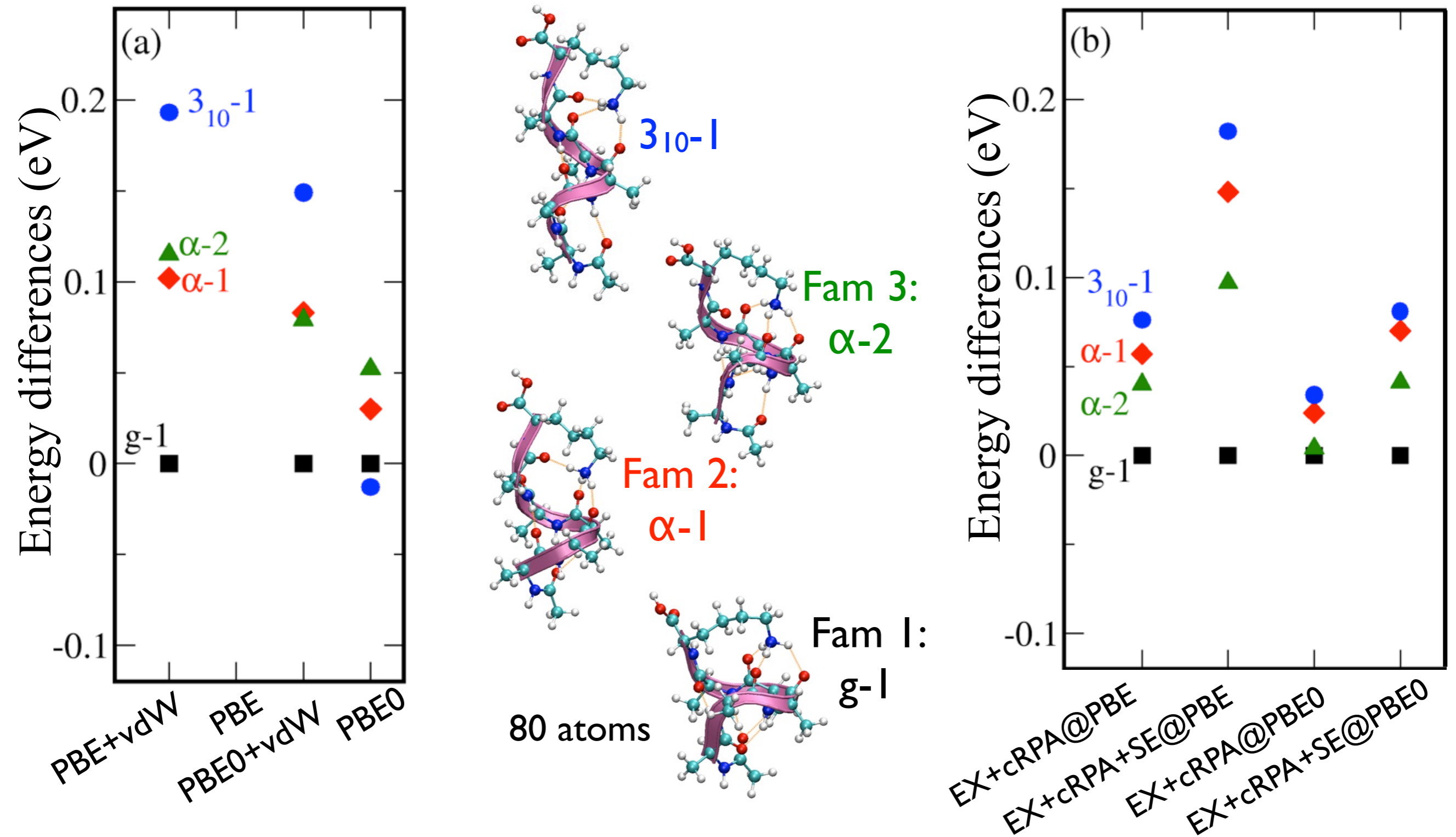
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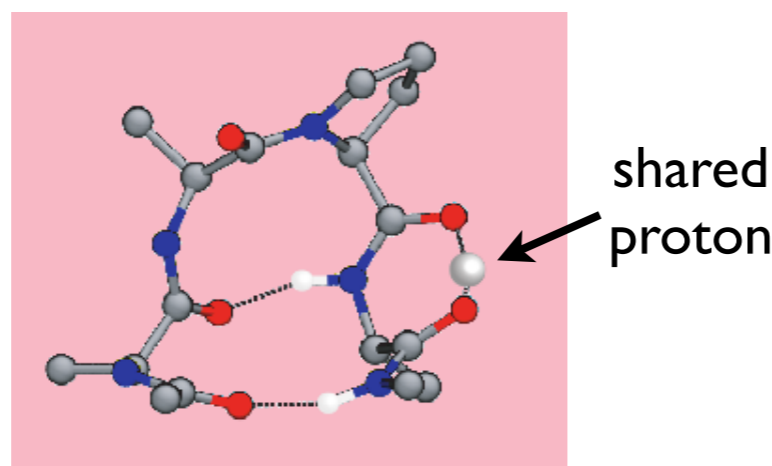
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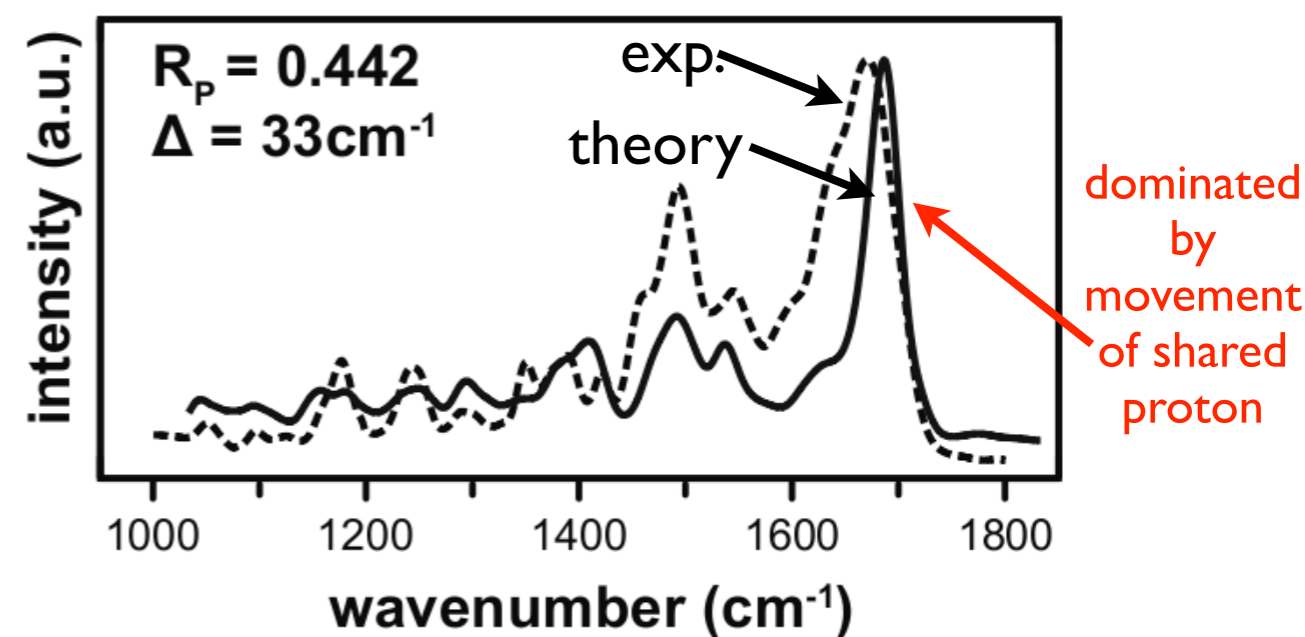
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Ac-Ala₂ProAla-NMe + H⁺



AIMD, PBE+vdW, average over several conf.



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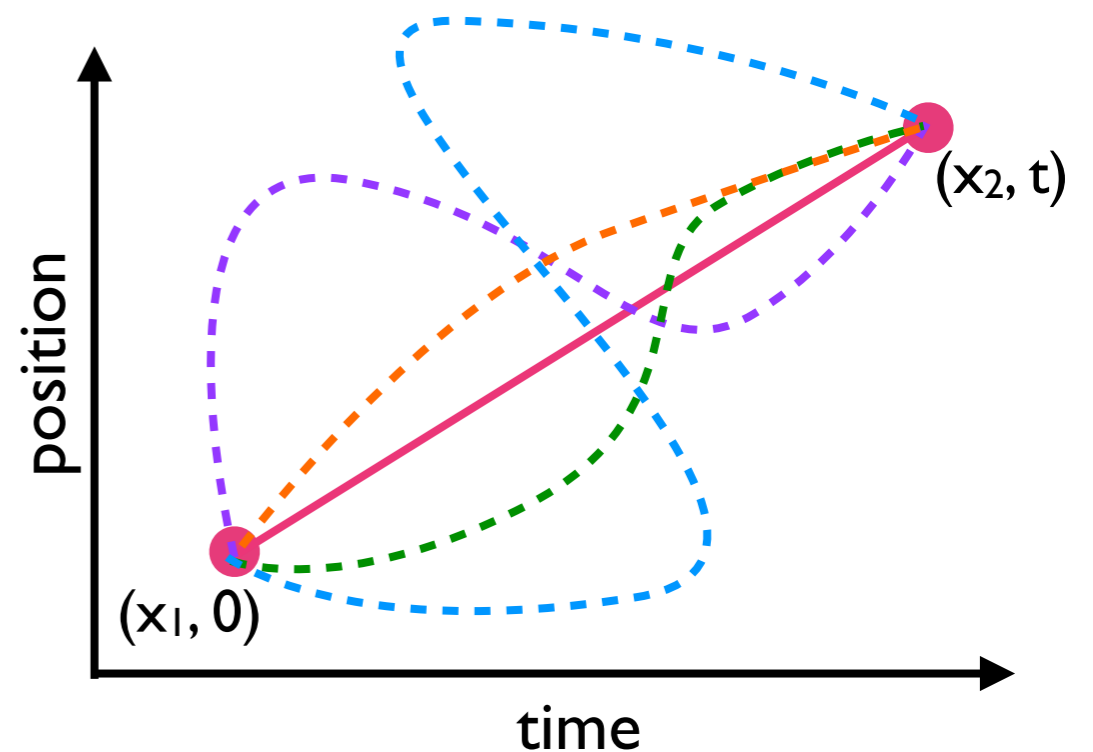
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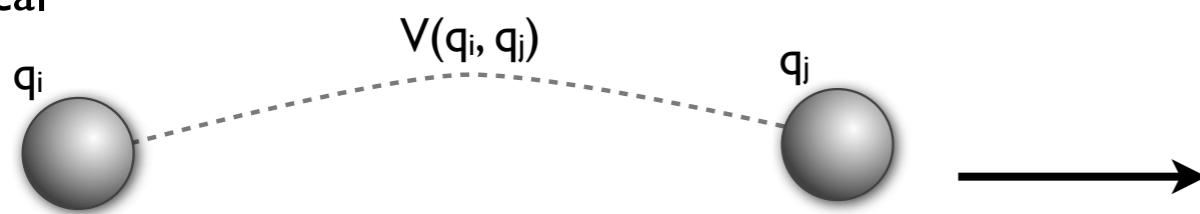
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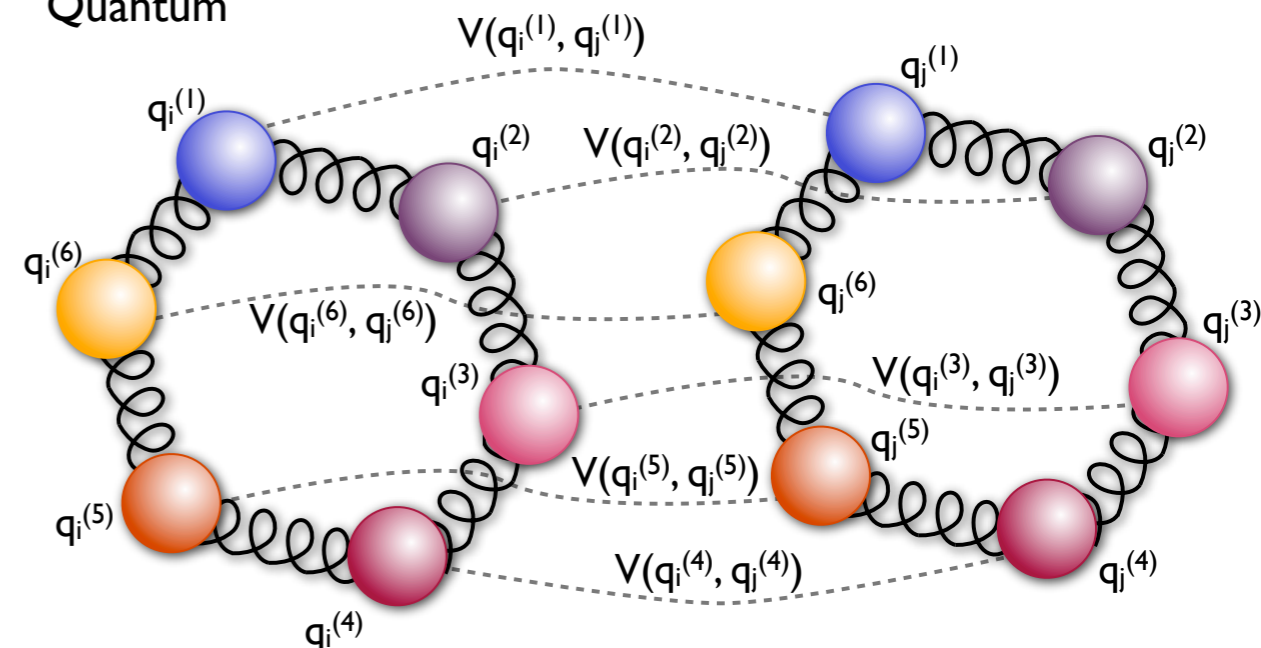
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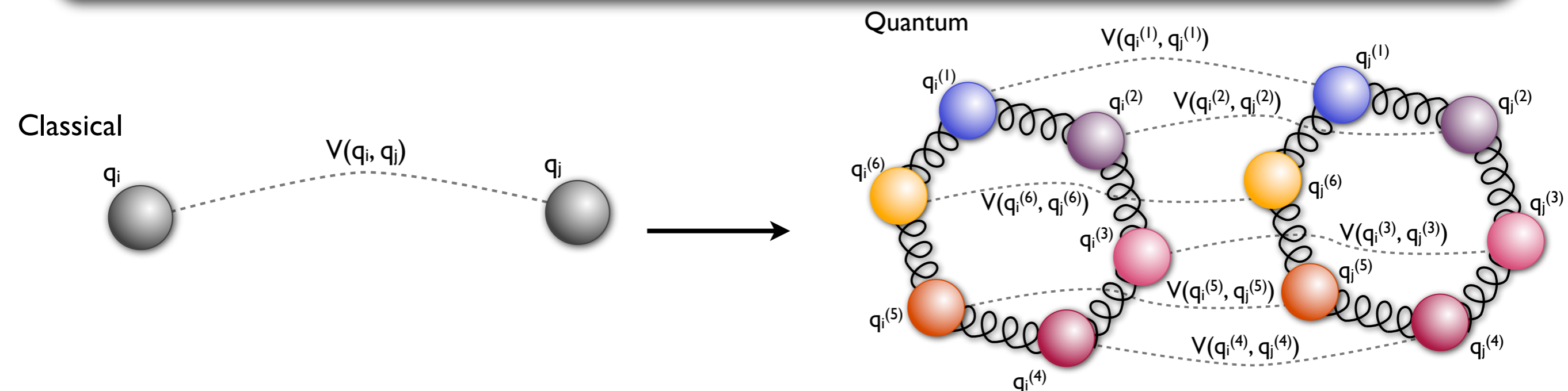


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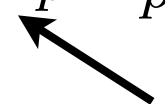
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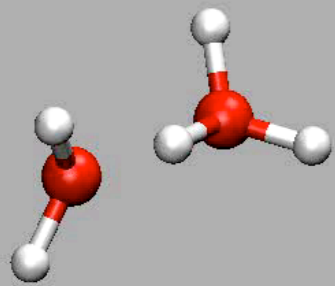
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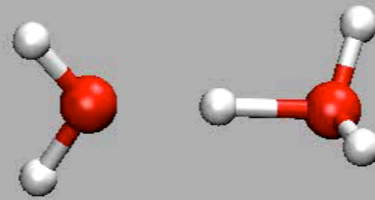
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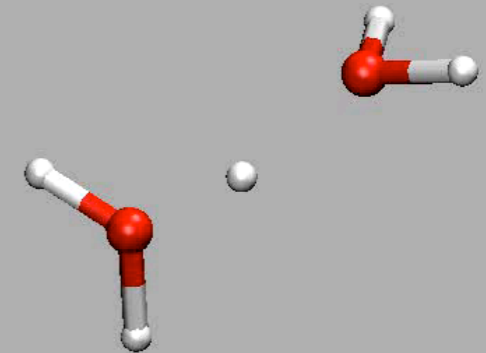
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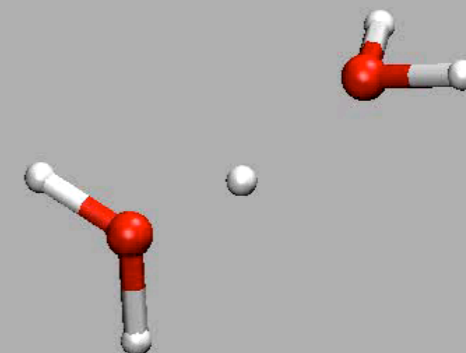
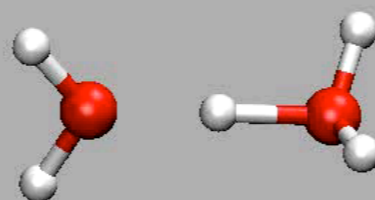
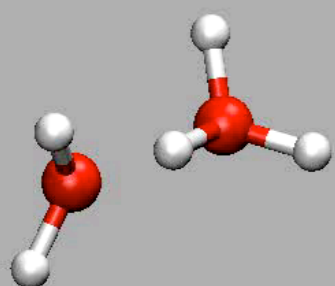
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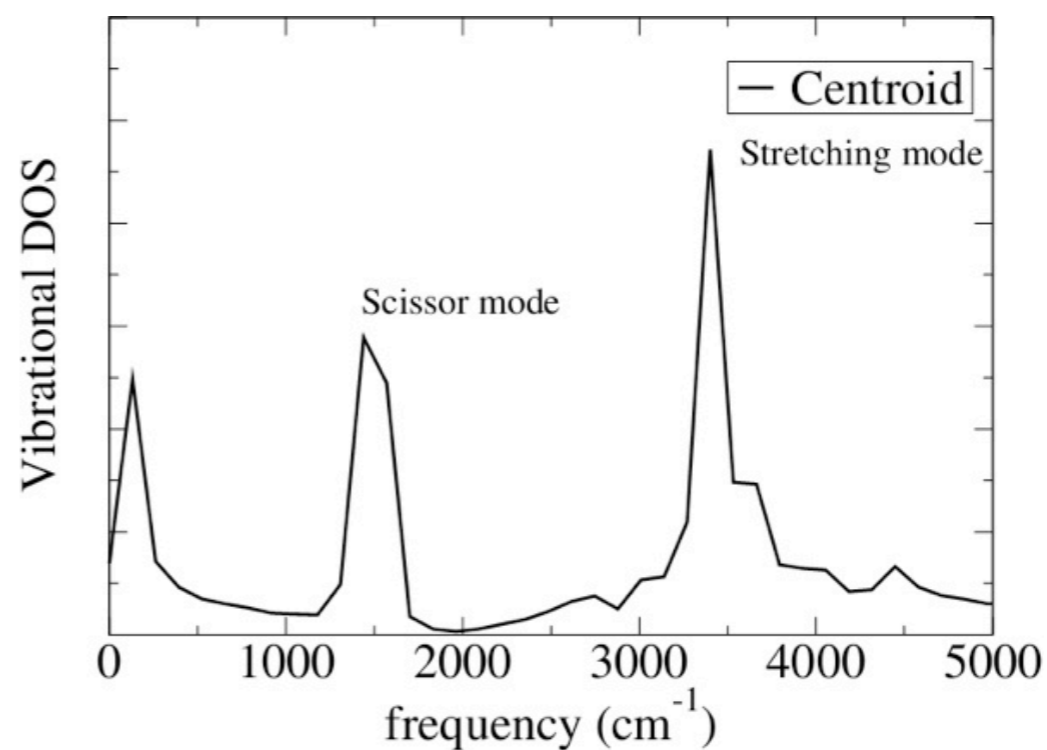
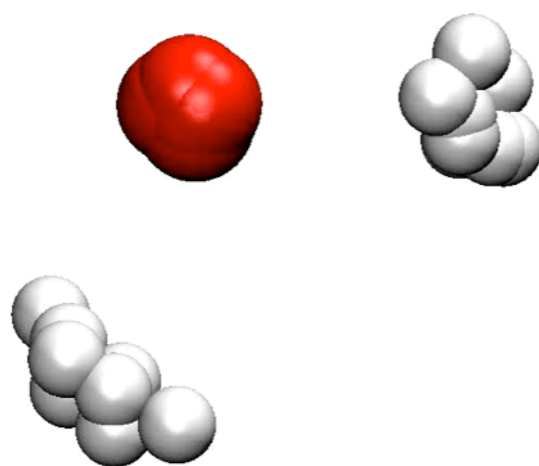
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