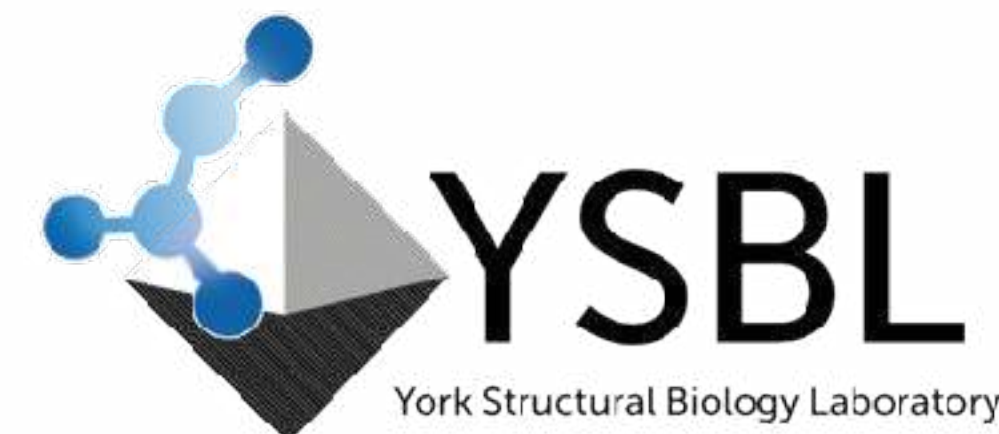




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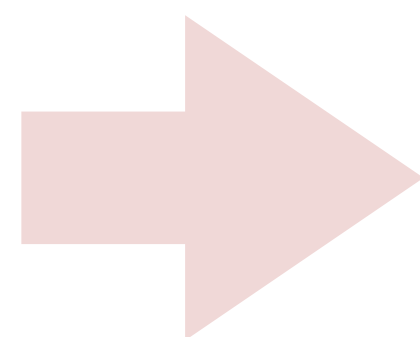
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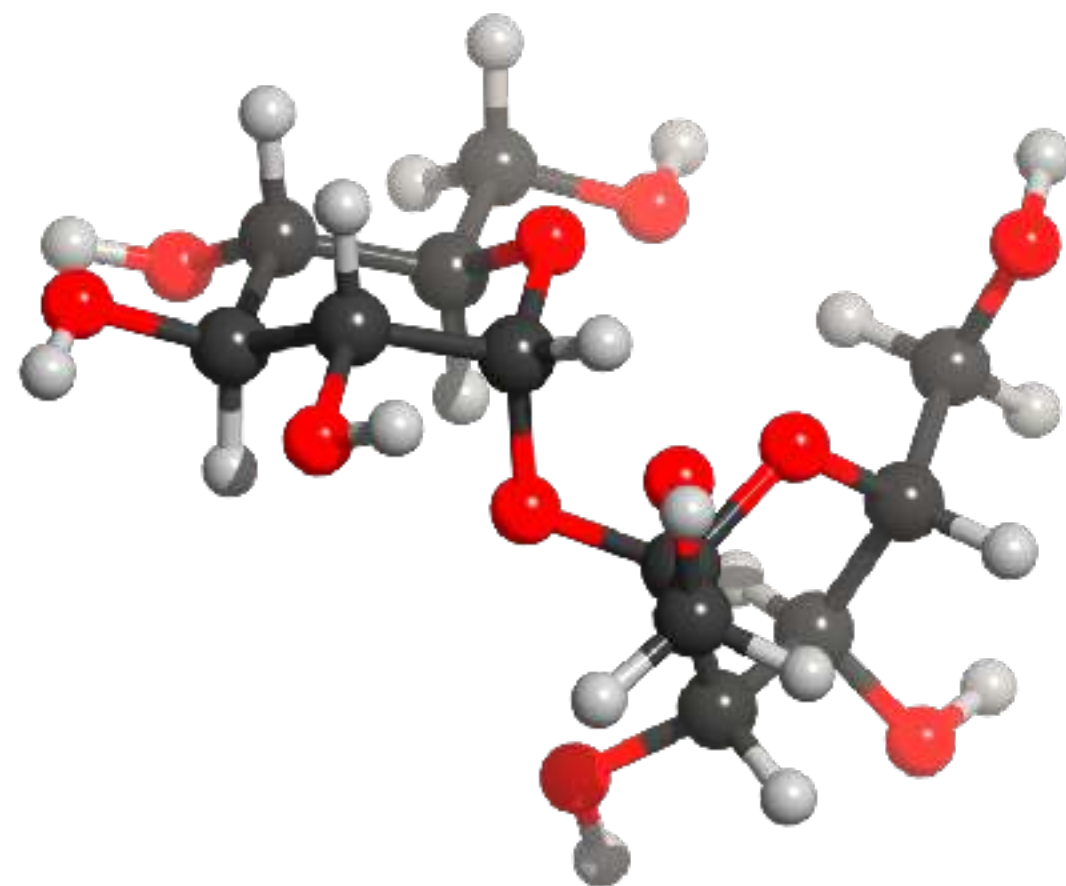
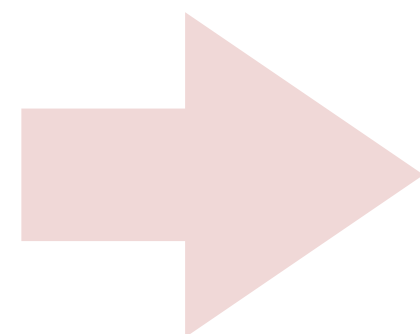


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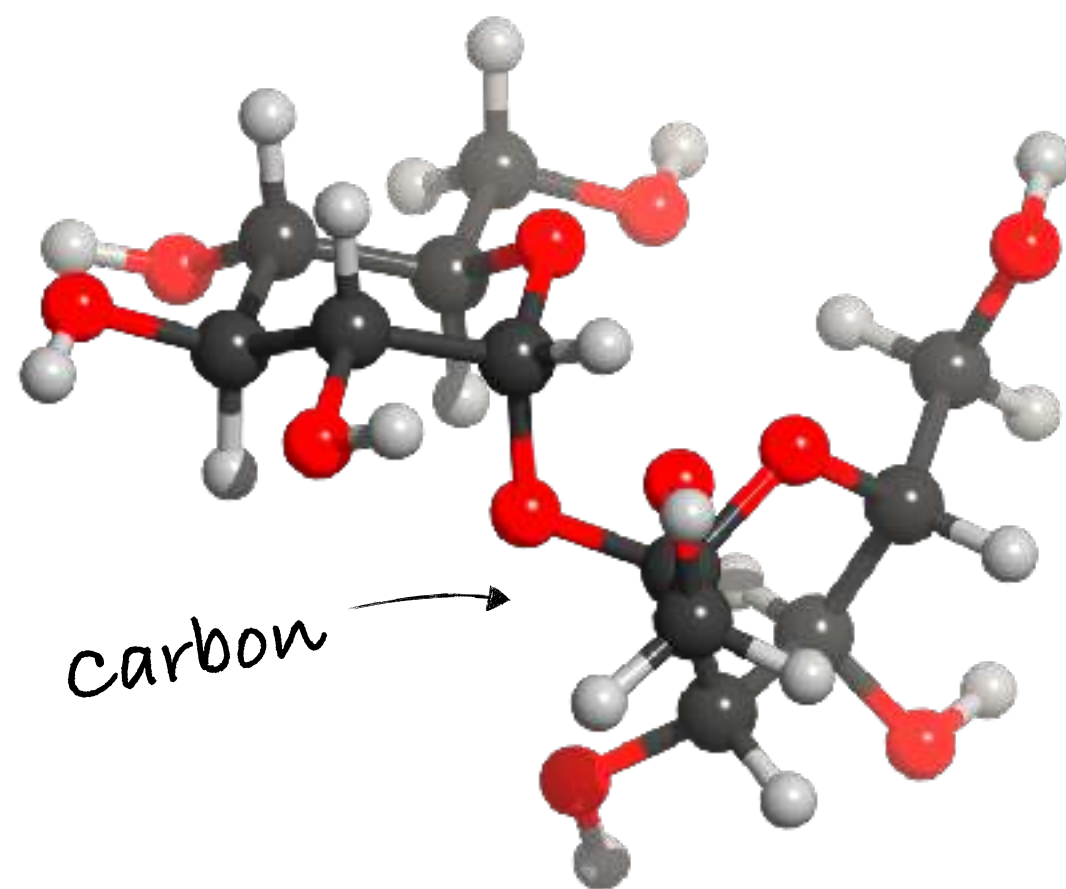
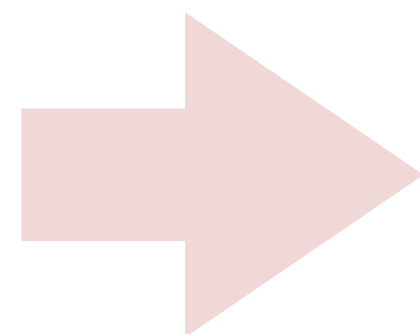


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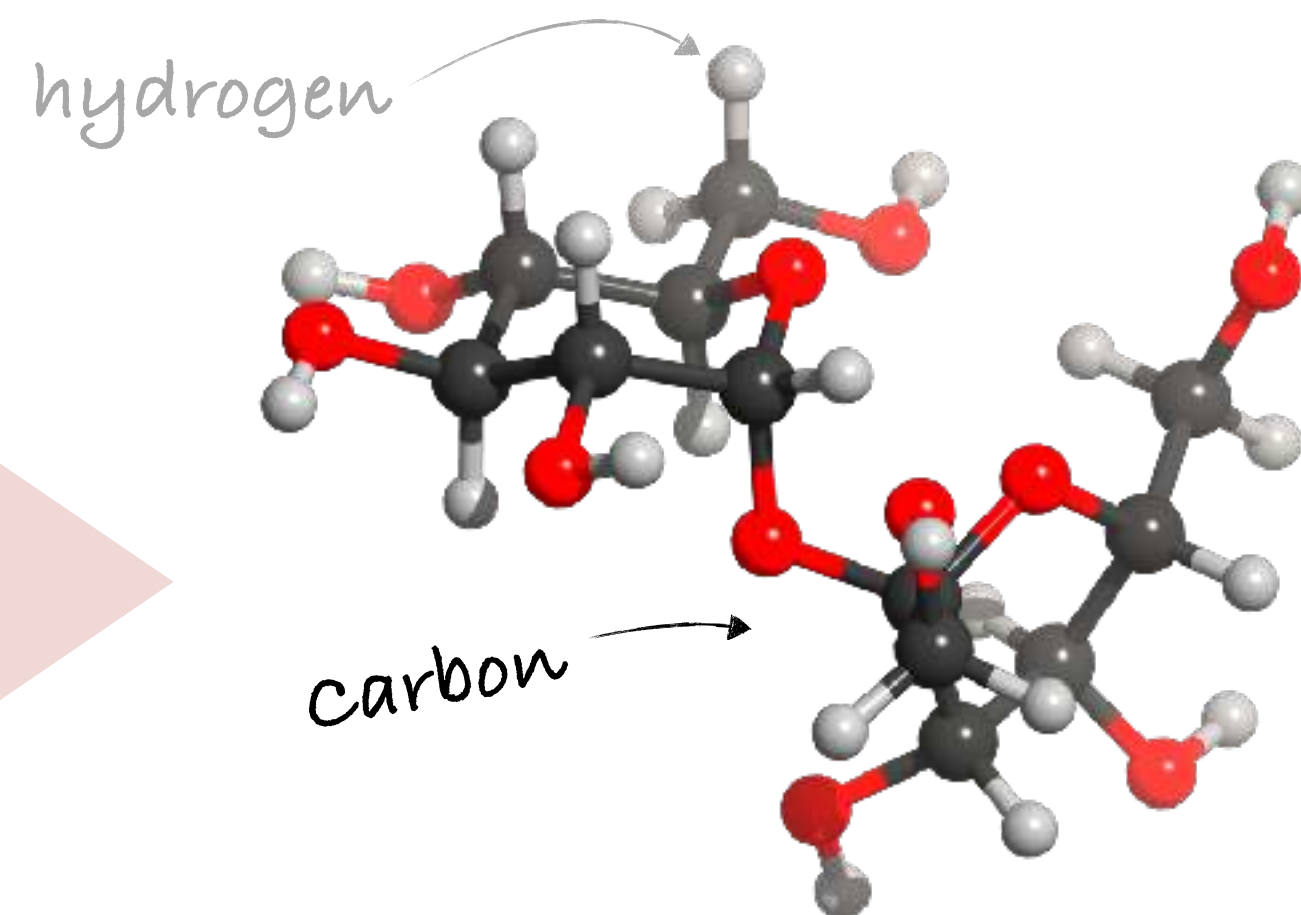
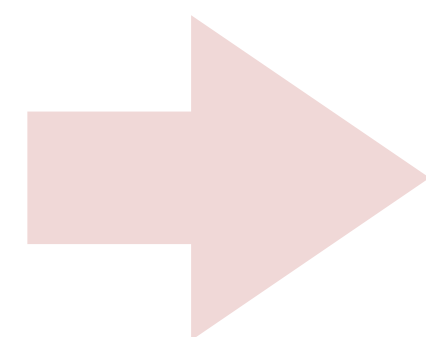


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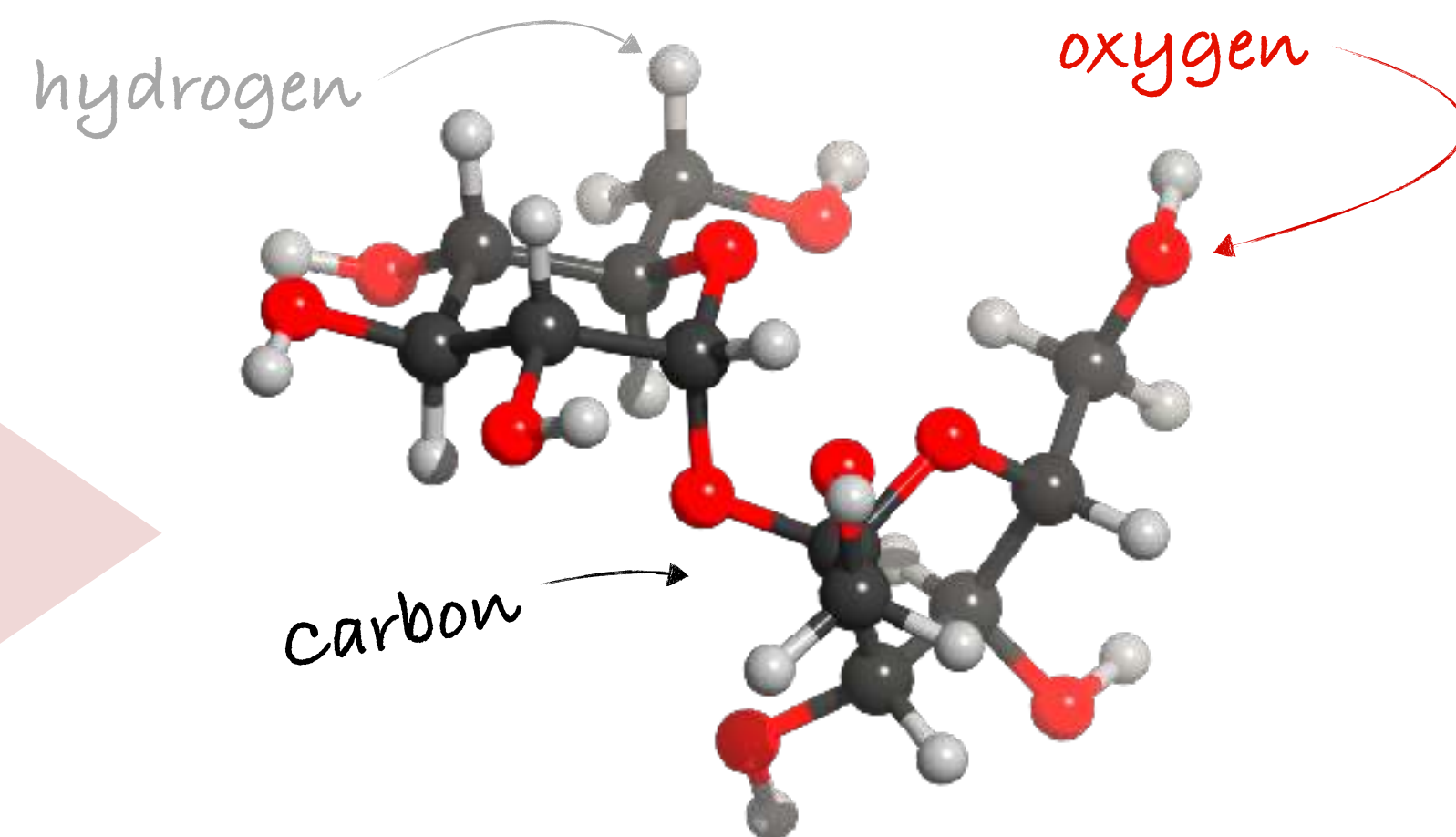
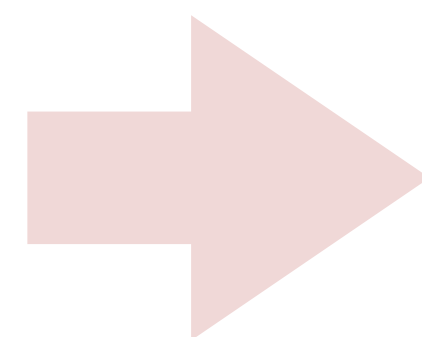




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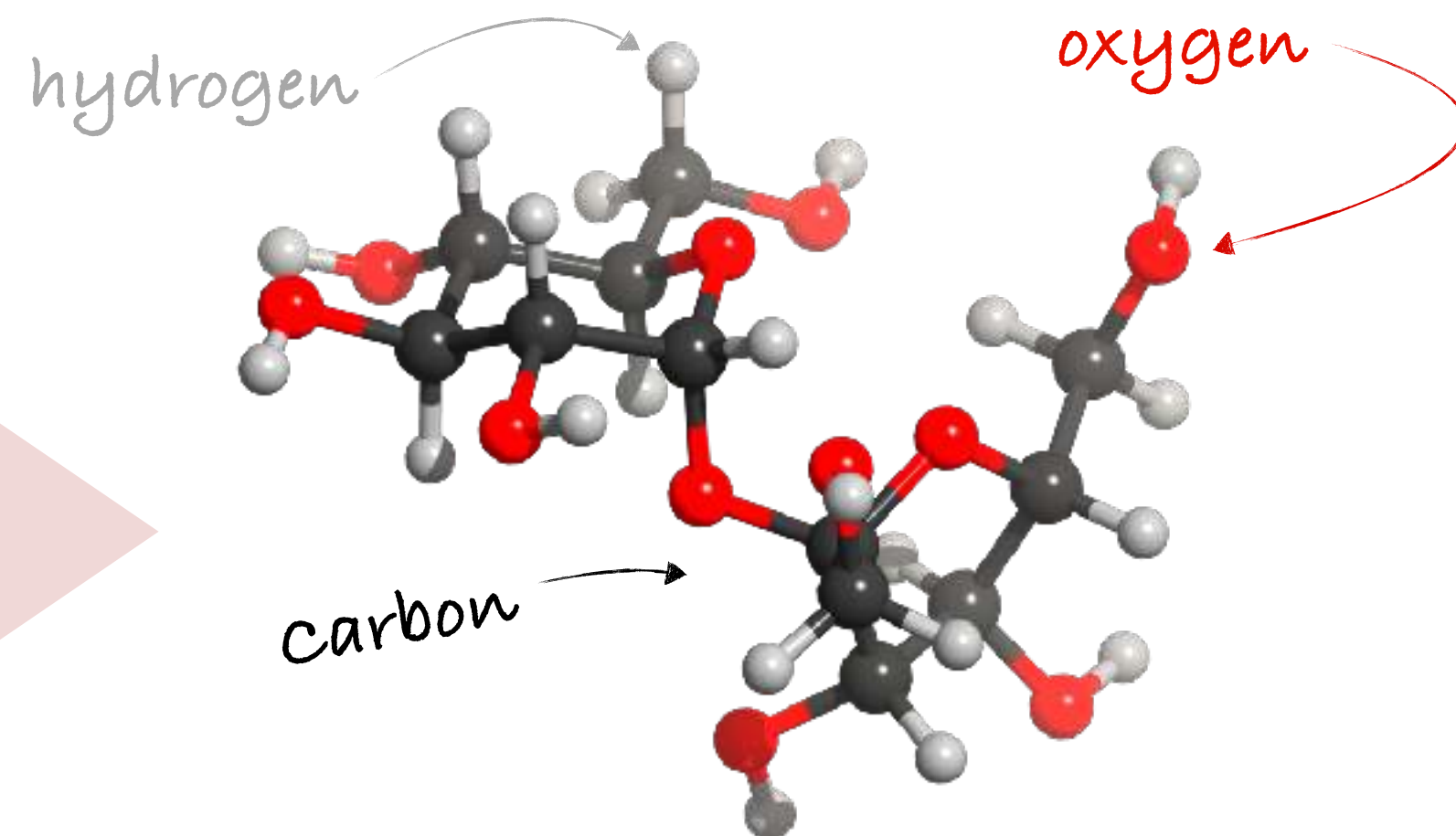
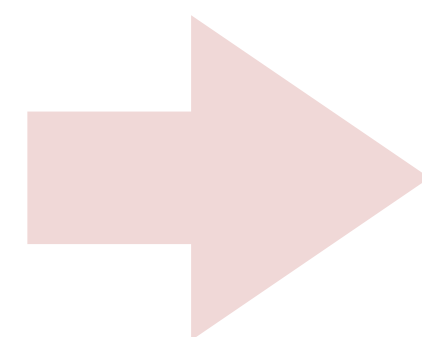


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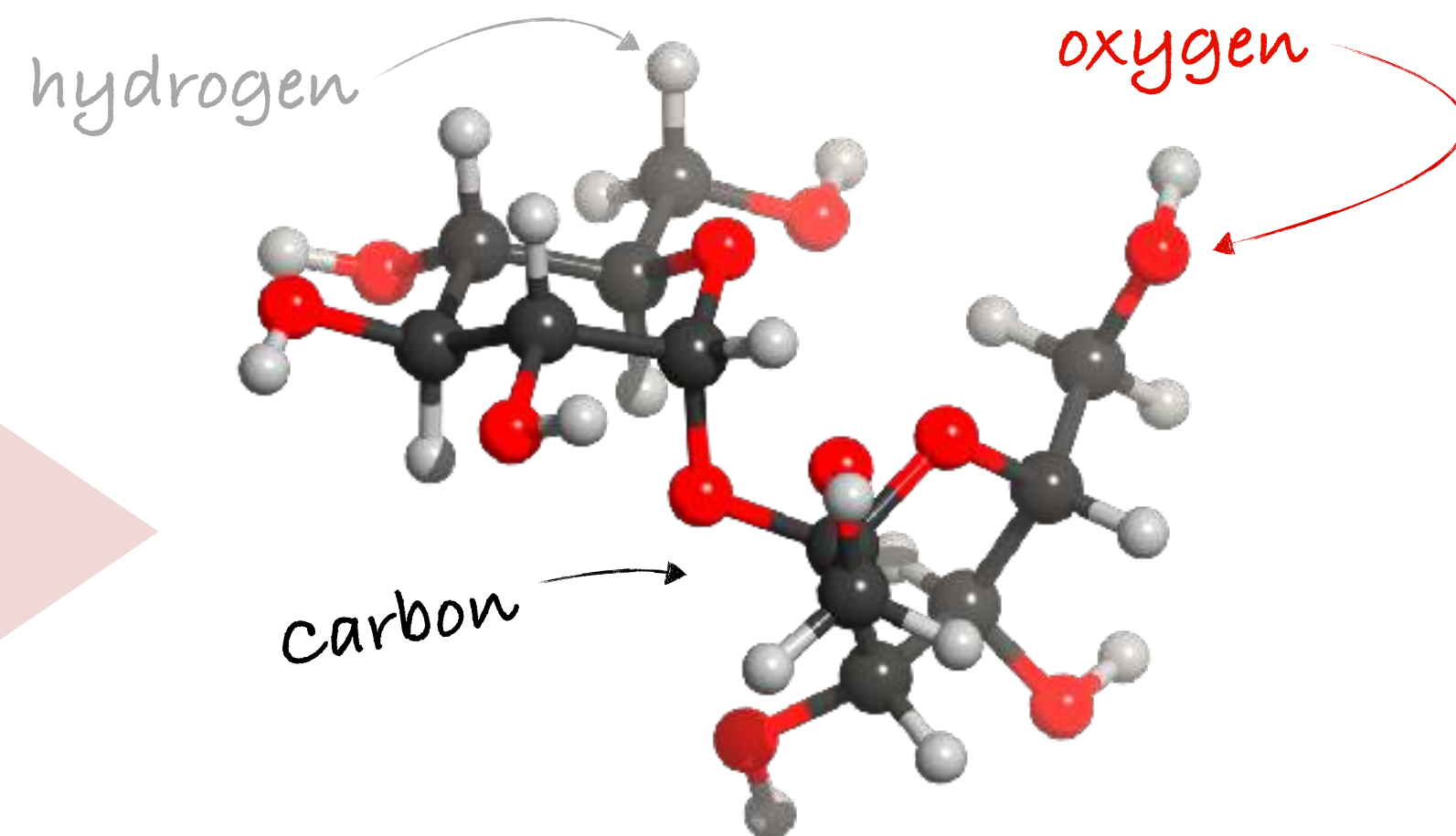
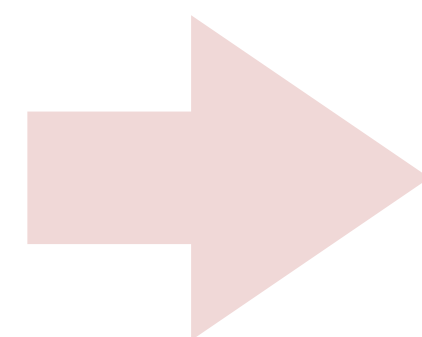
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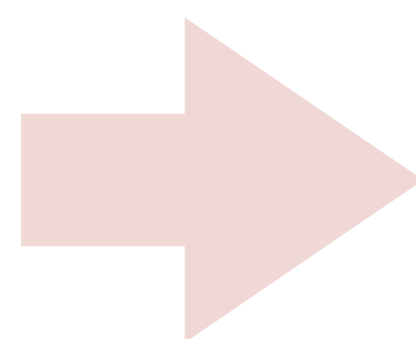


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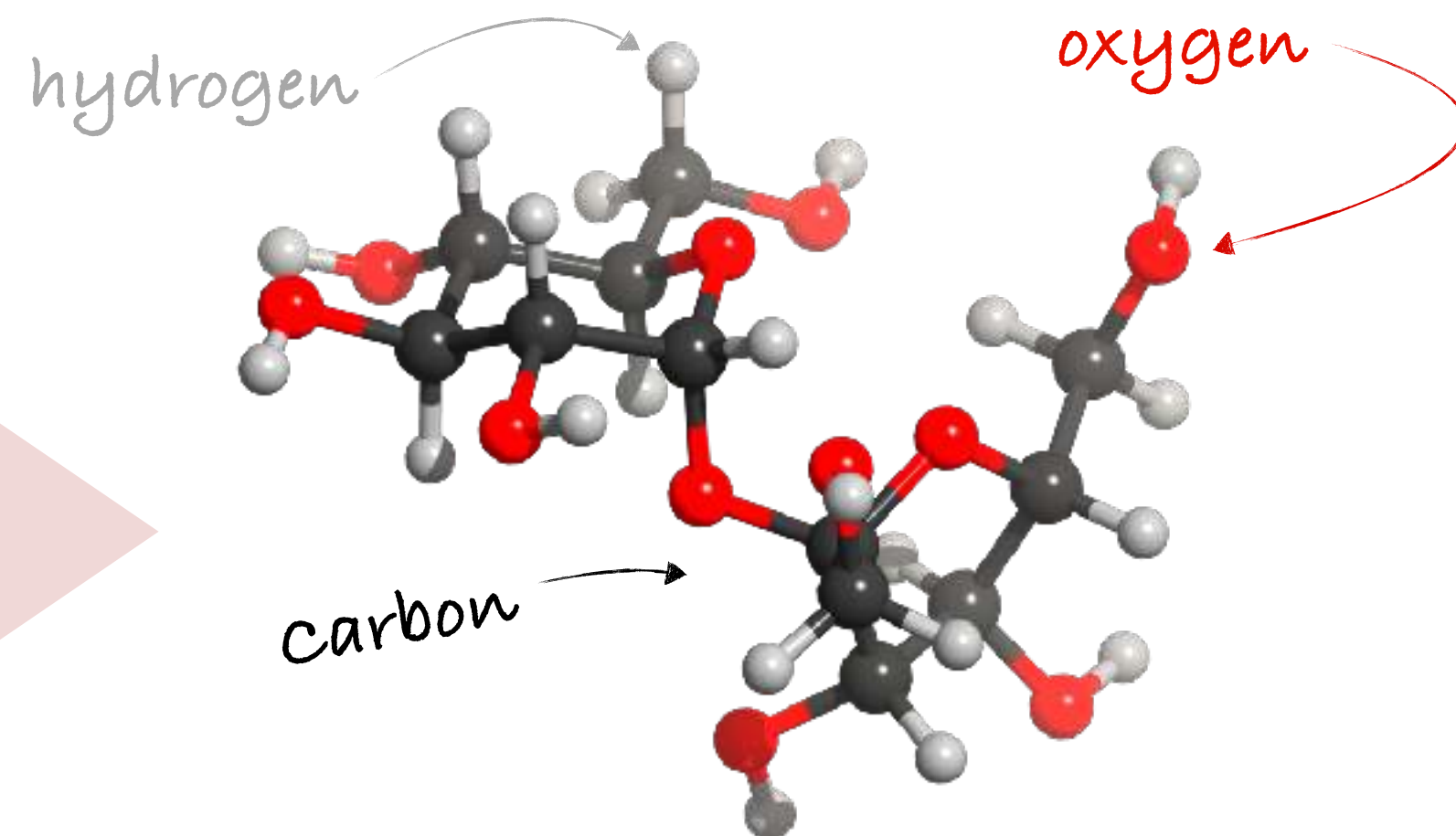
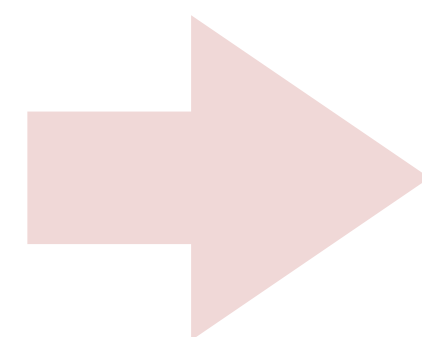




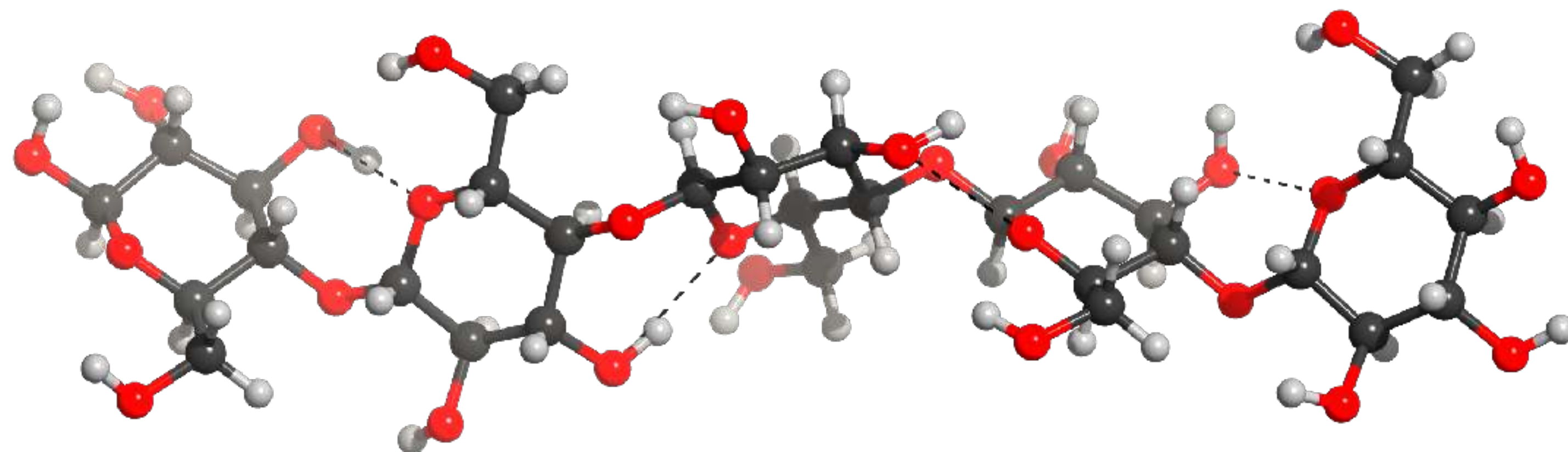
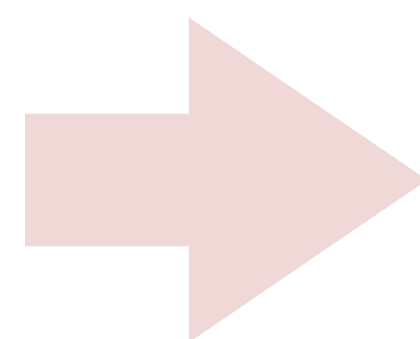
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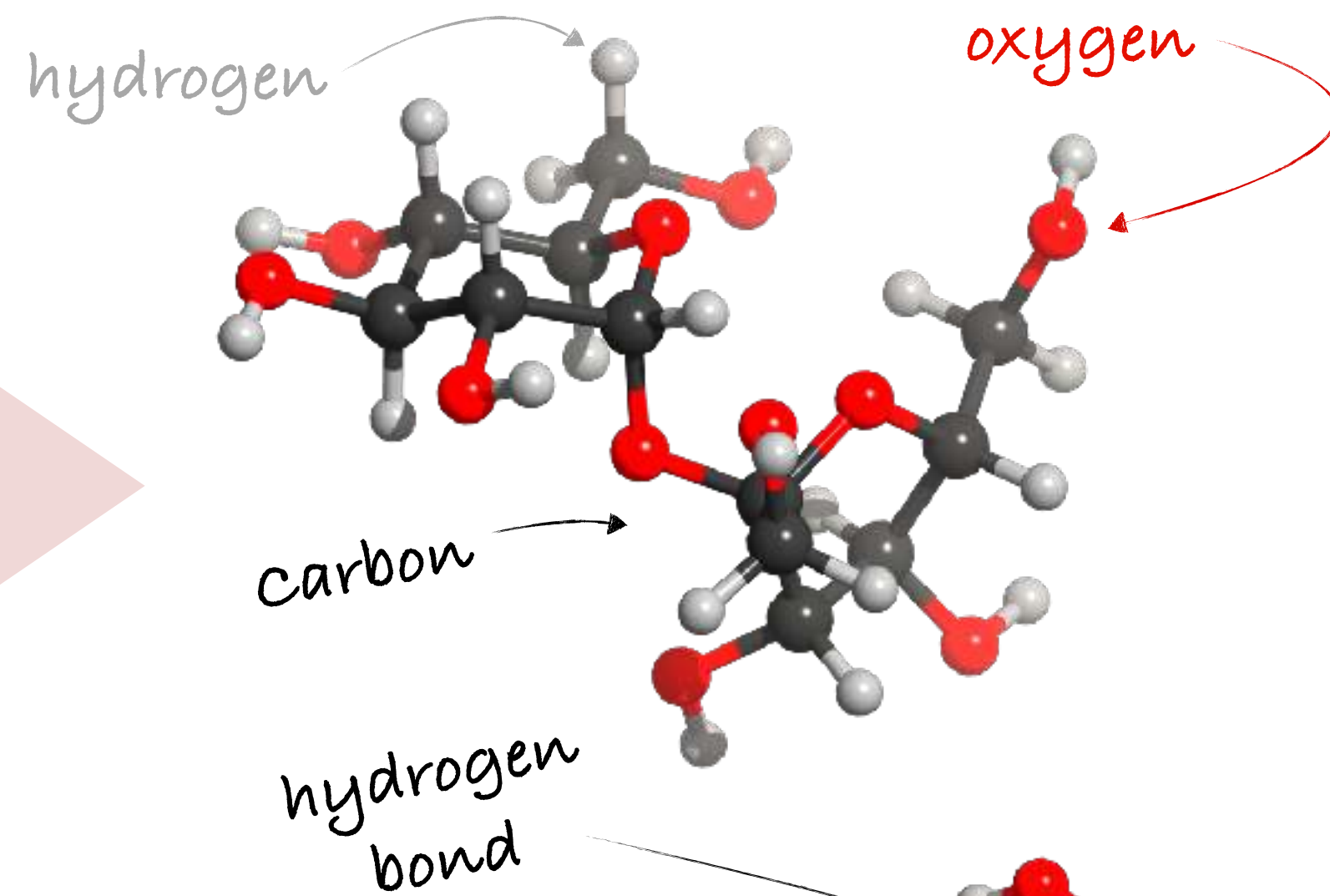
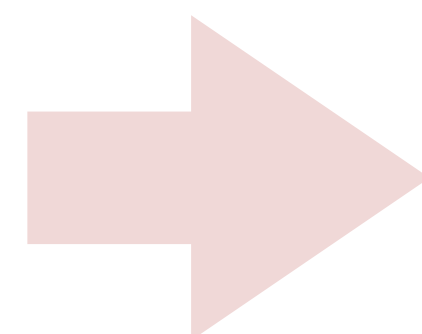




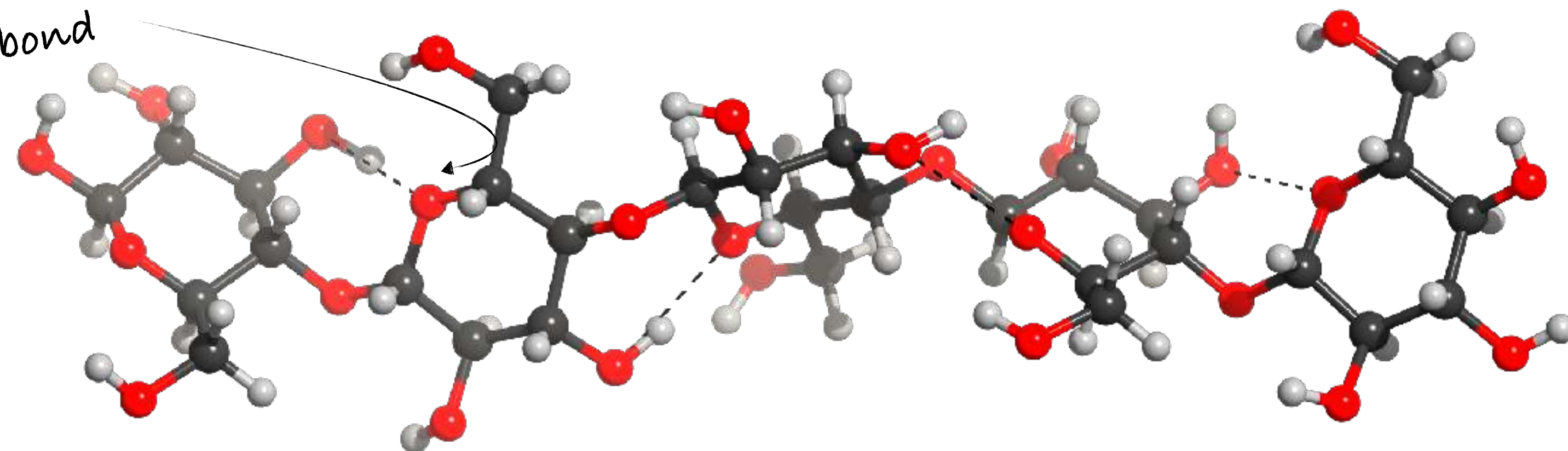
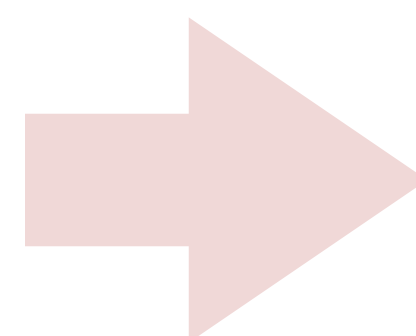
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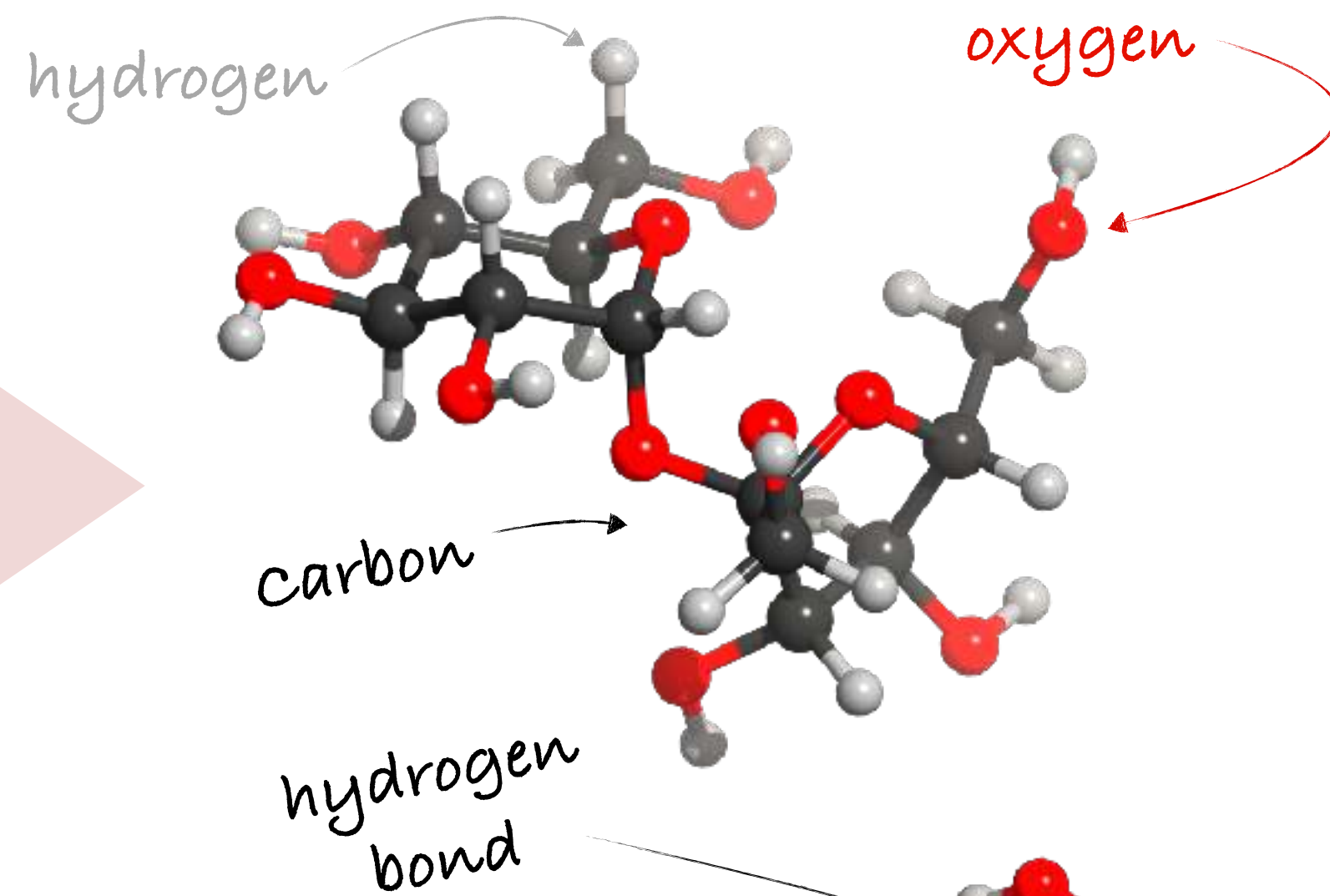
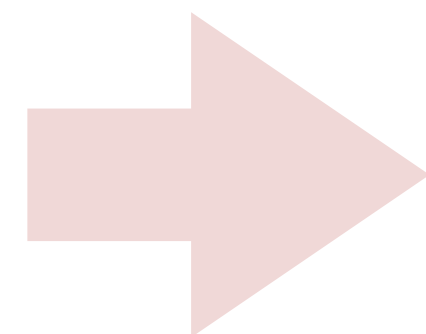




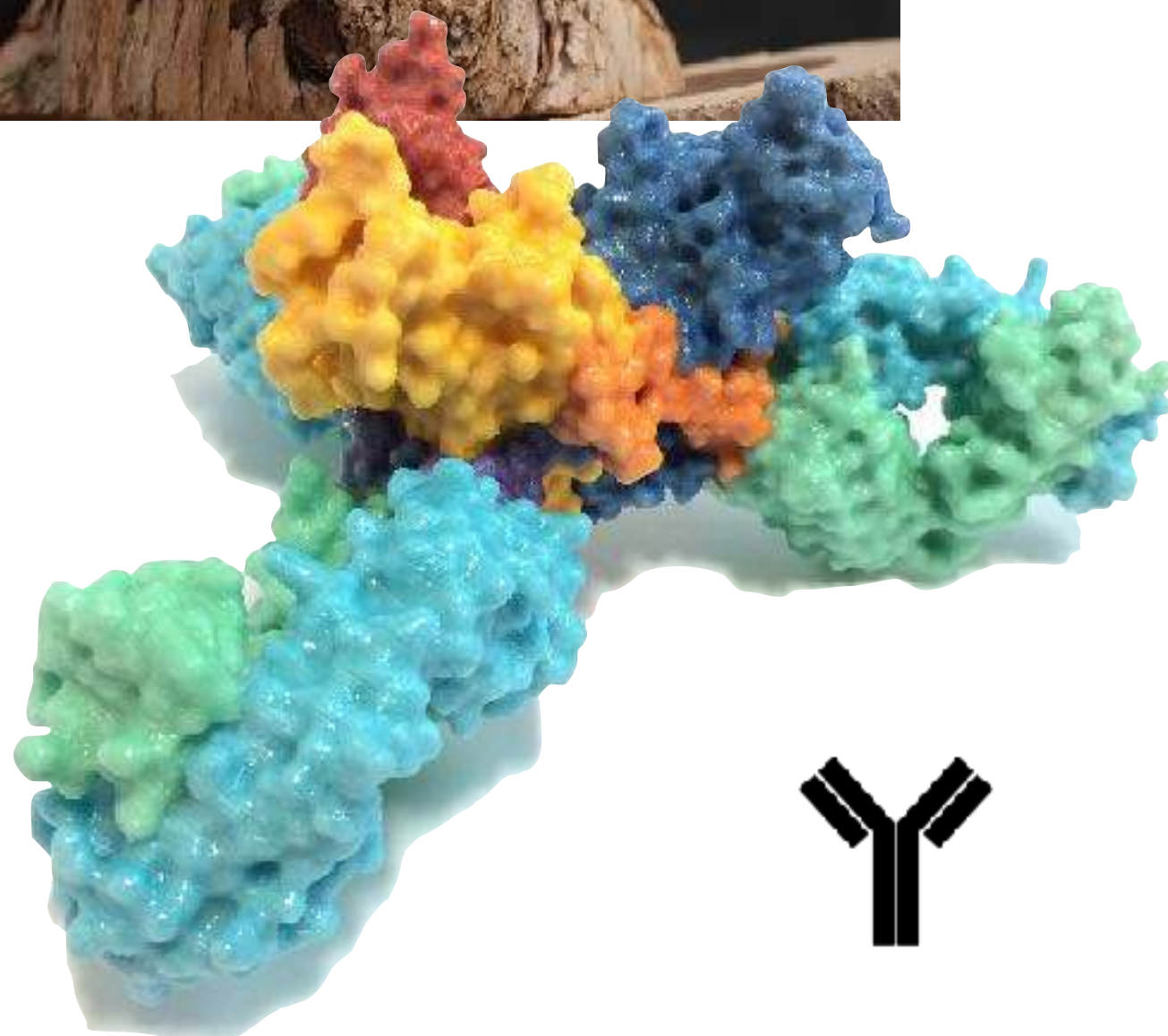
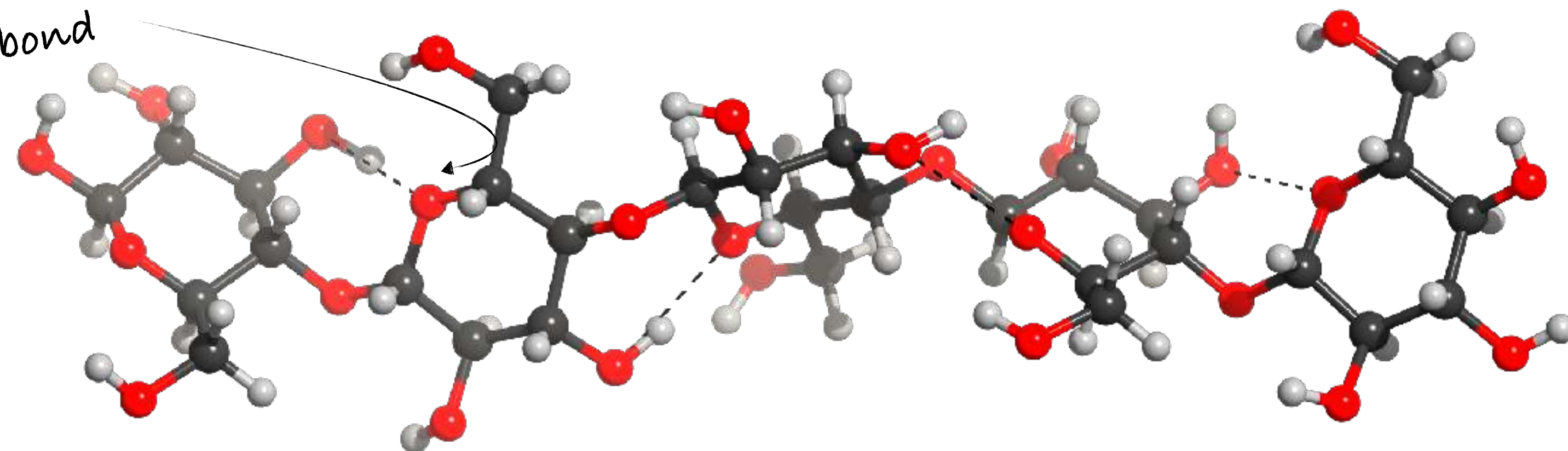
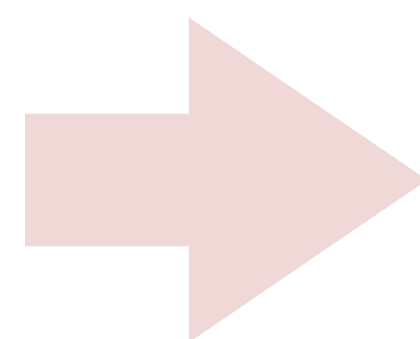
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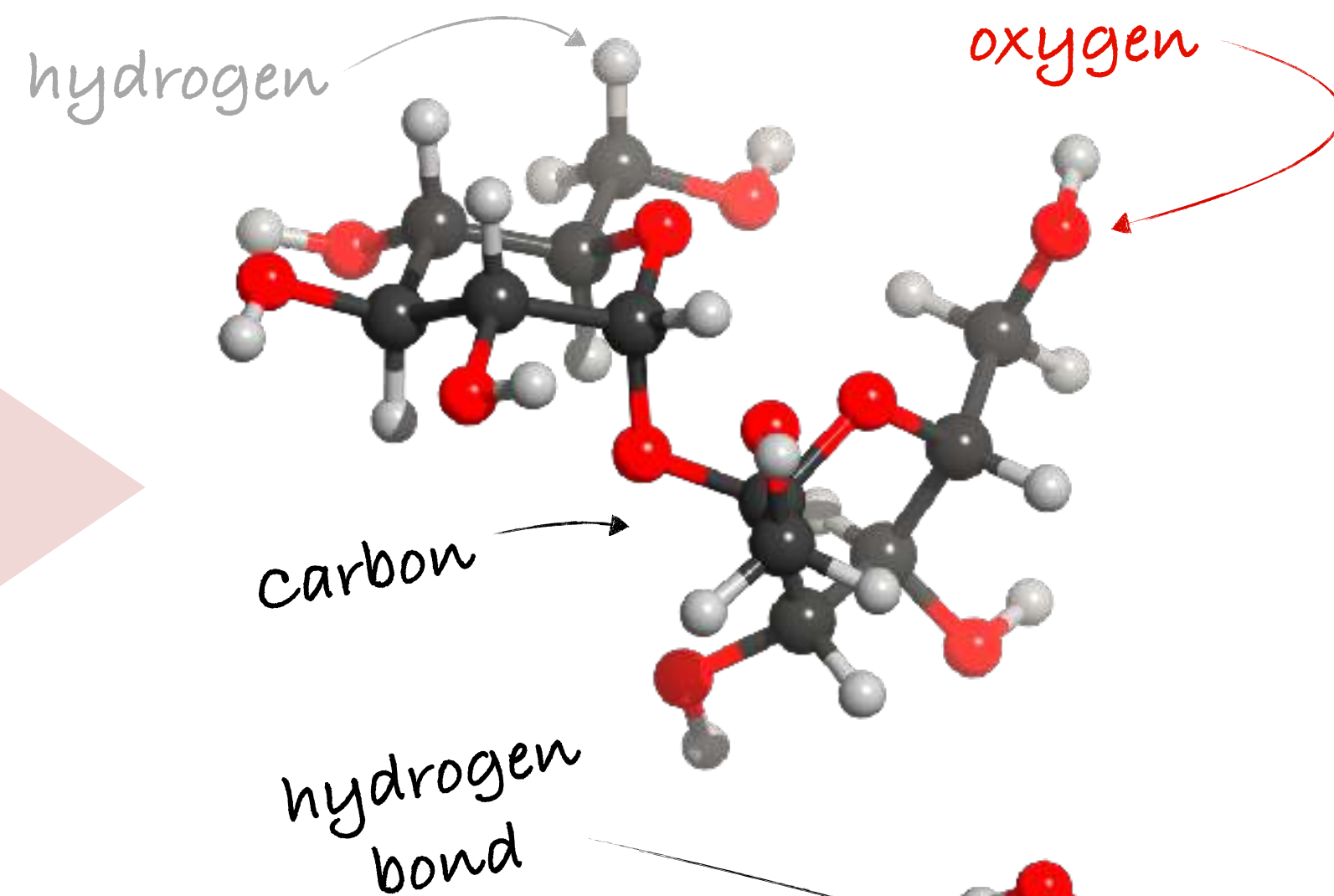
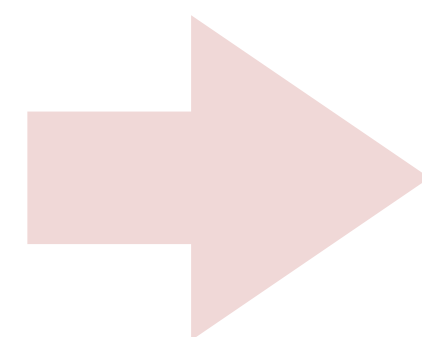




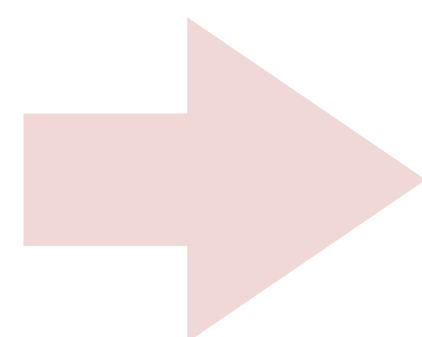
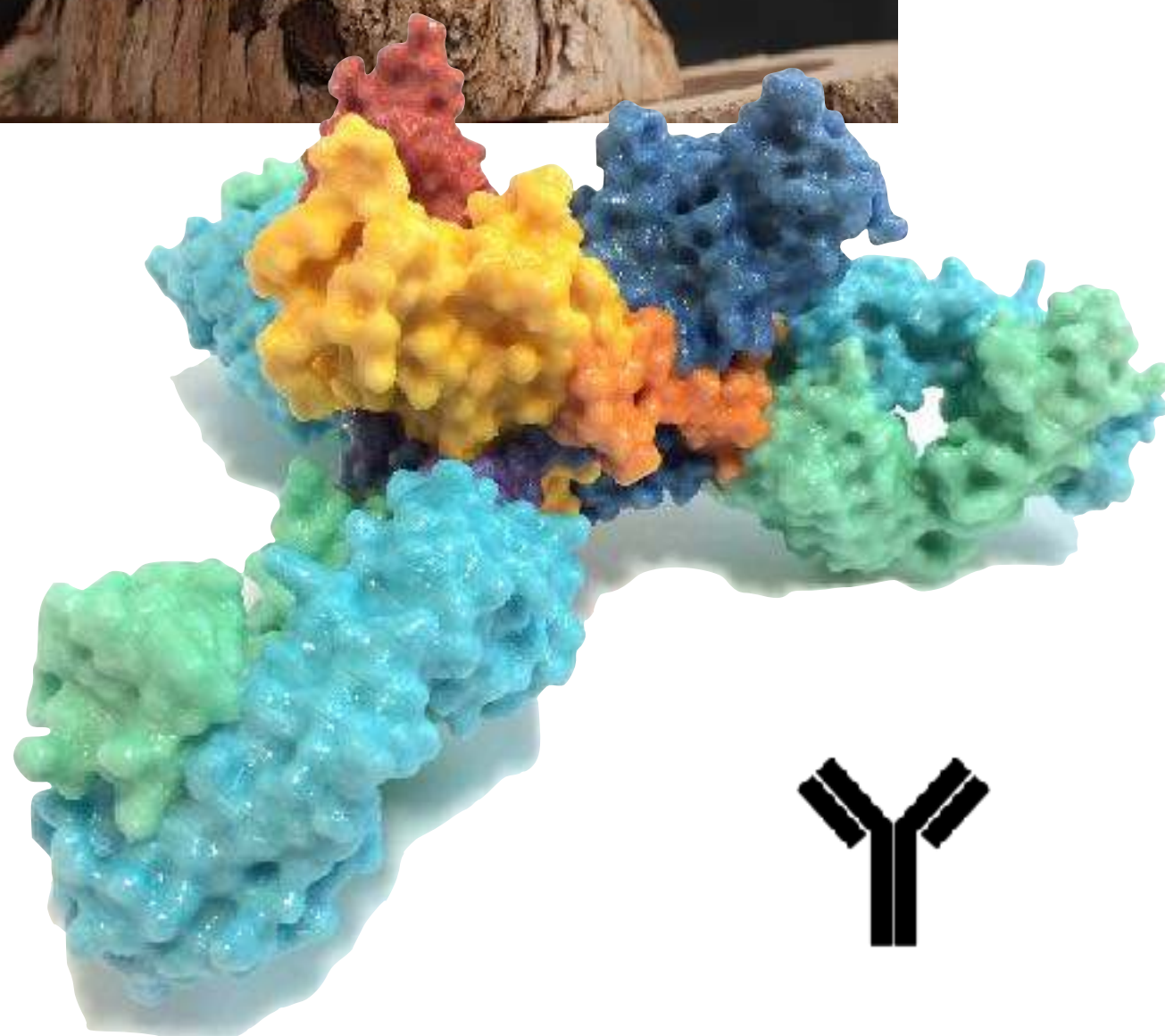
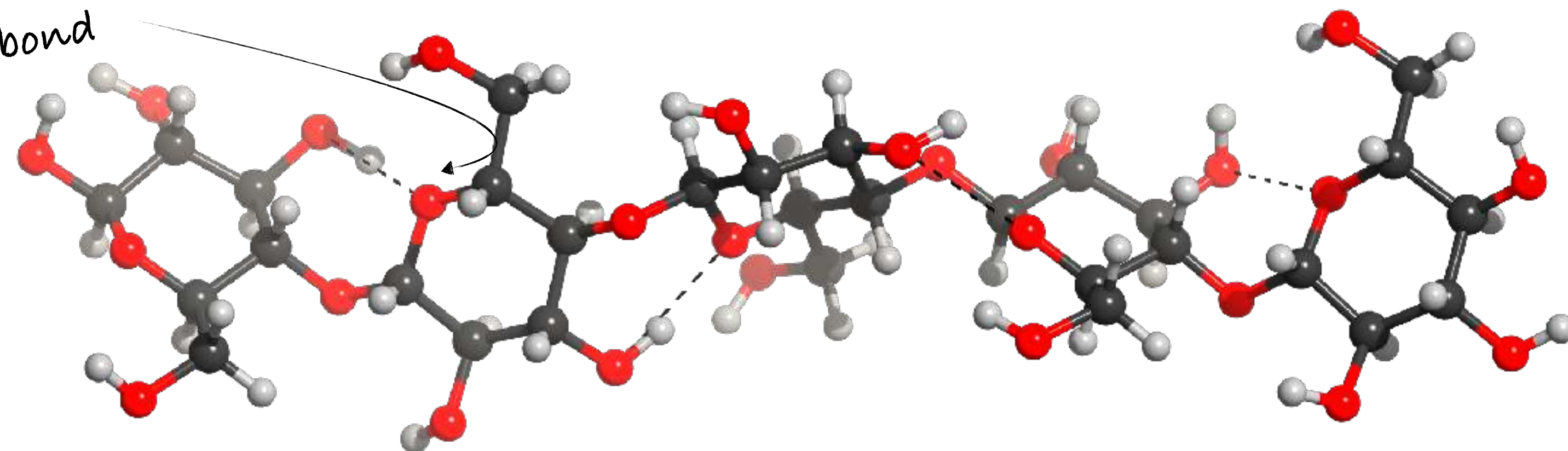
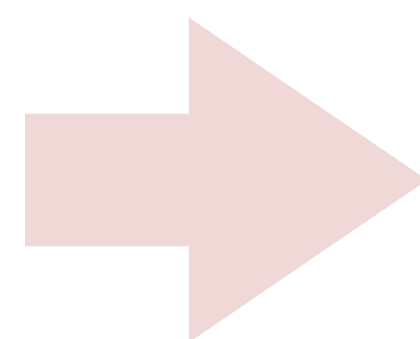
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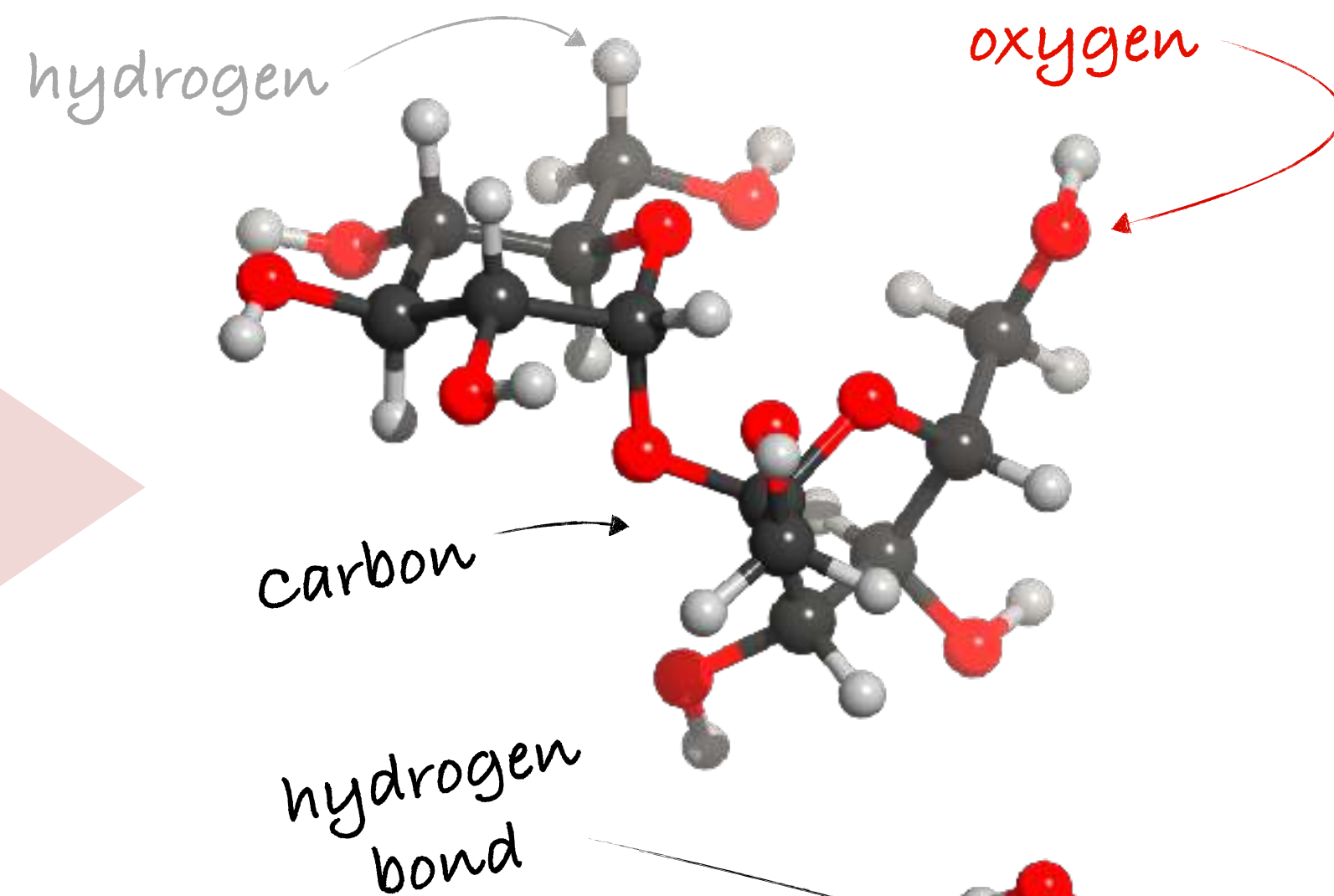
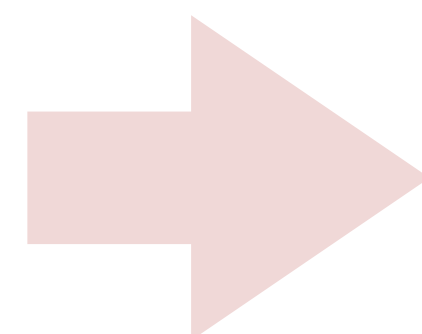




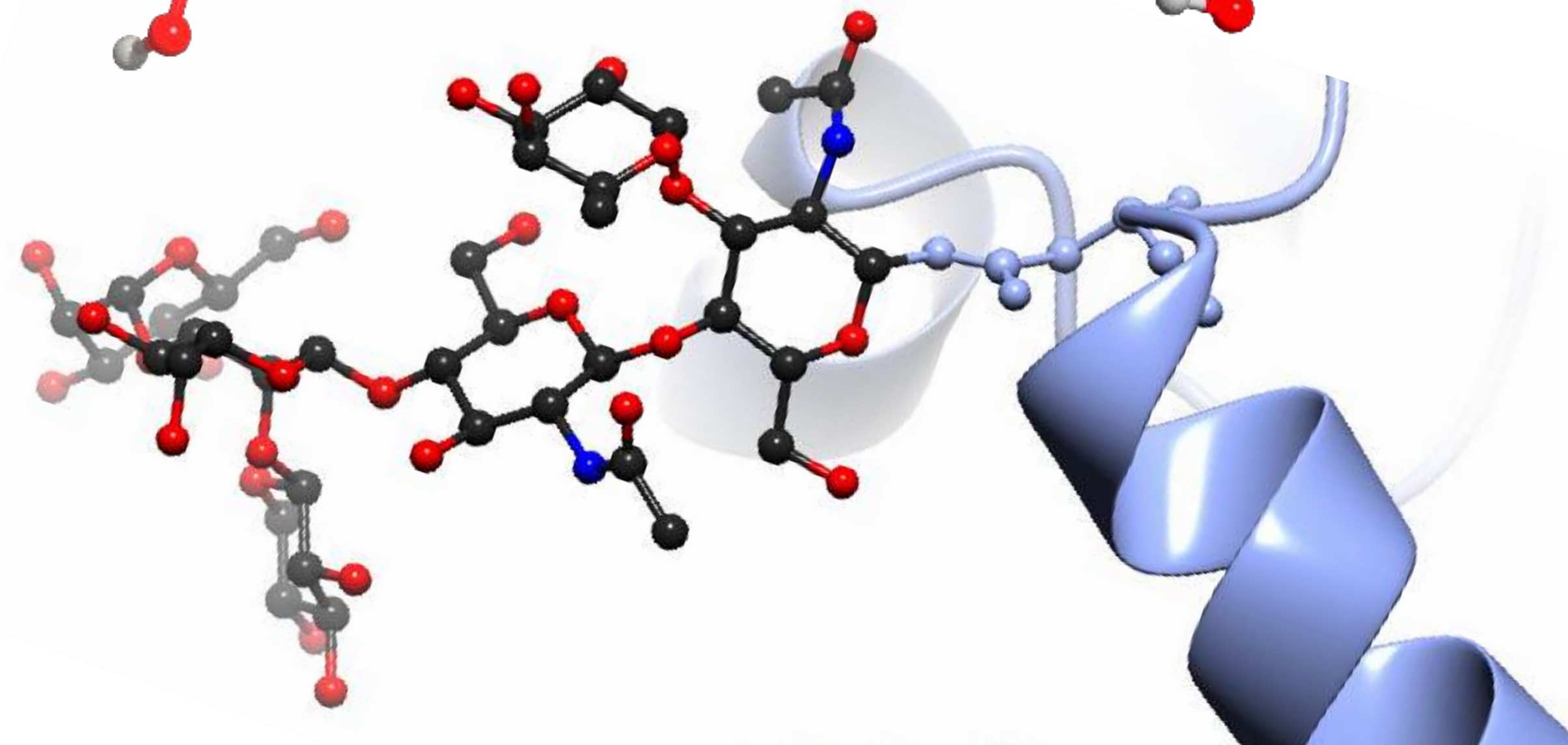
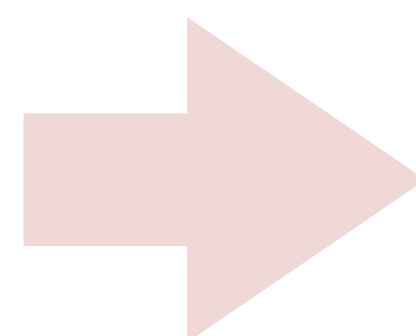
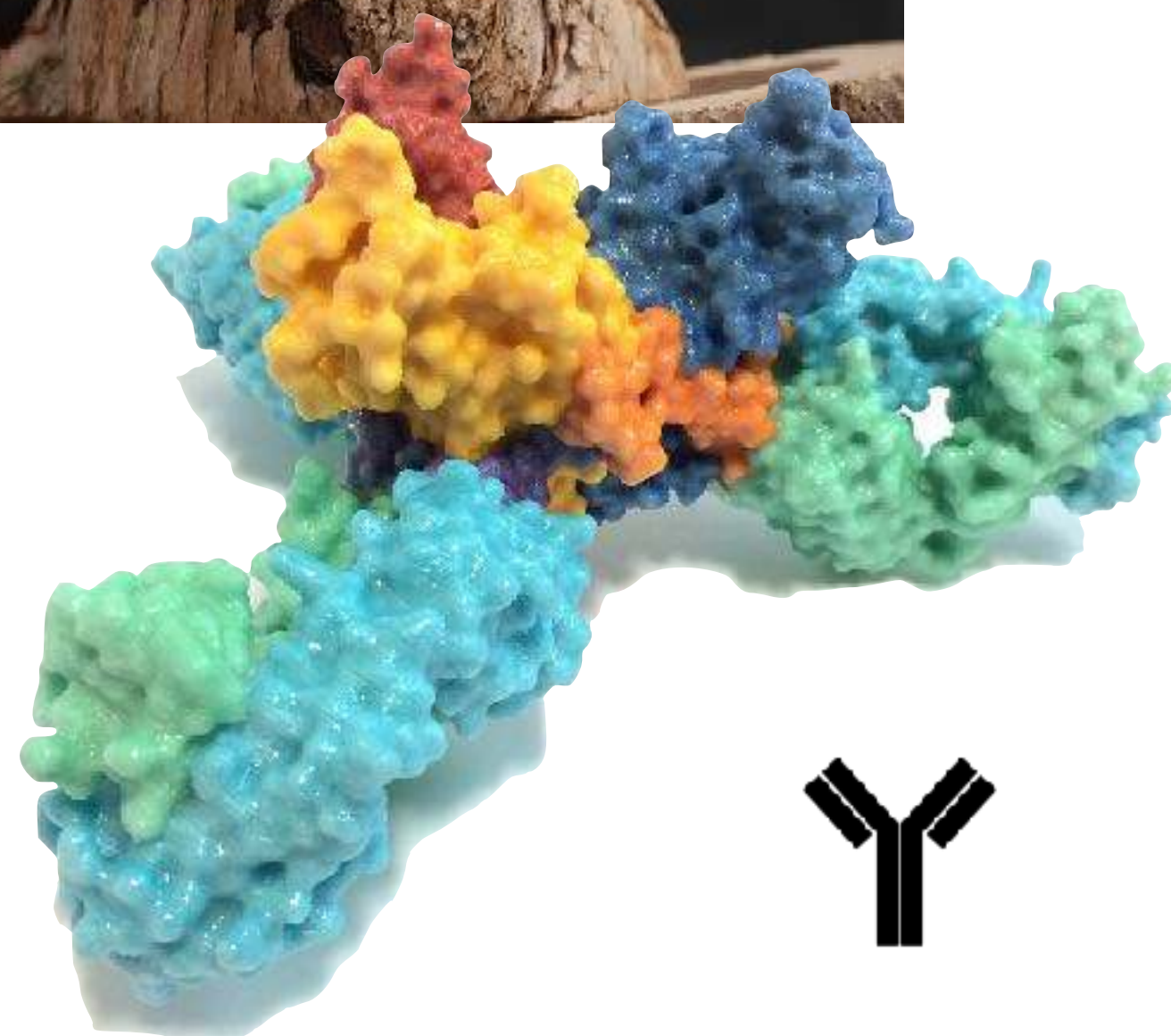
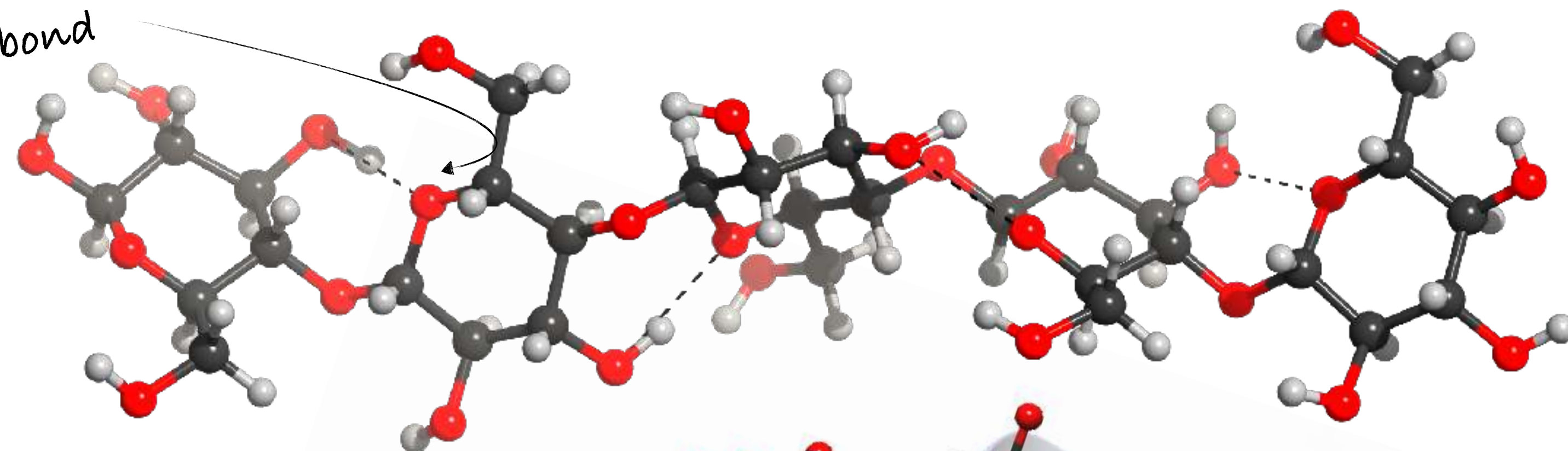
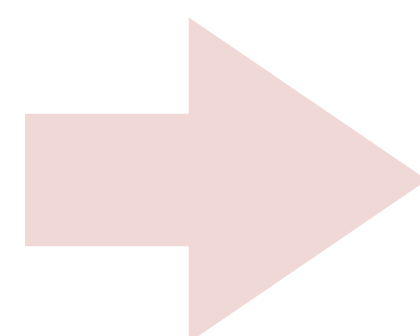
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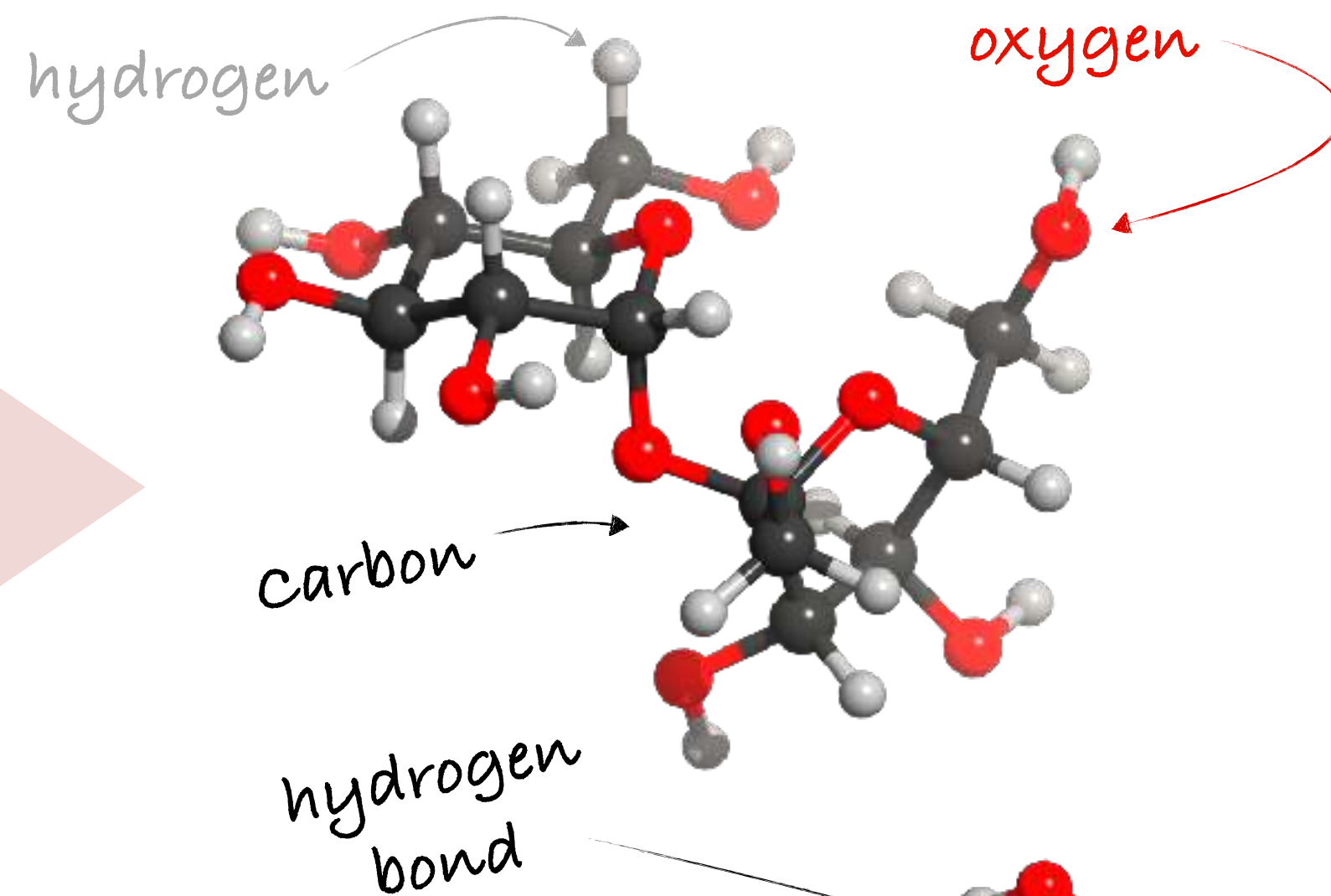
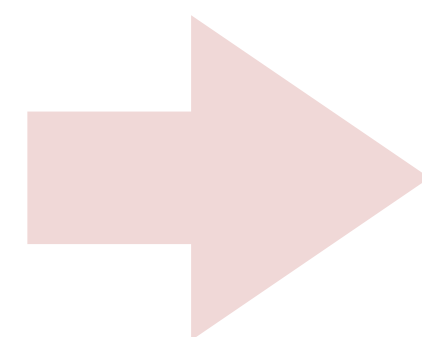




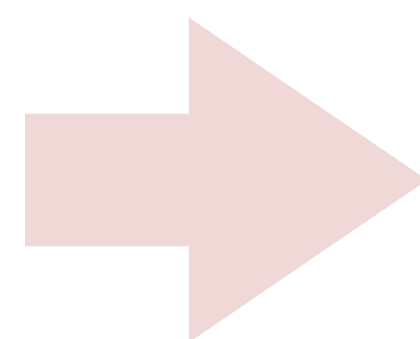
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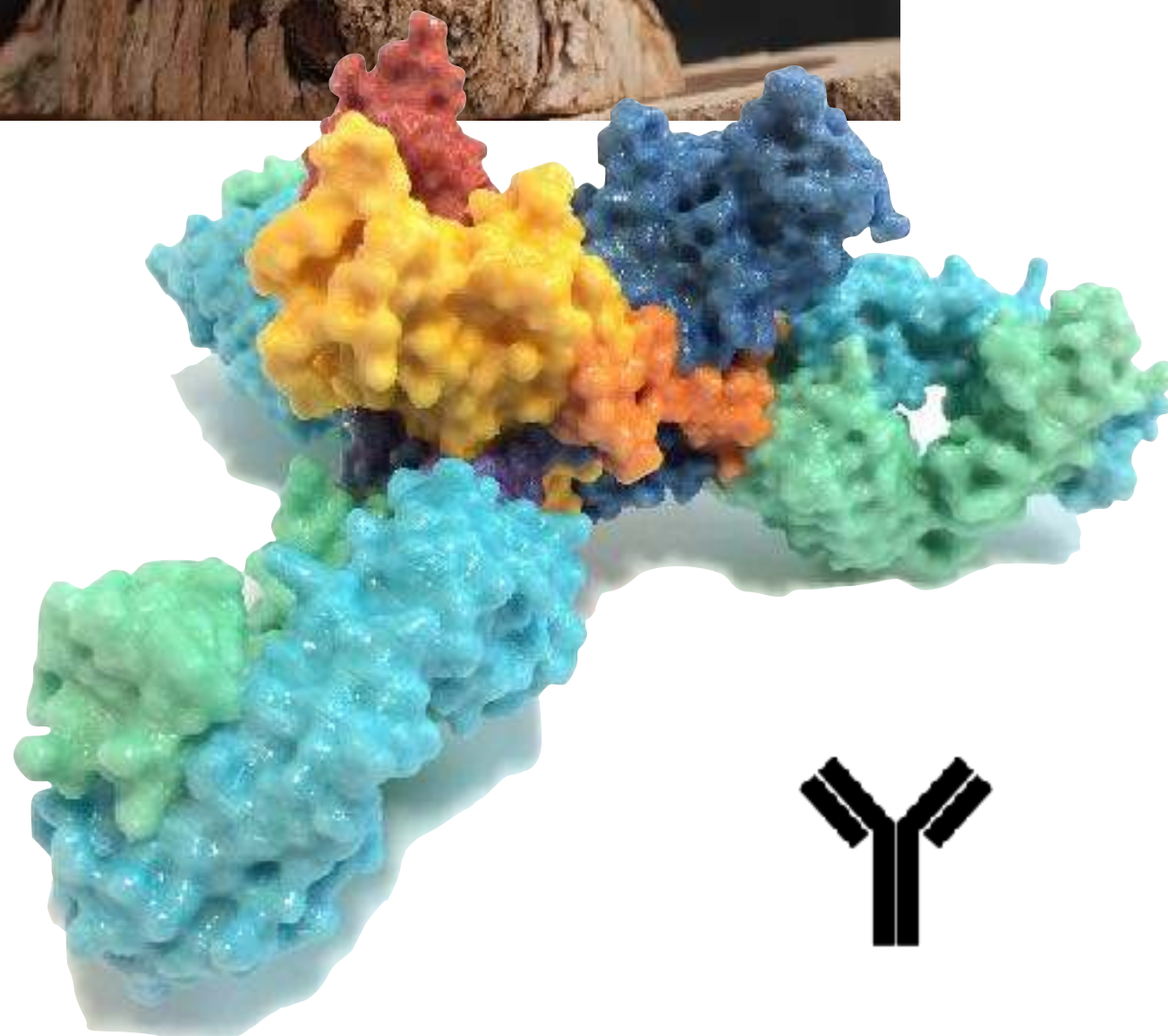
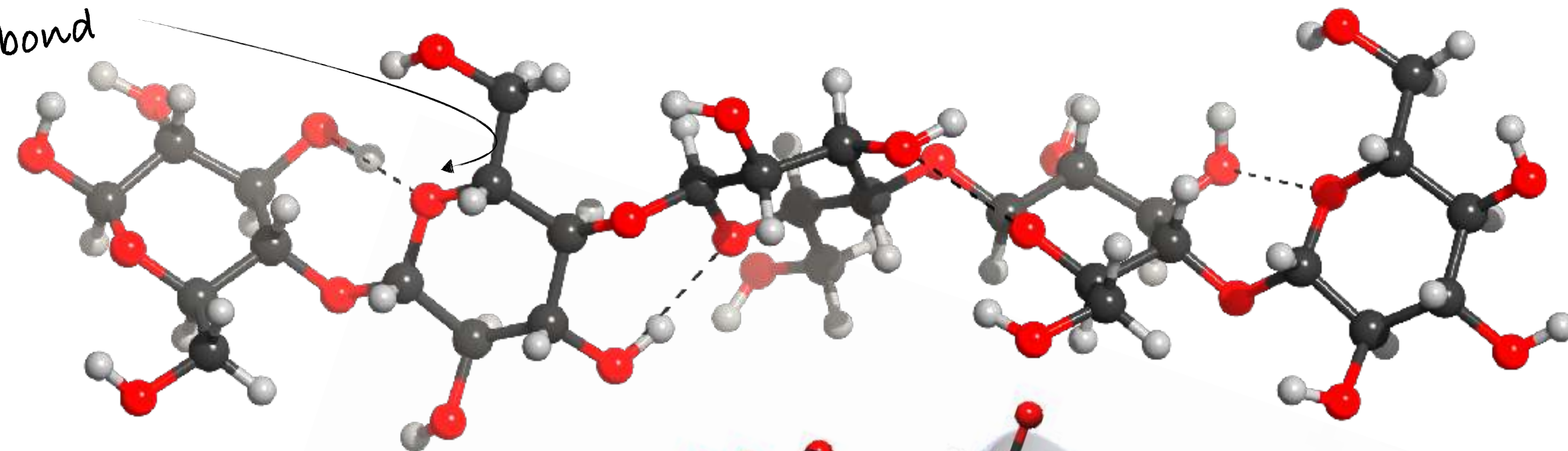




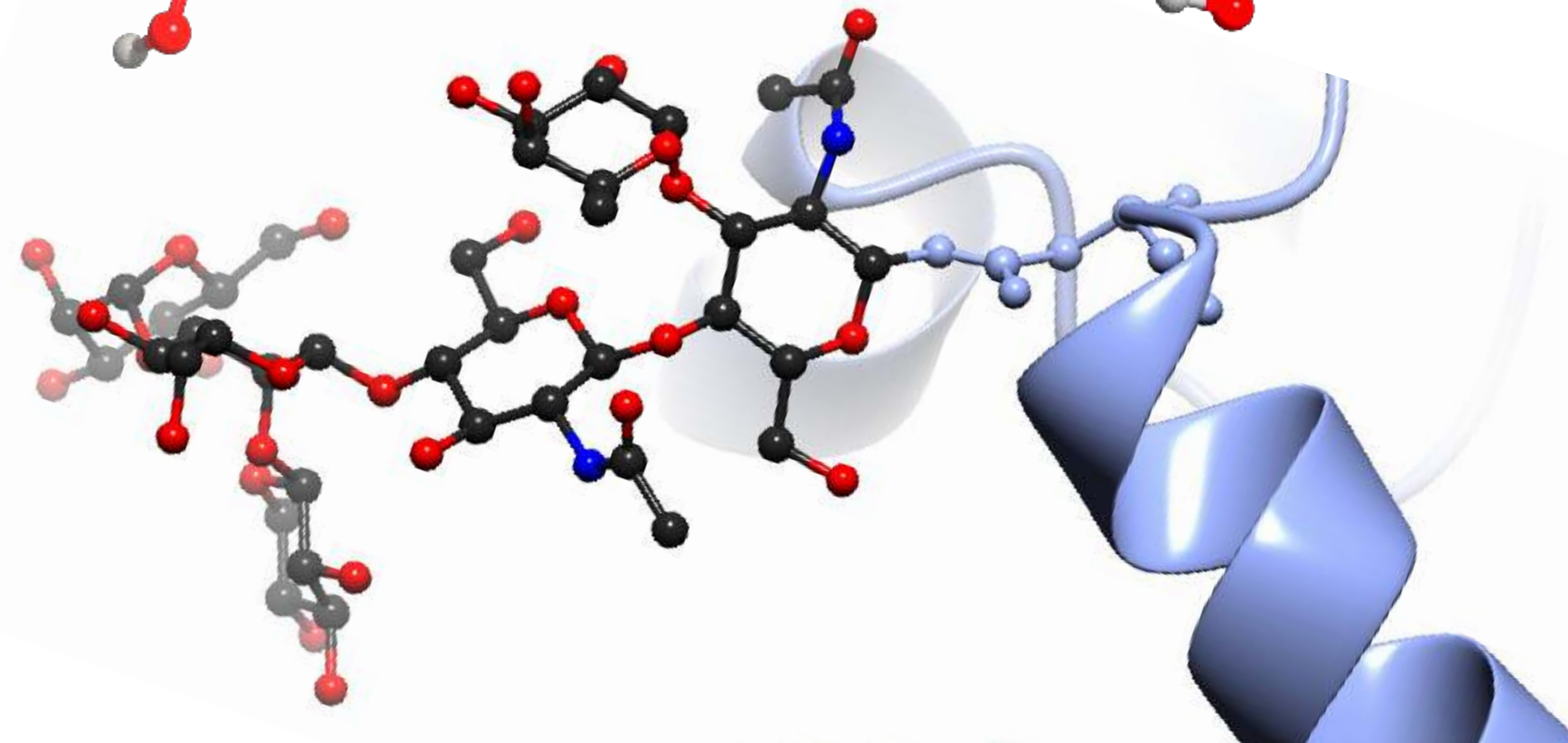
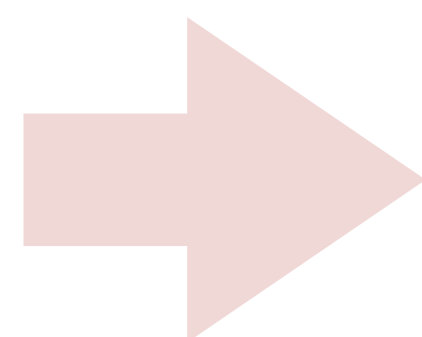
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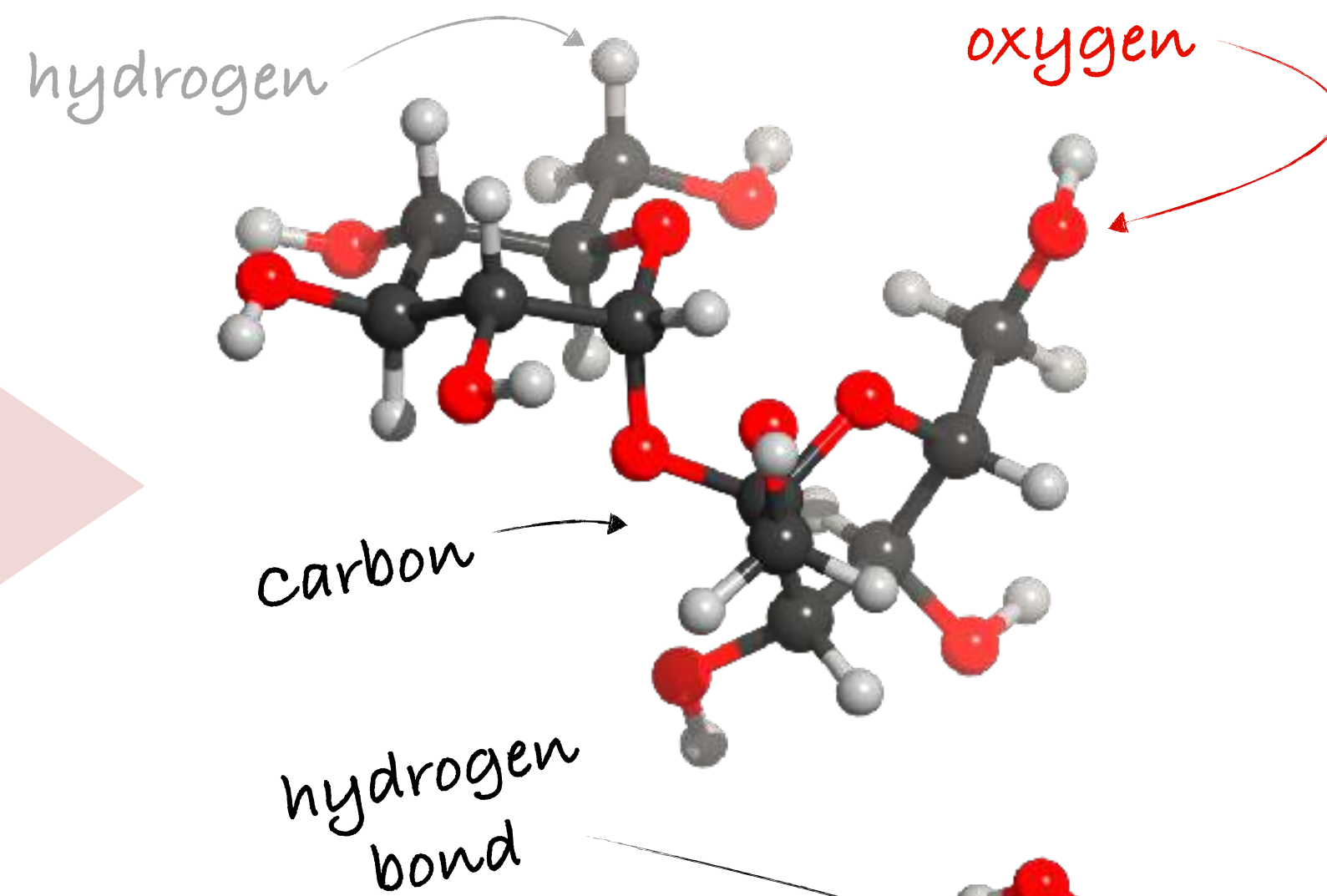
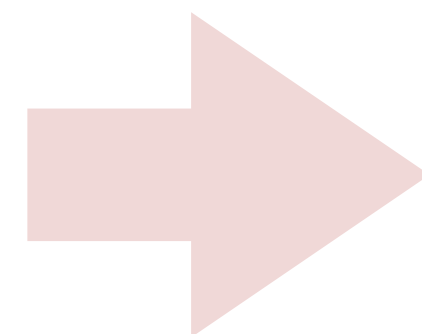
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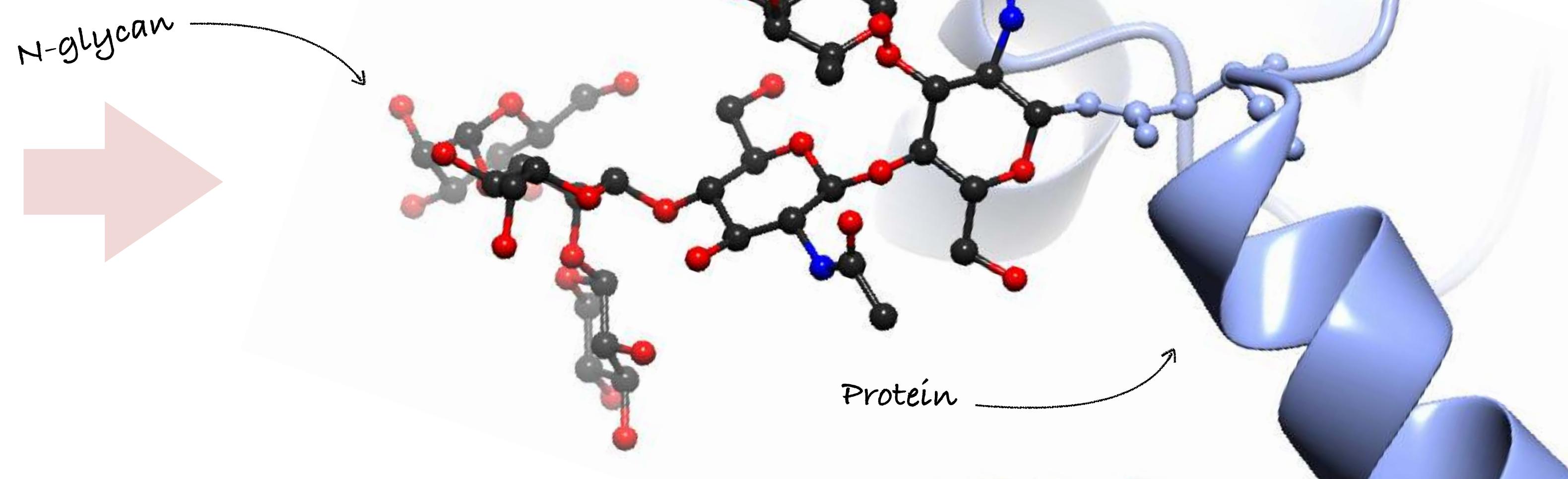
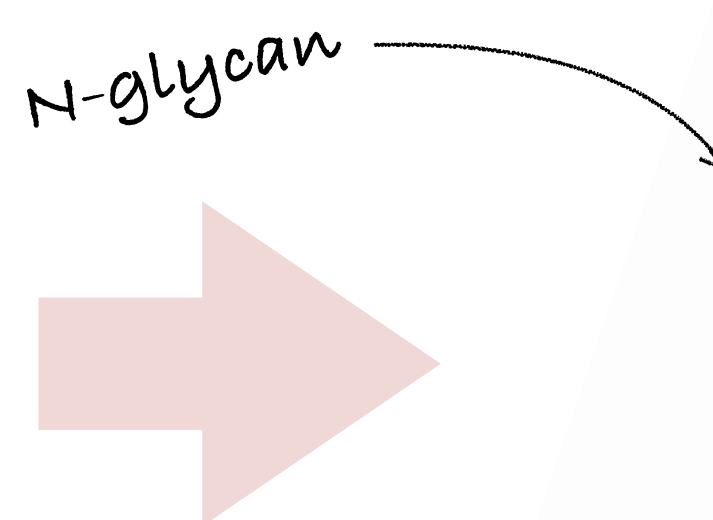
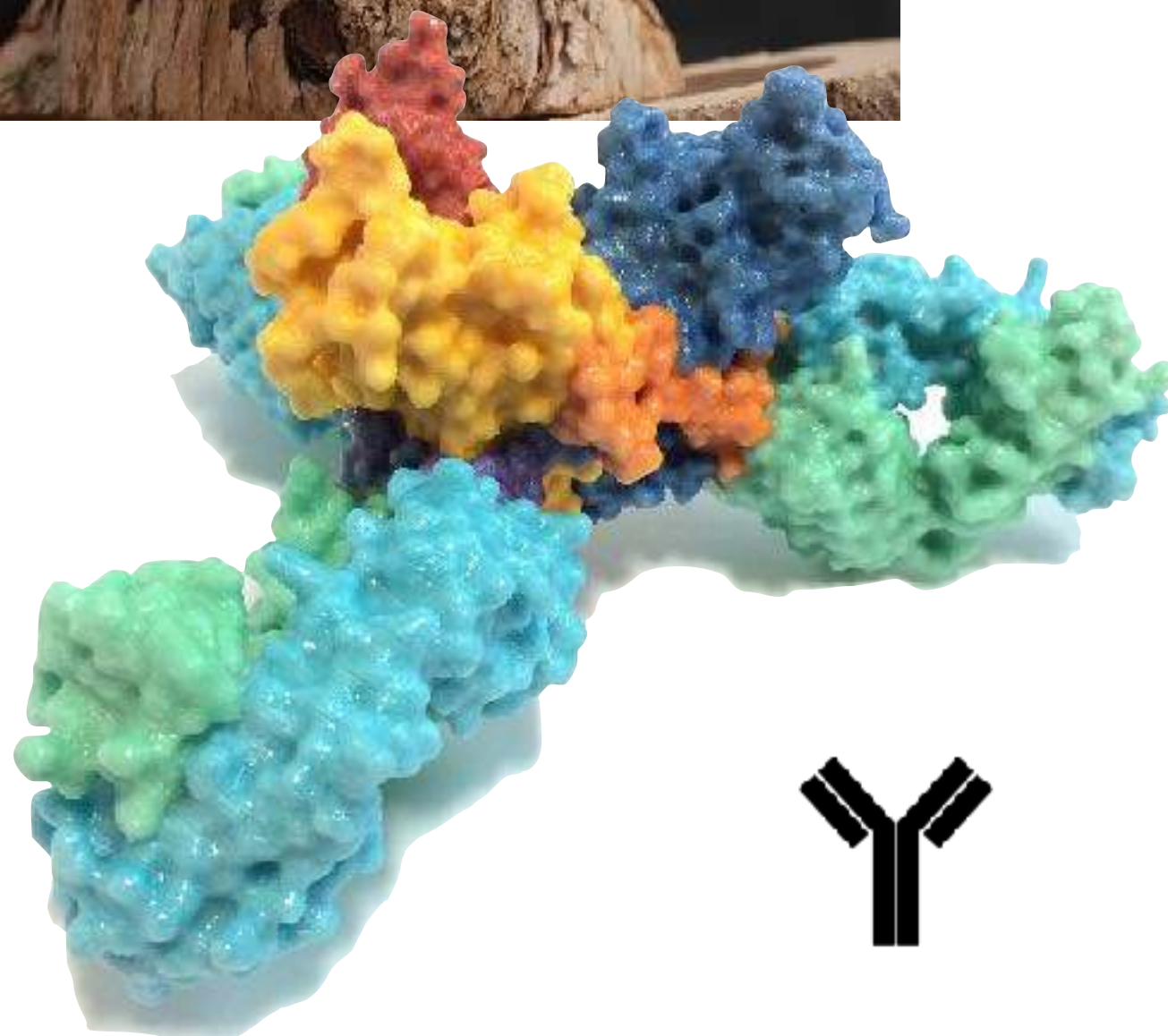
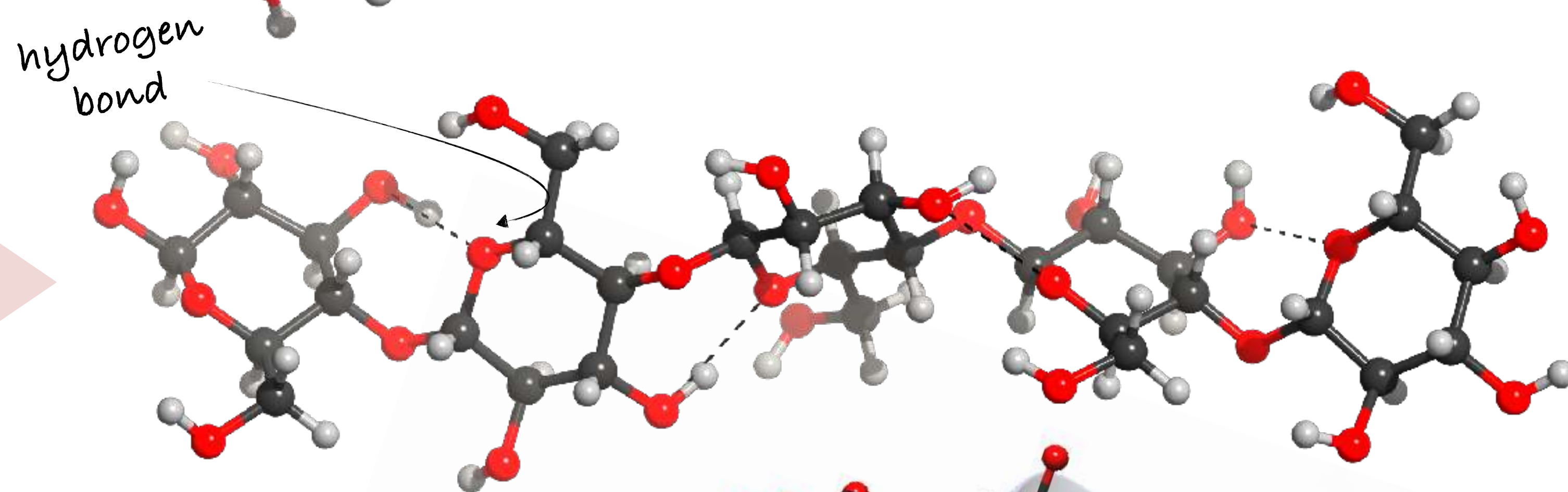
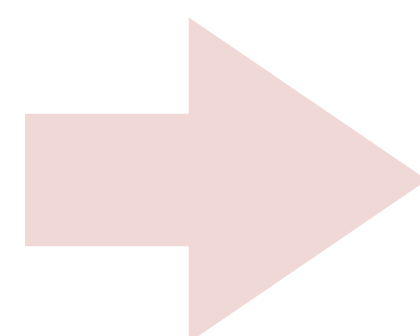
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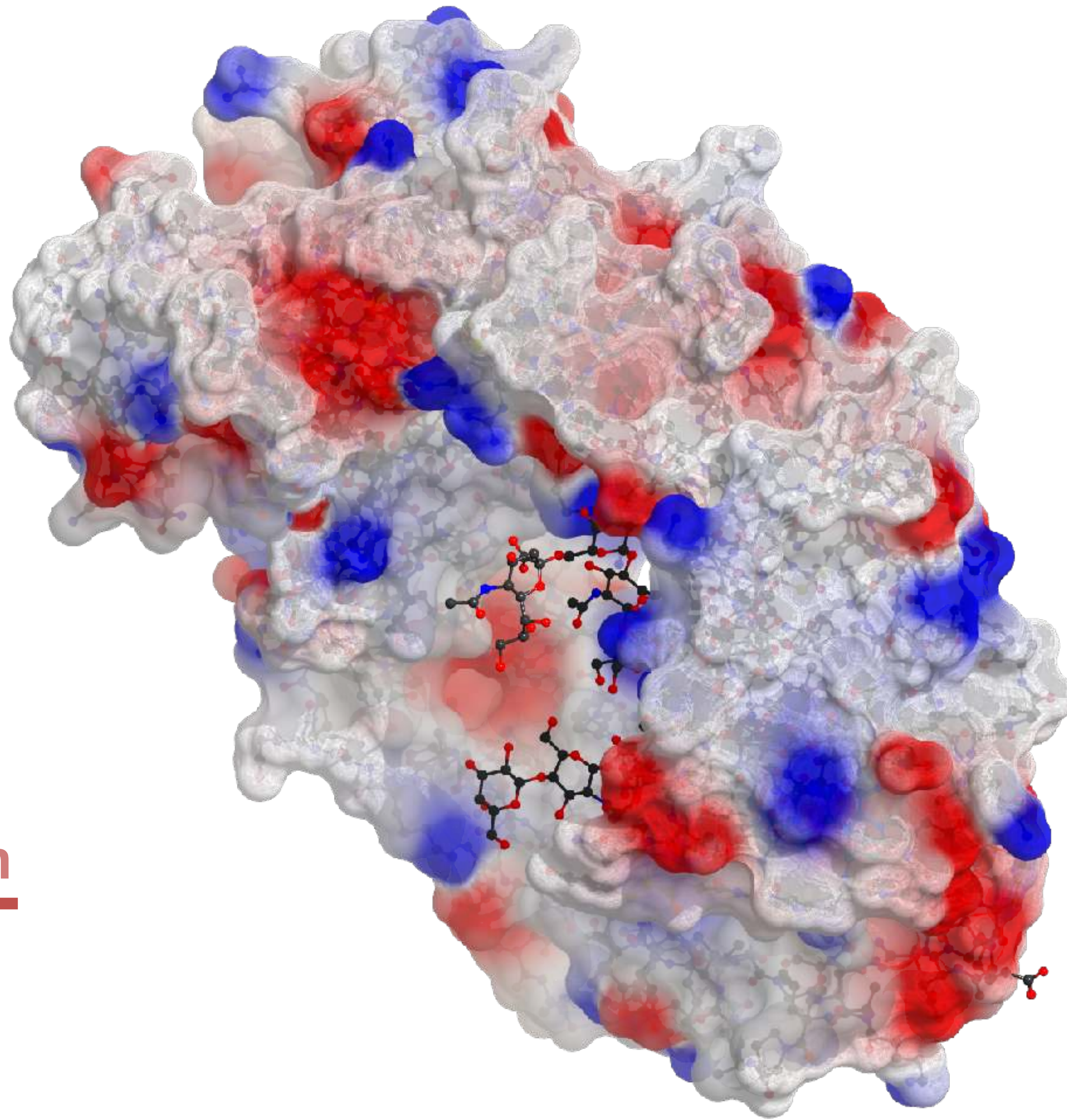




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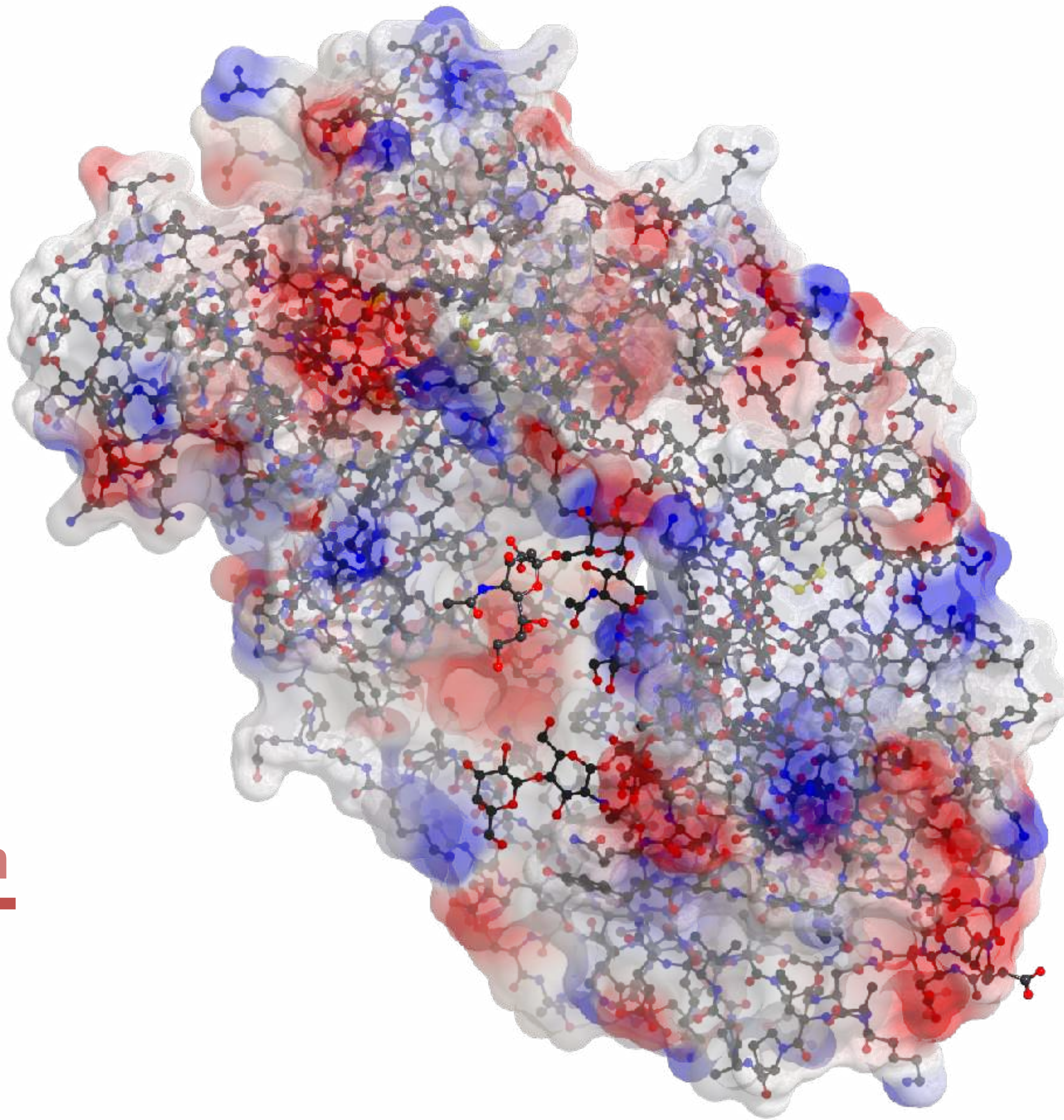
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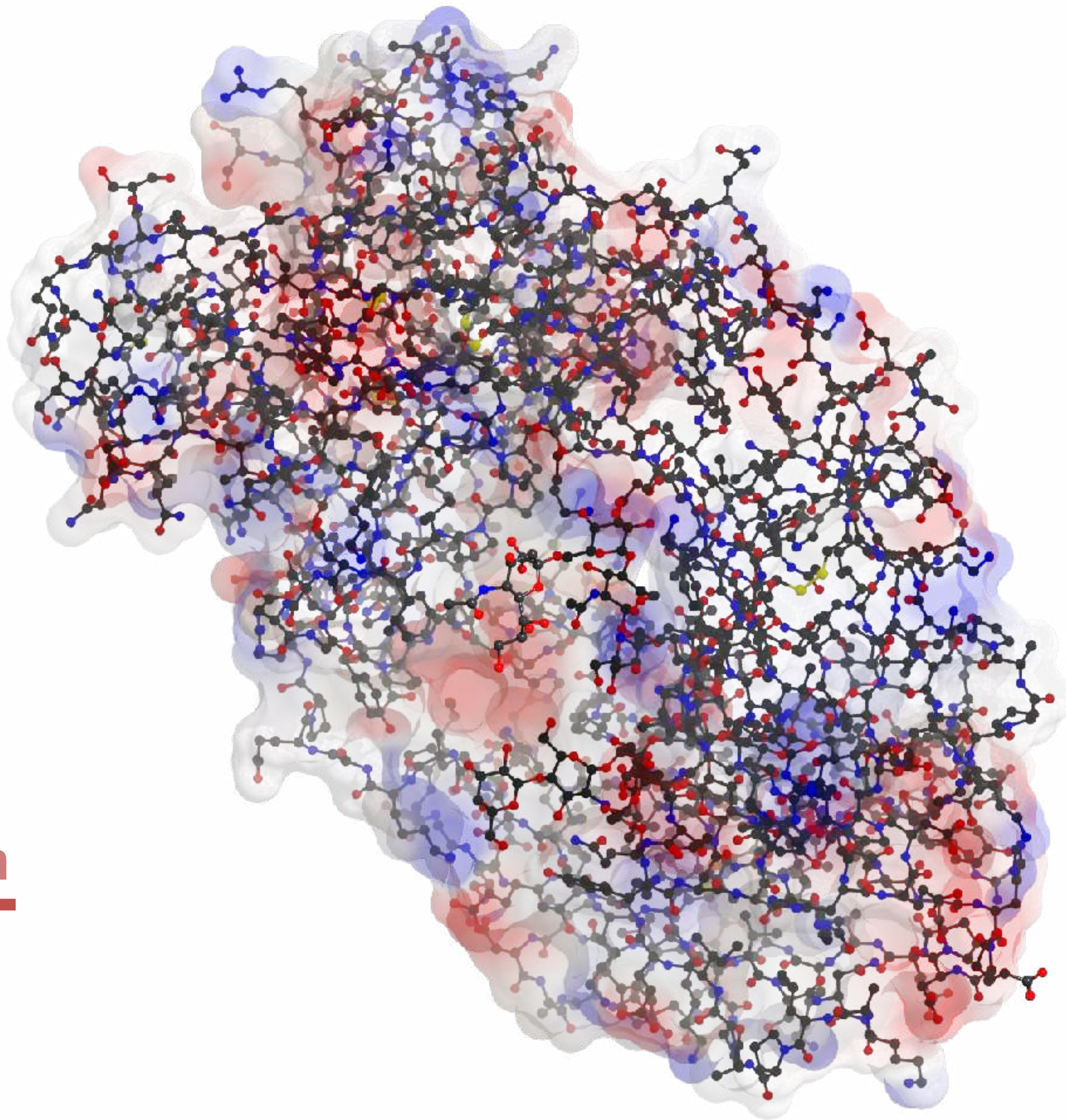
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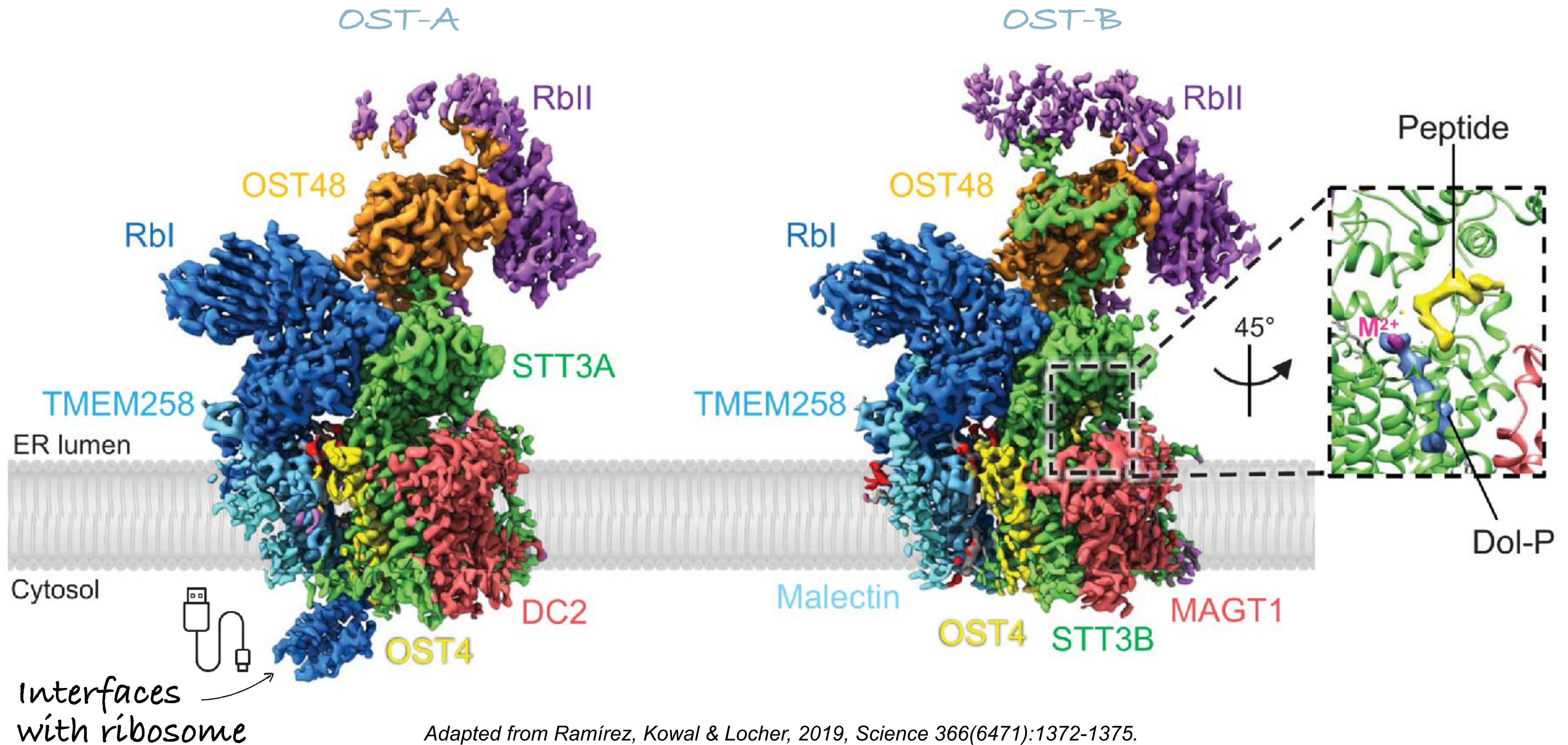
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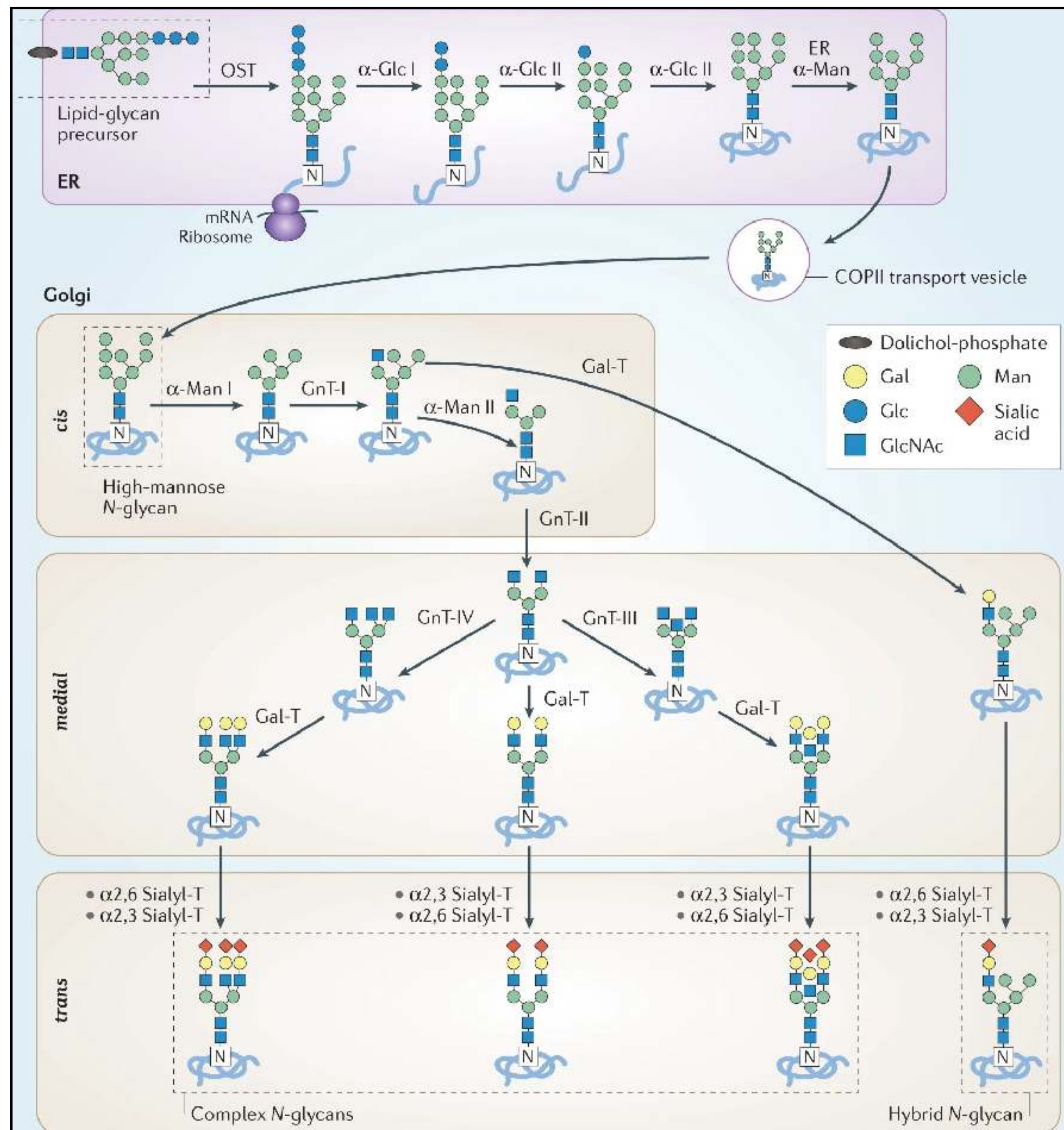
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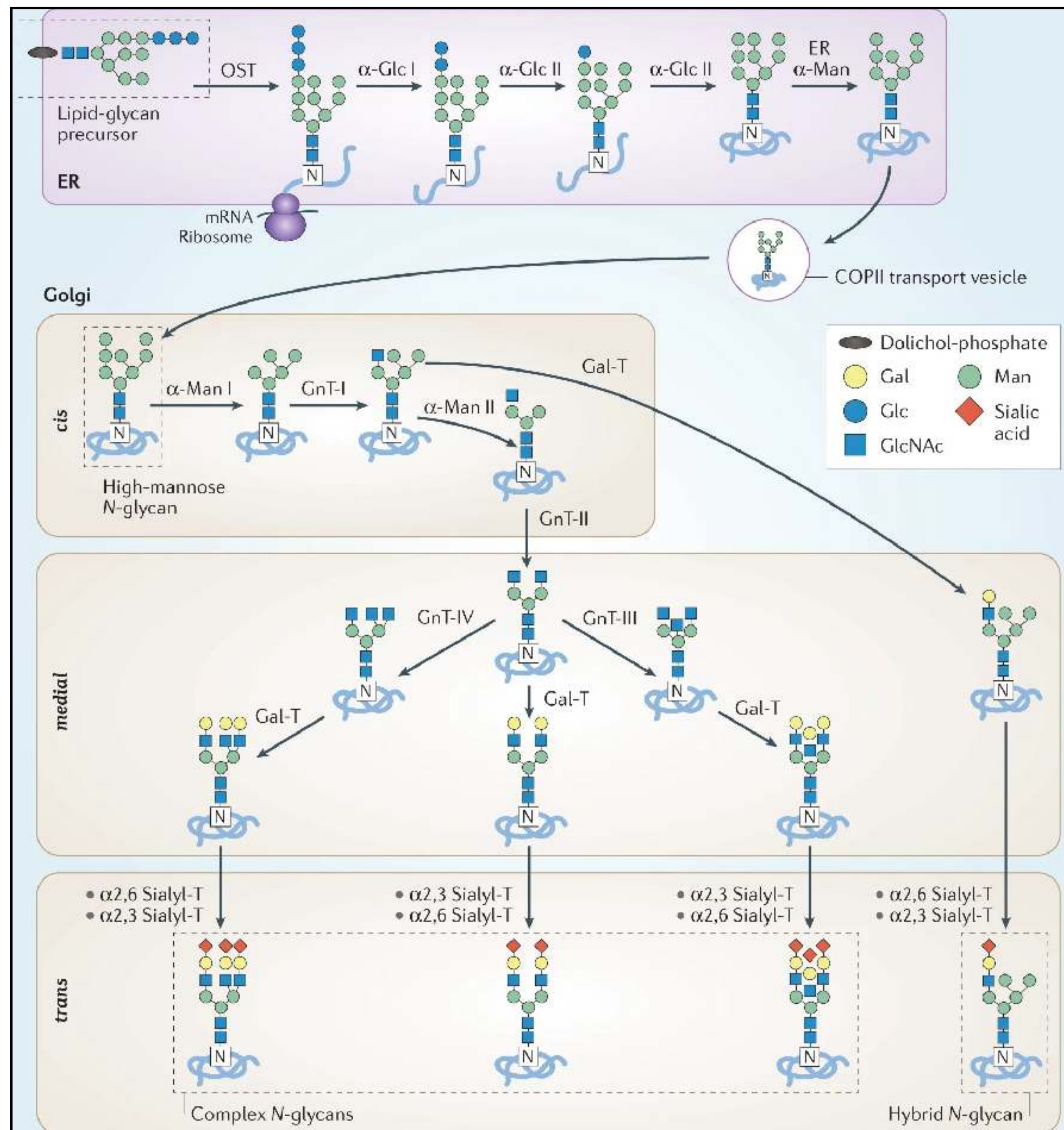




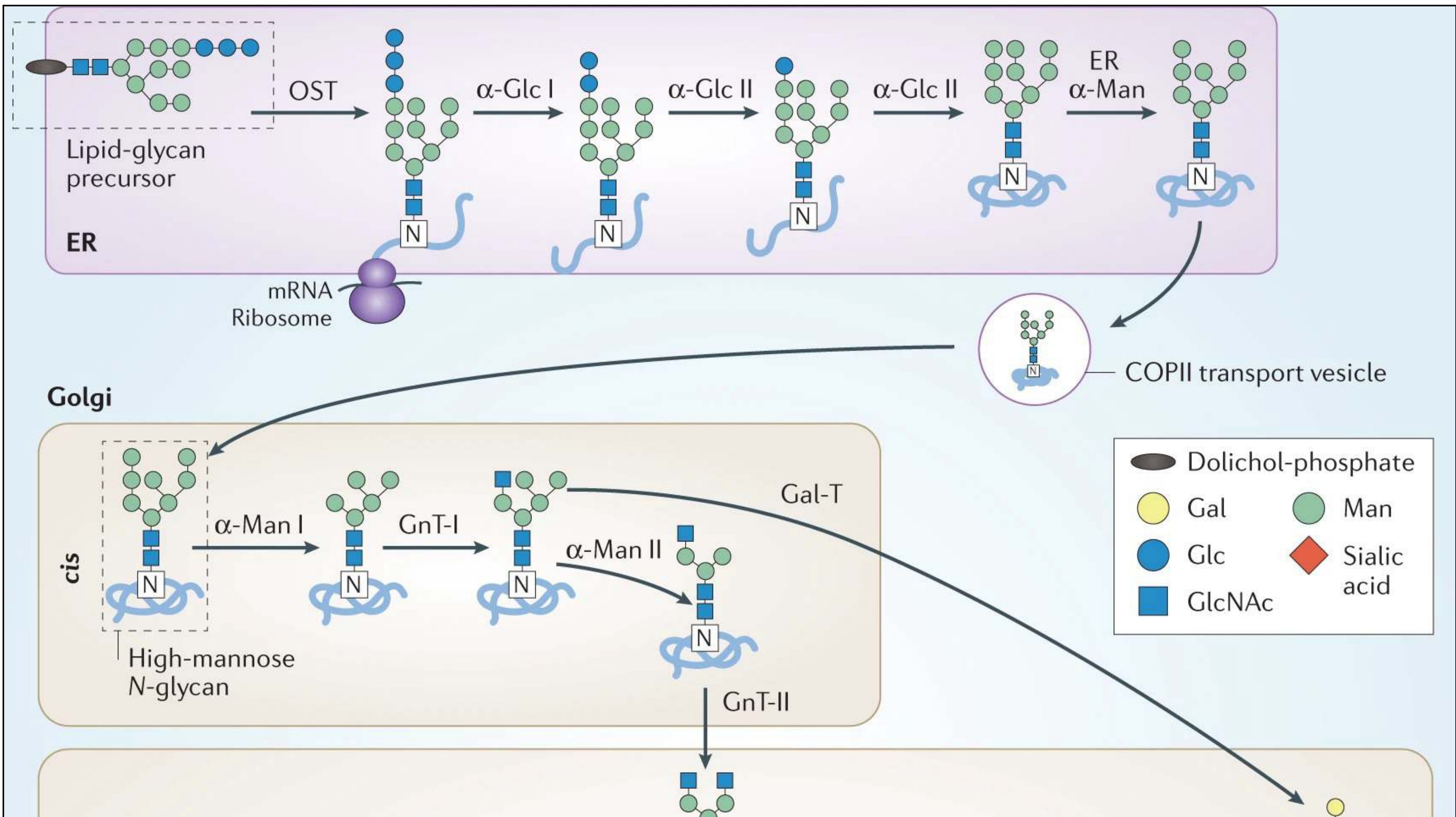
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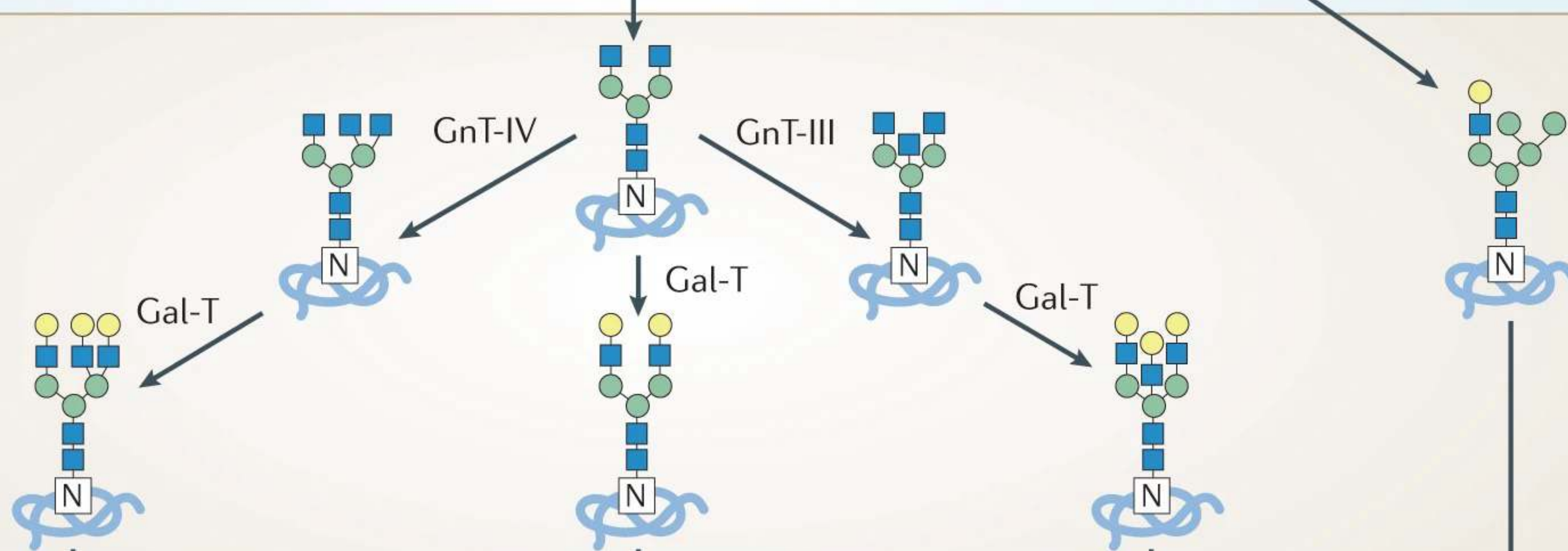






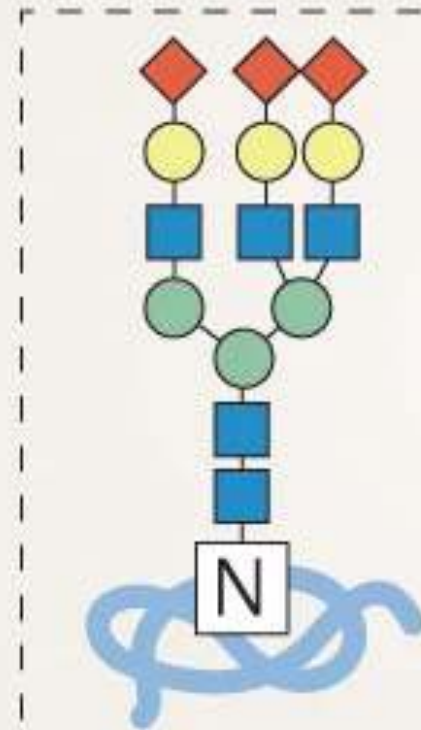


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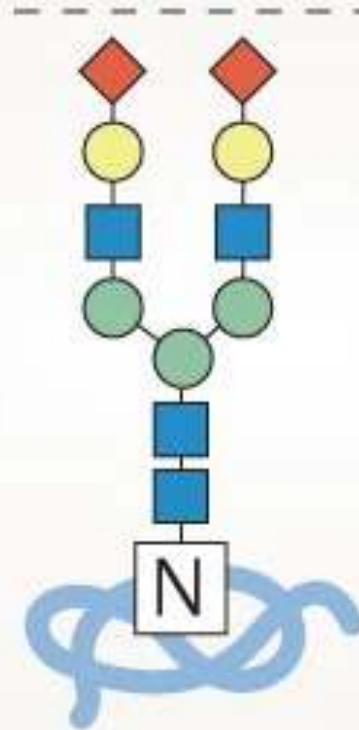
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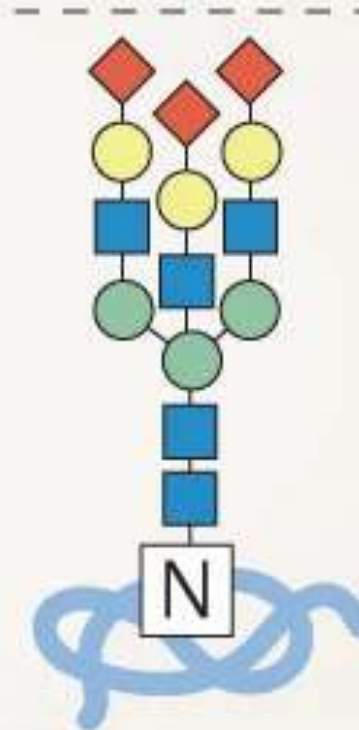


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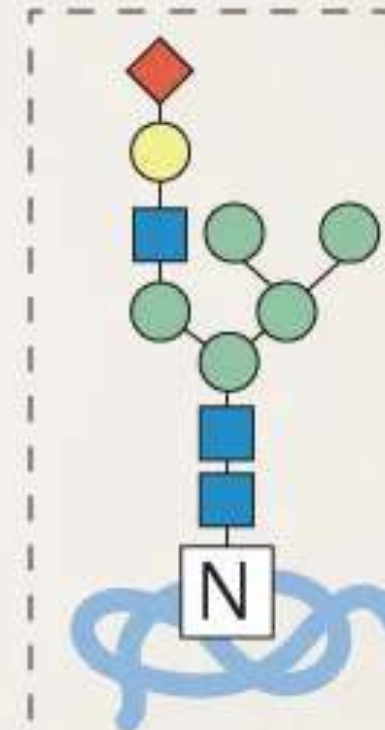
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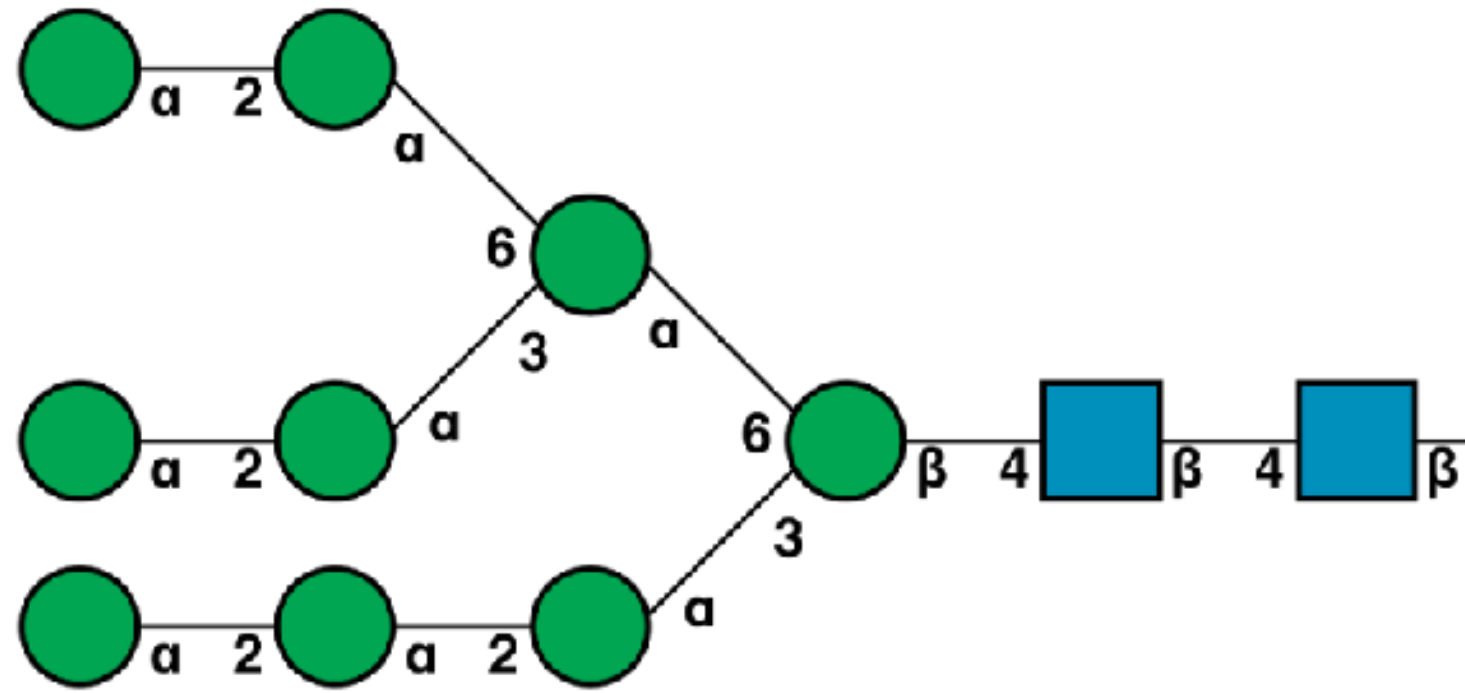
Hybrid N-glycan



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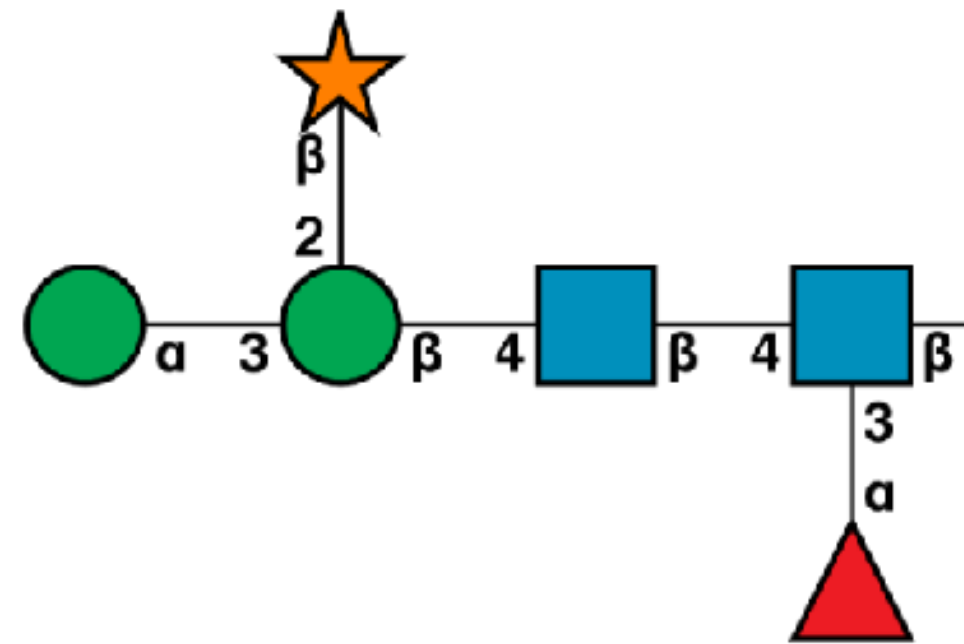
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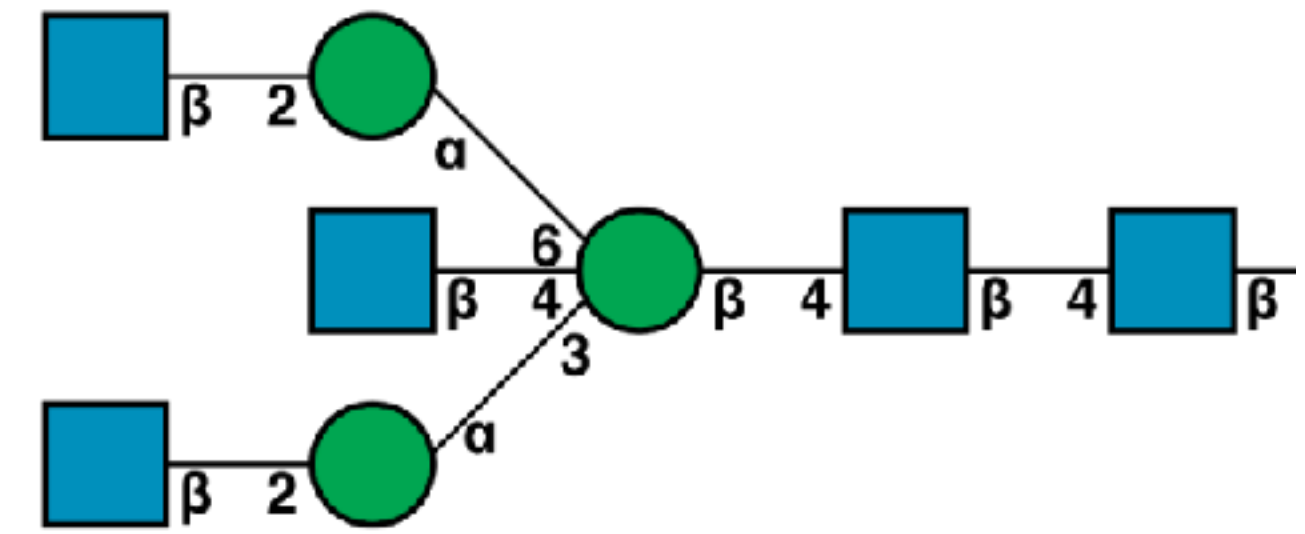
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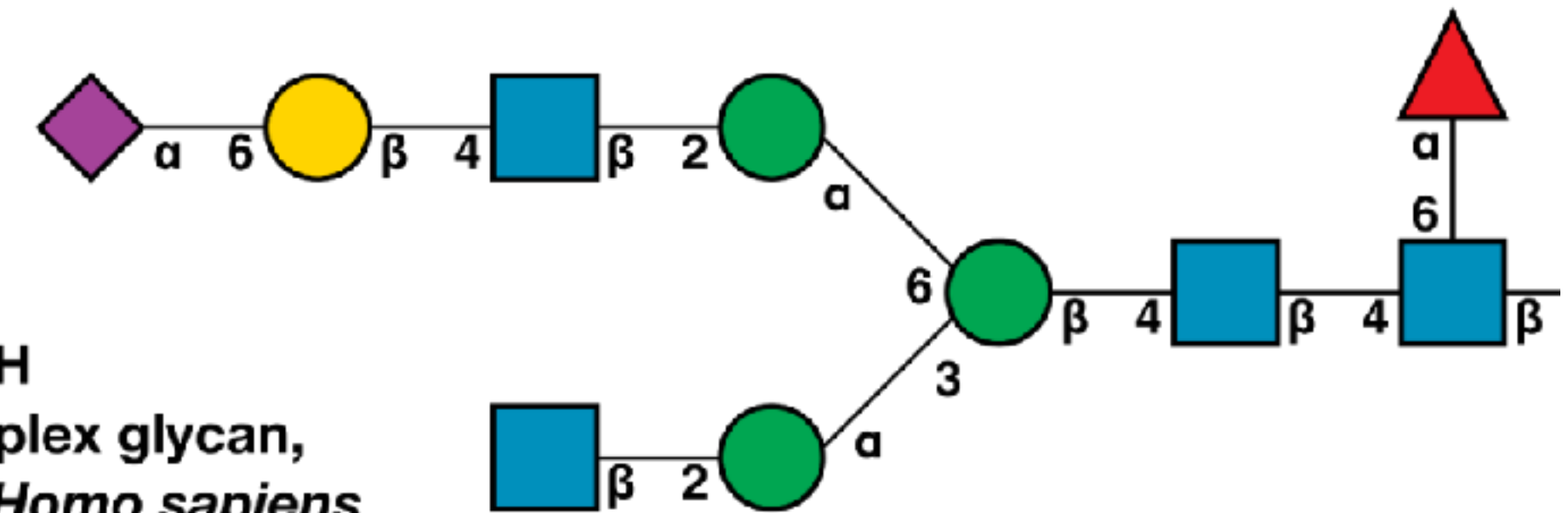
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(d)

**PDB code 4BYH**  
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## Symbol Nomenclature For Glycans (SNFG)

*SNFG: Symbol Nomenclature for Graphical Representation of Glycans, Glycobiology 25: 1323-1324, 2015.*



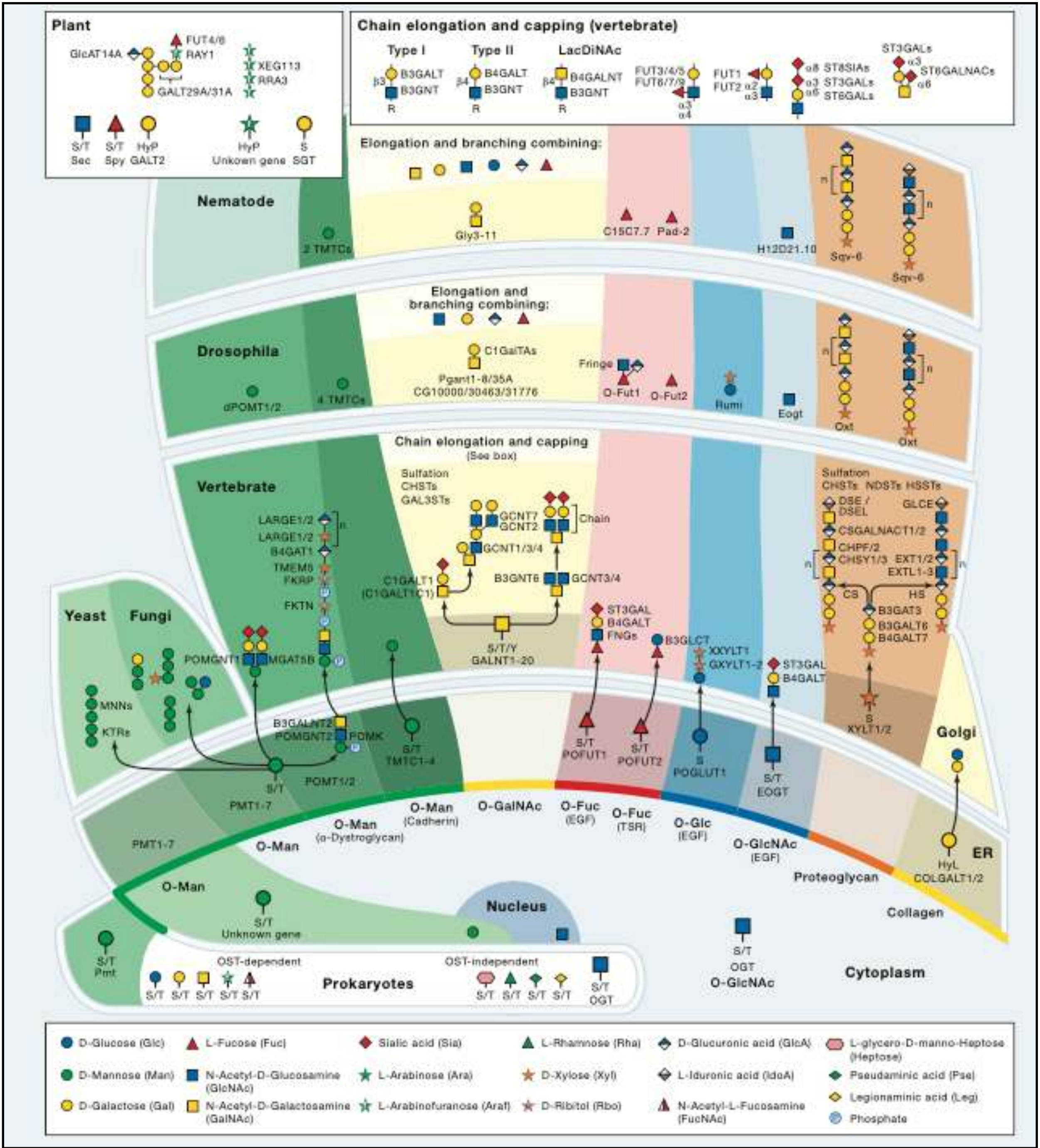
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O- and C-glycans

O-GalNAc (o-glycan)



Tryptophan mannosylation (c-glycan)





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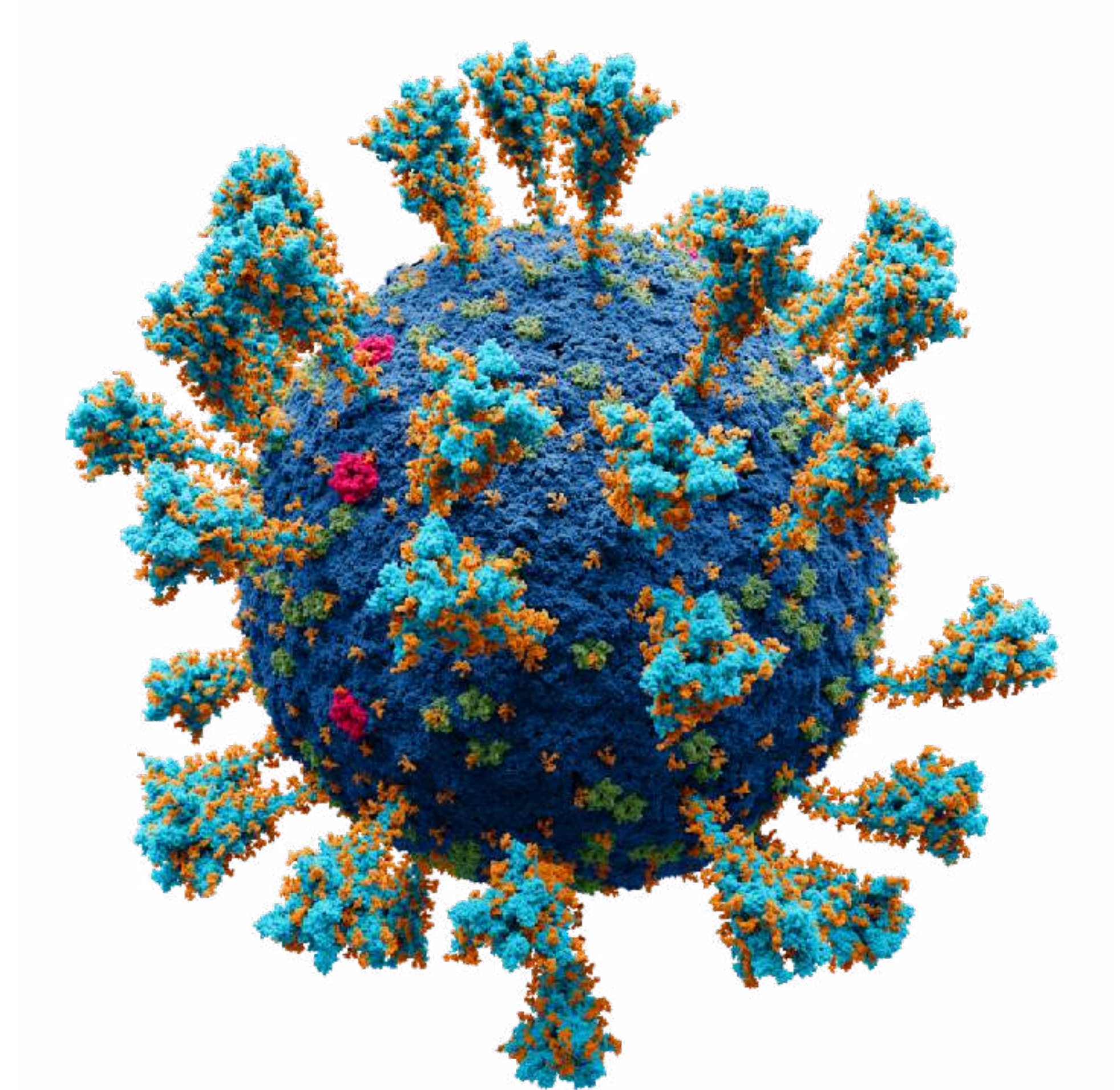

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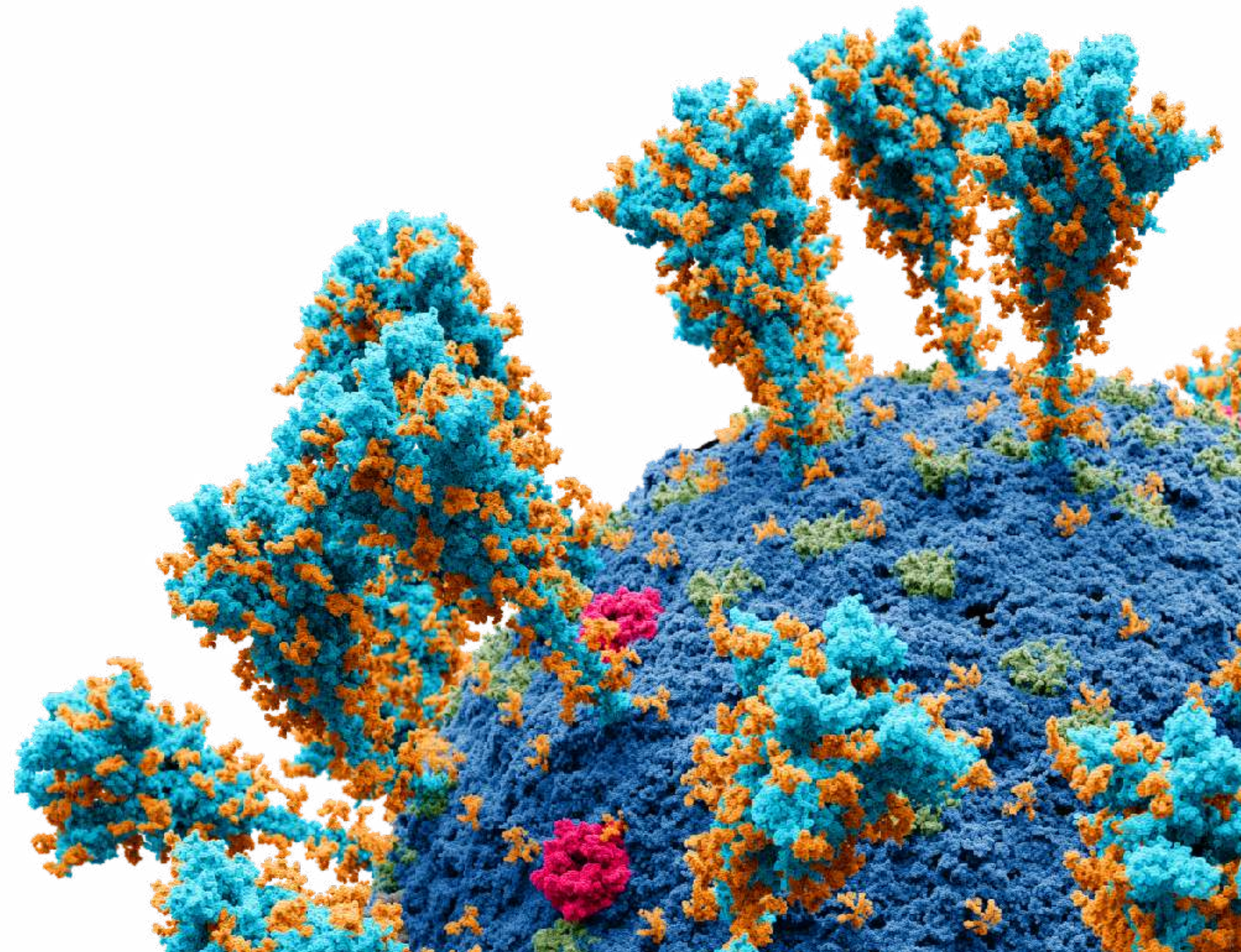


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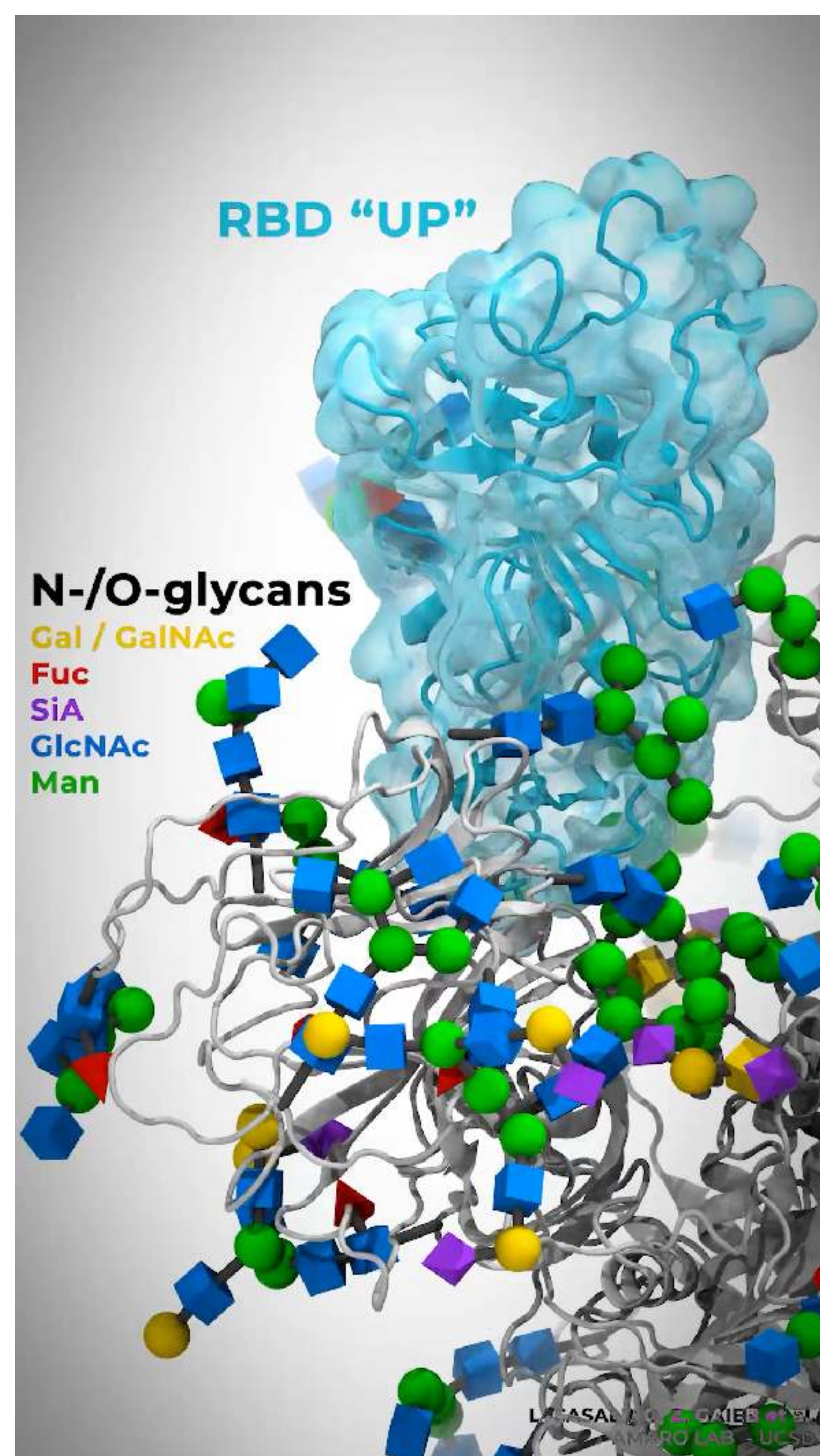




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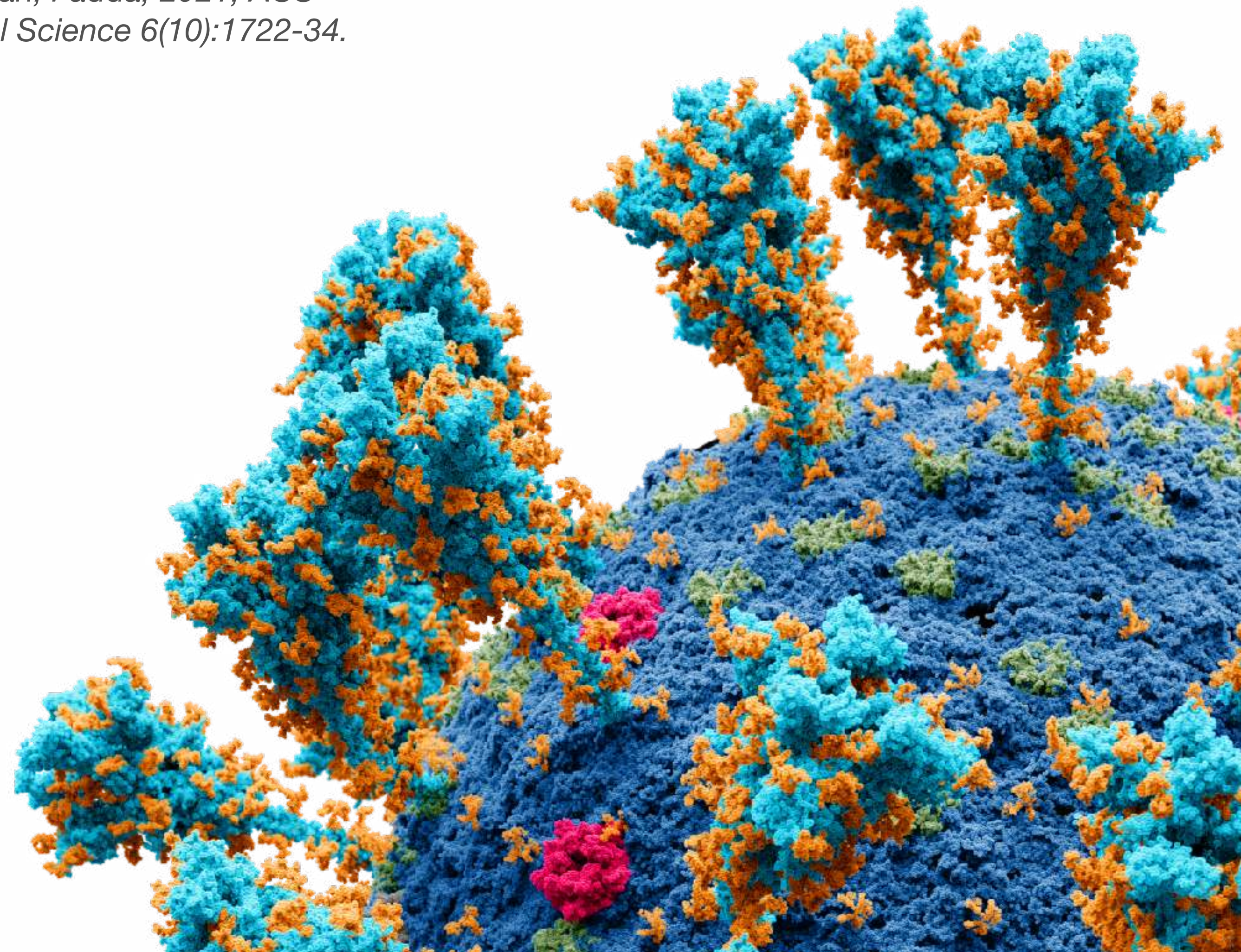






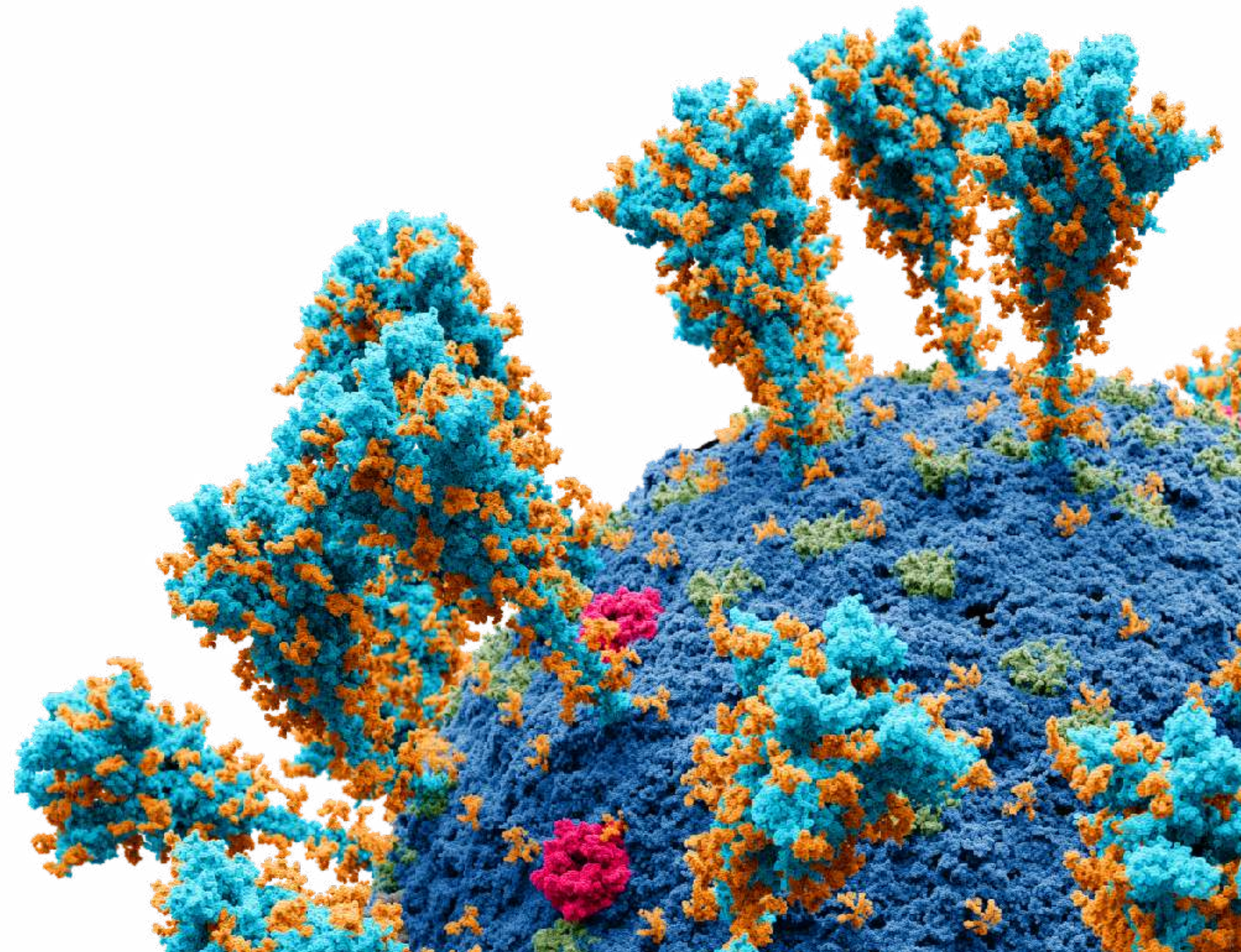
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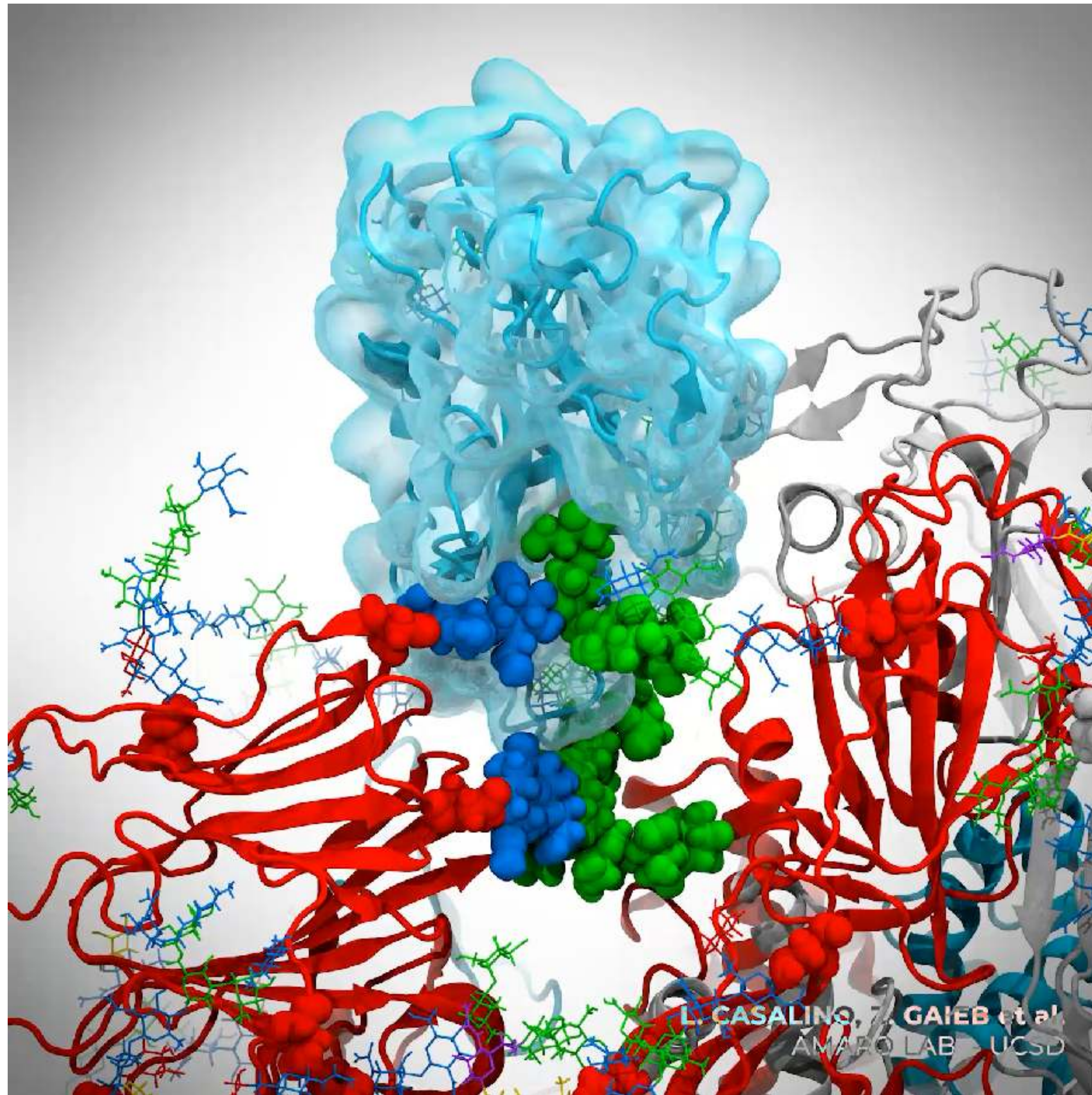


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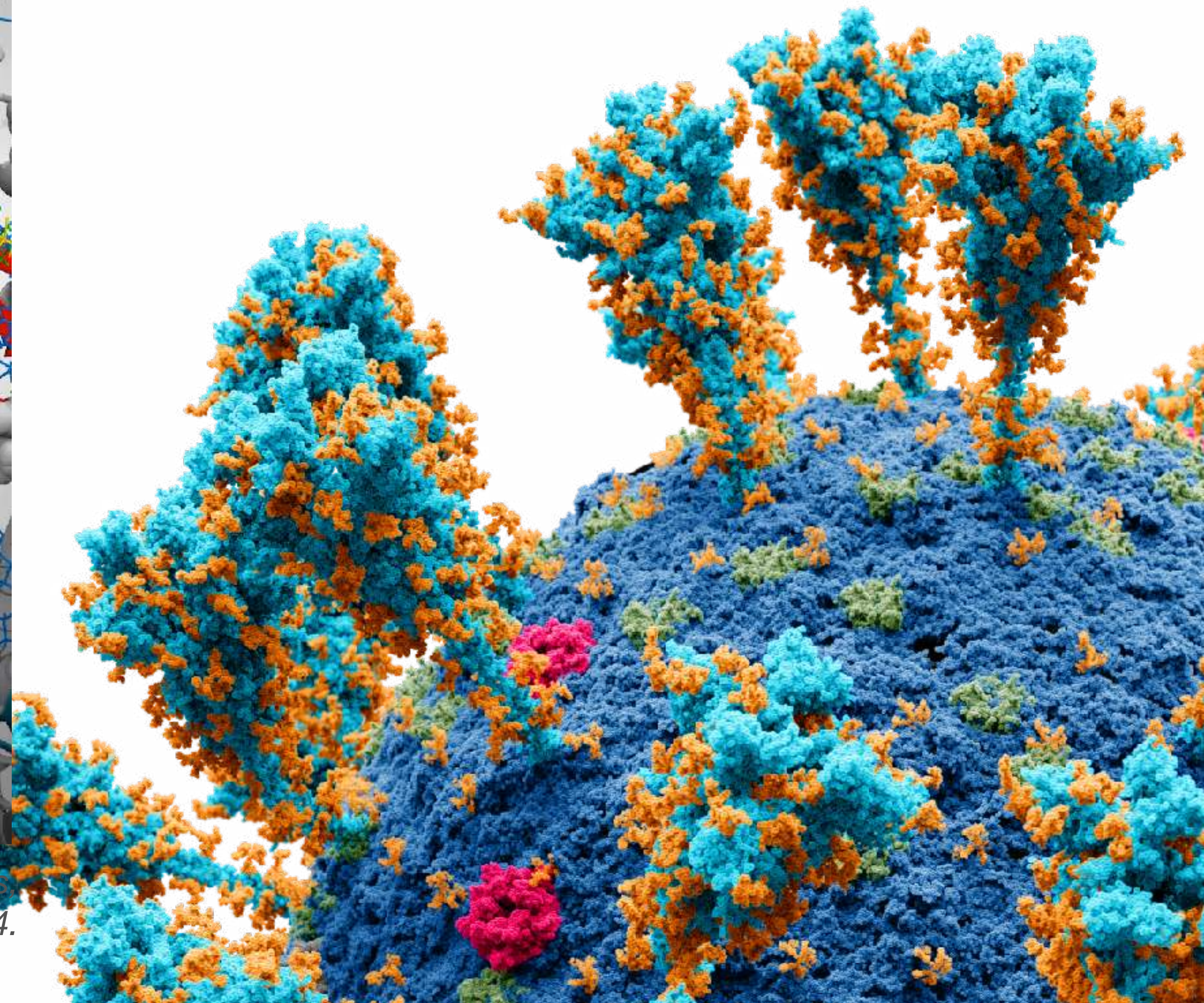




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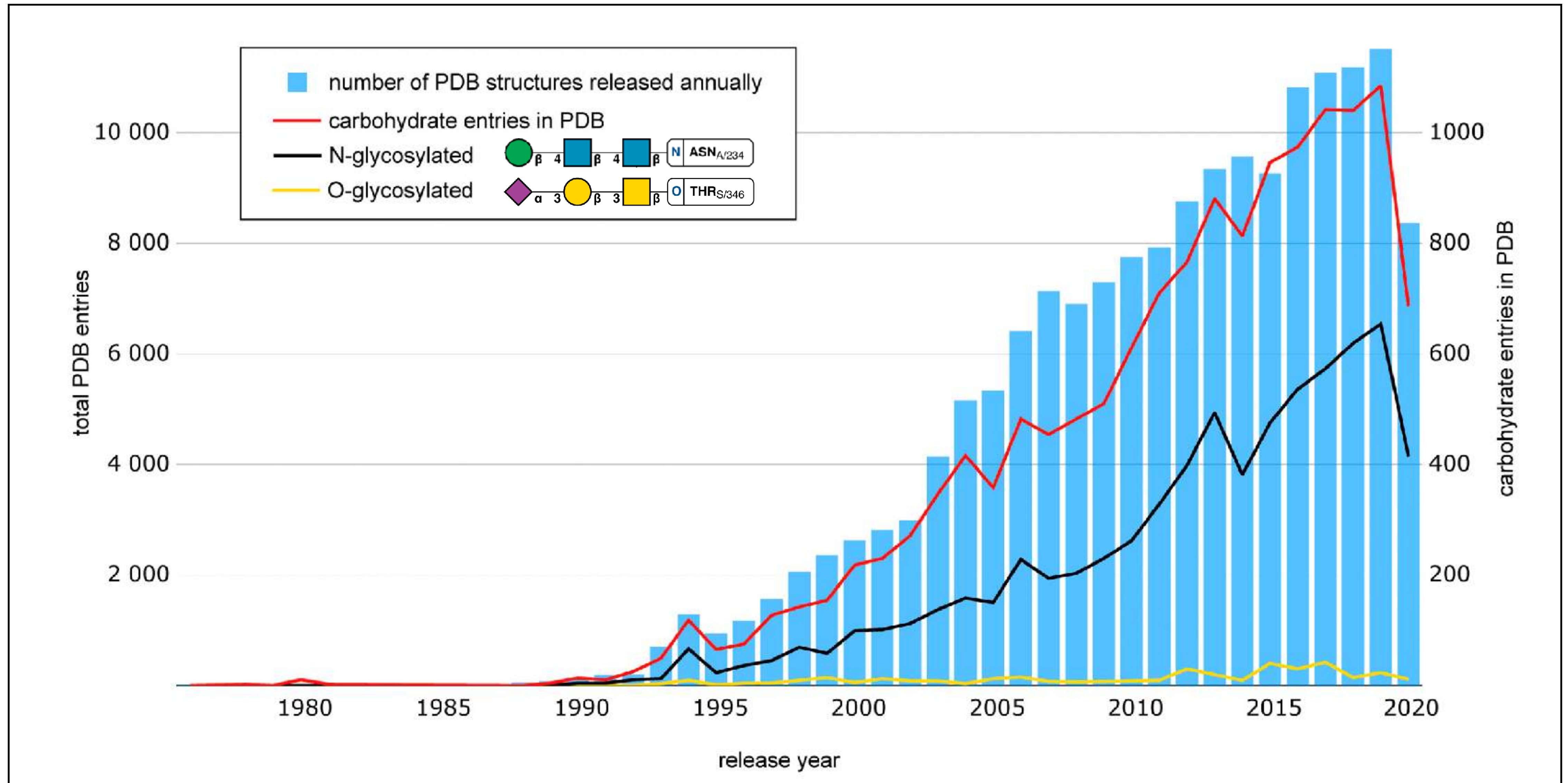
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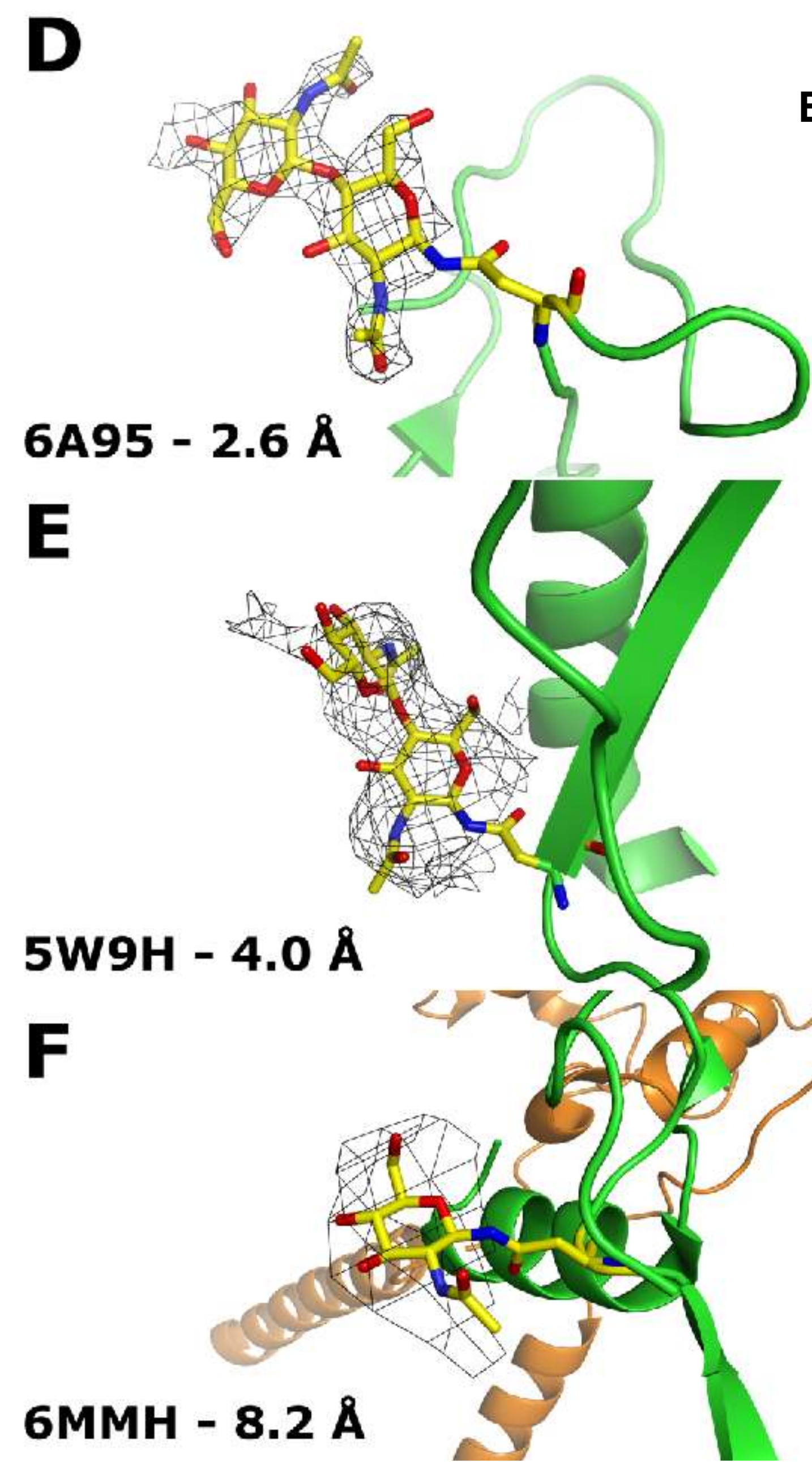
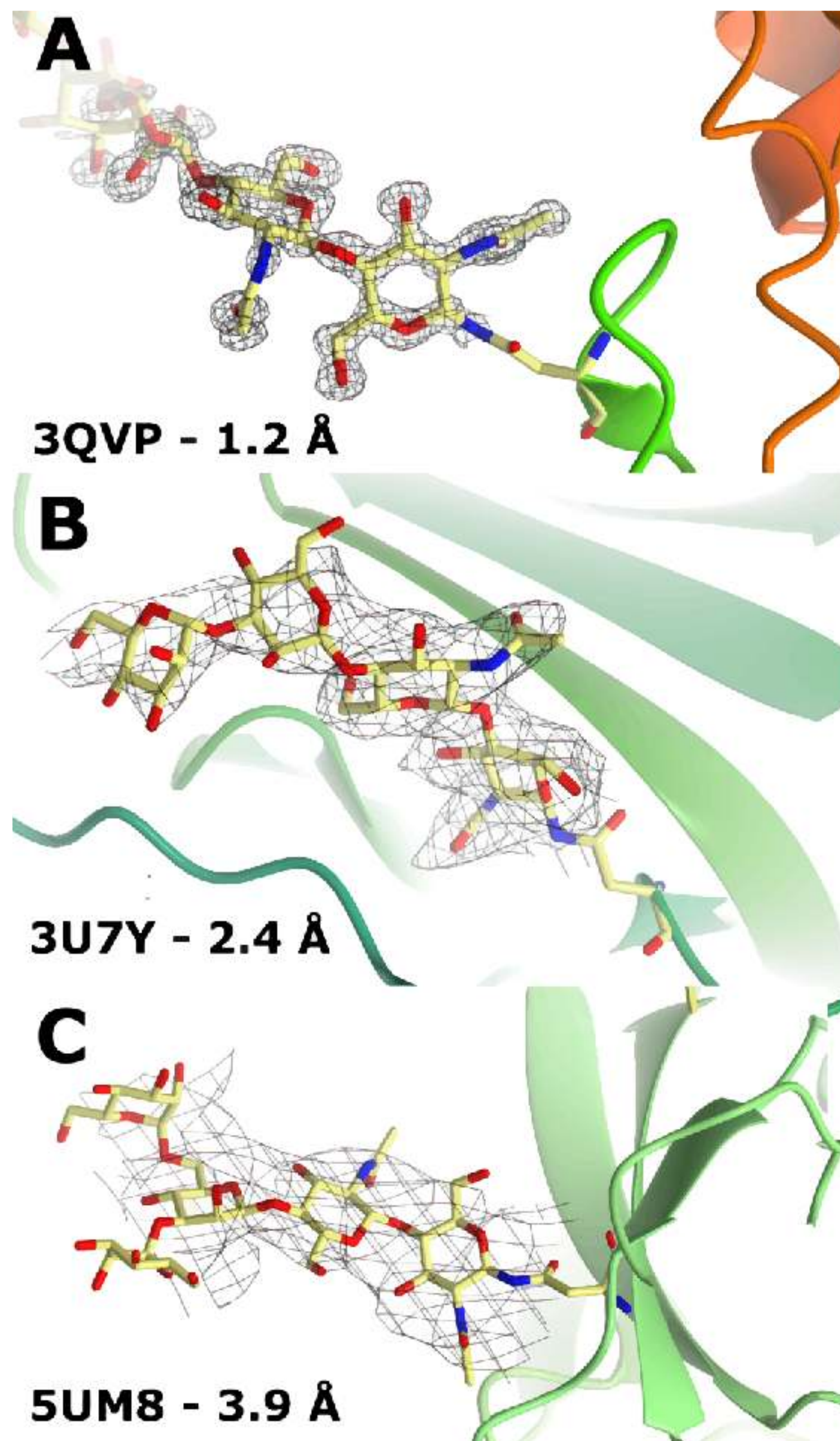
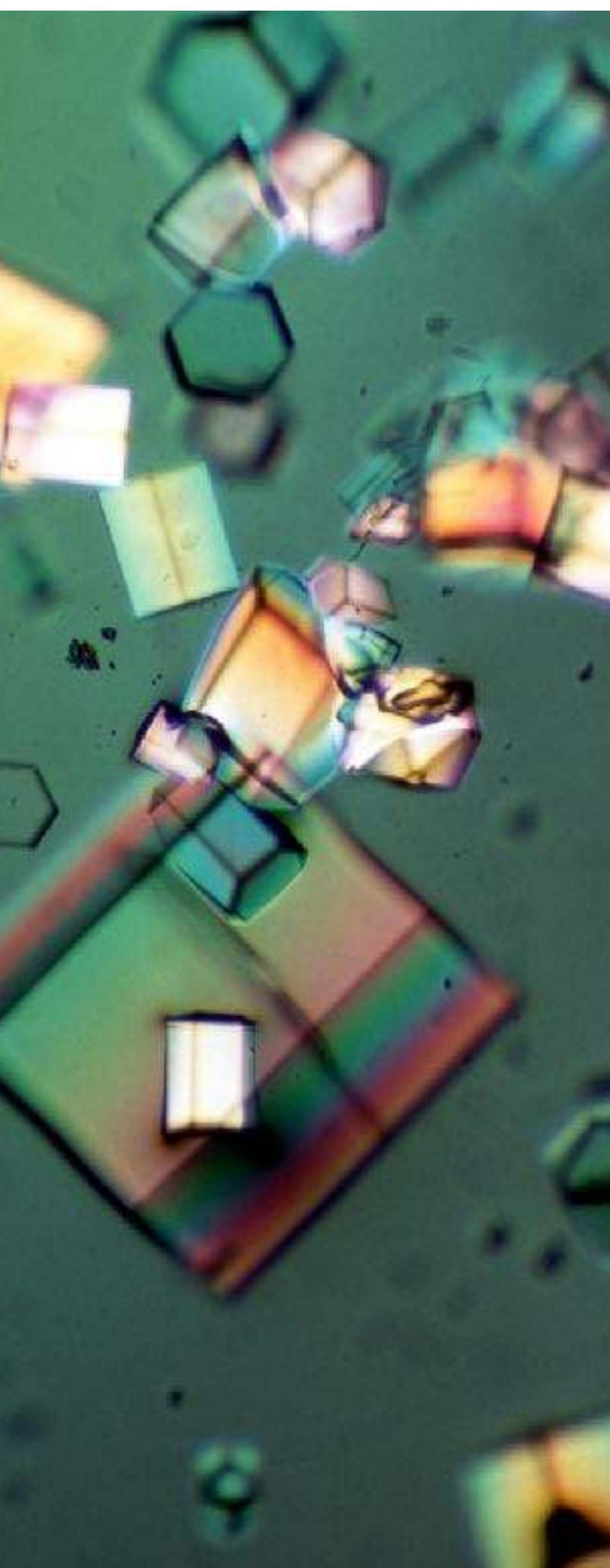


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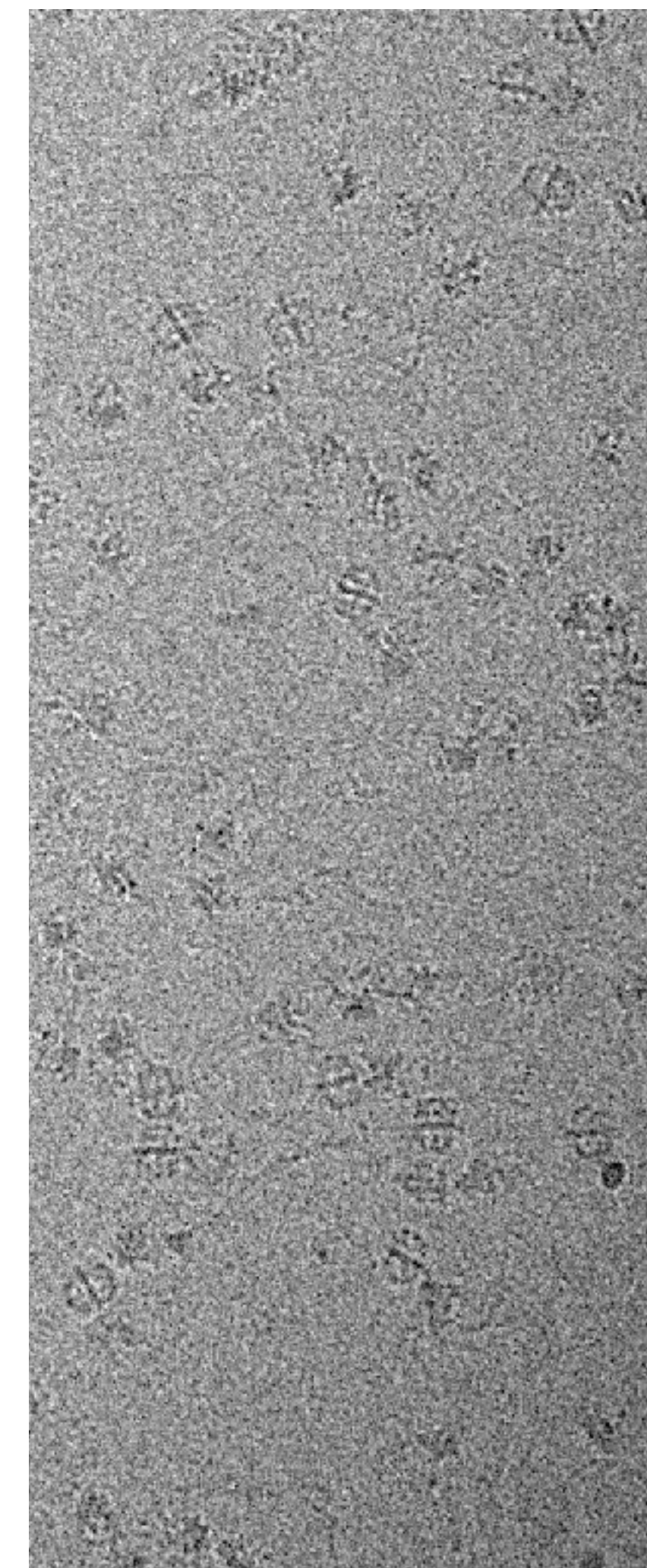




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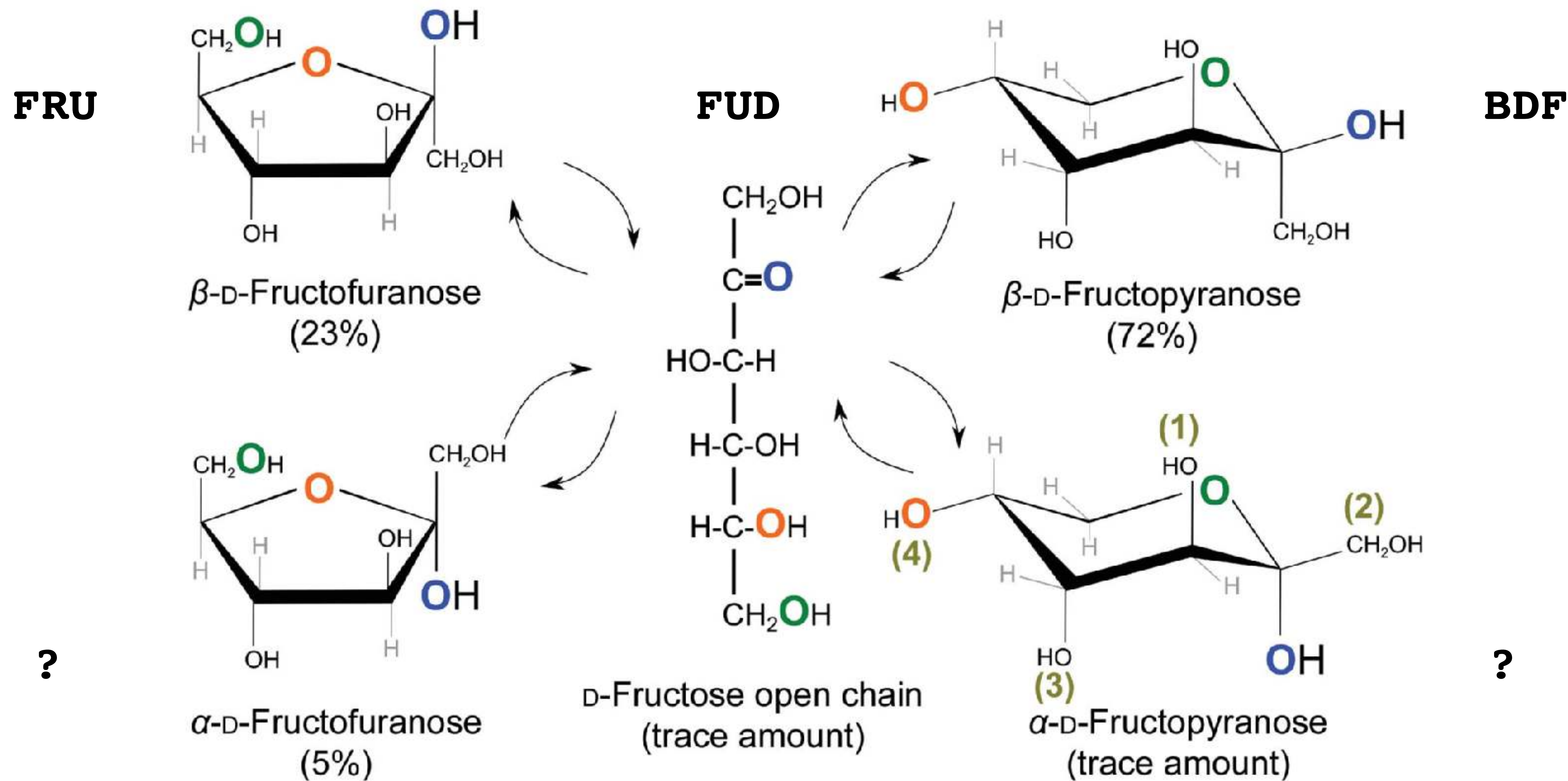


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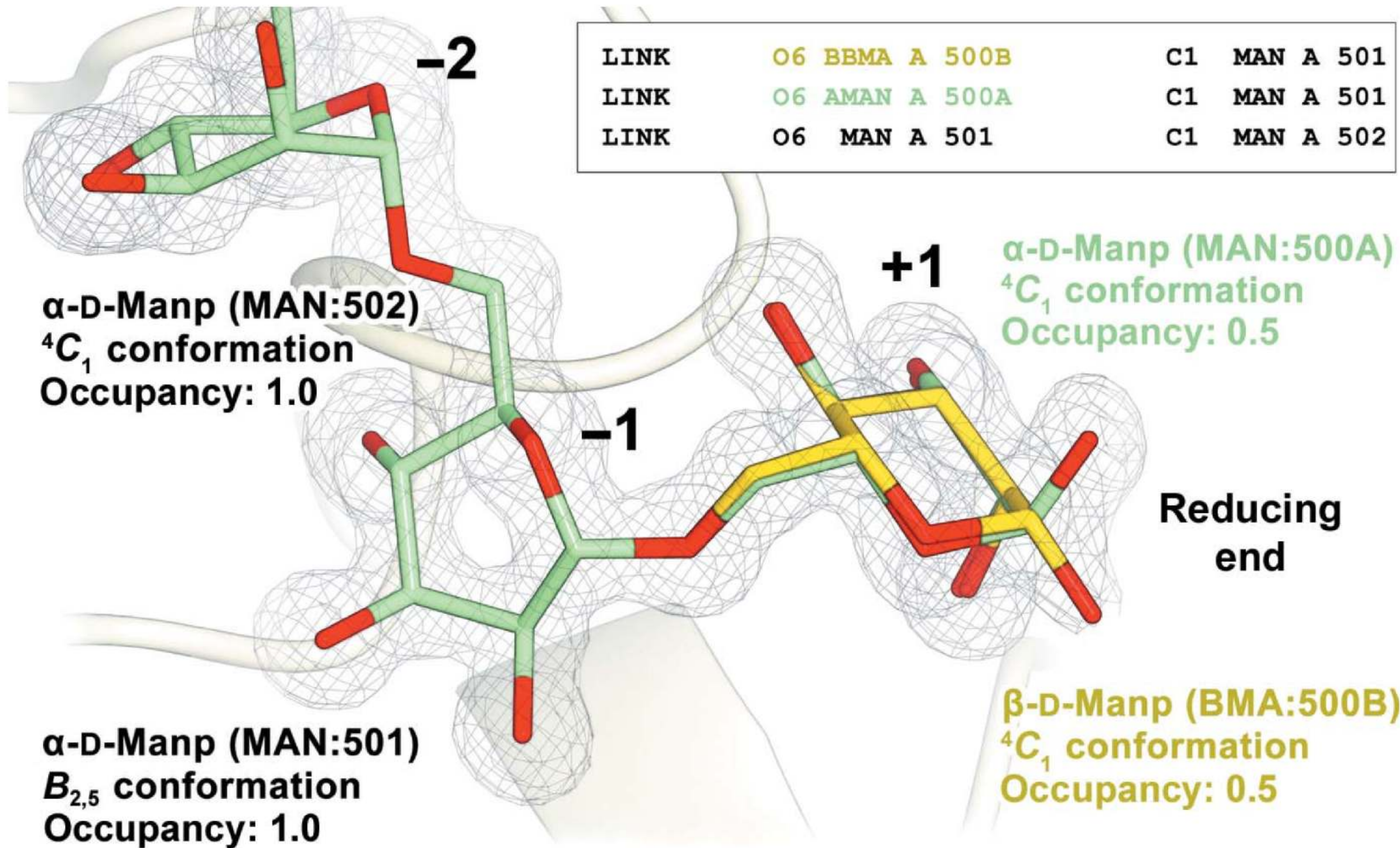




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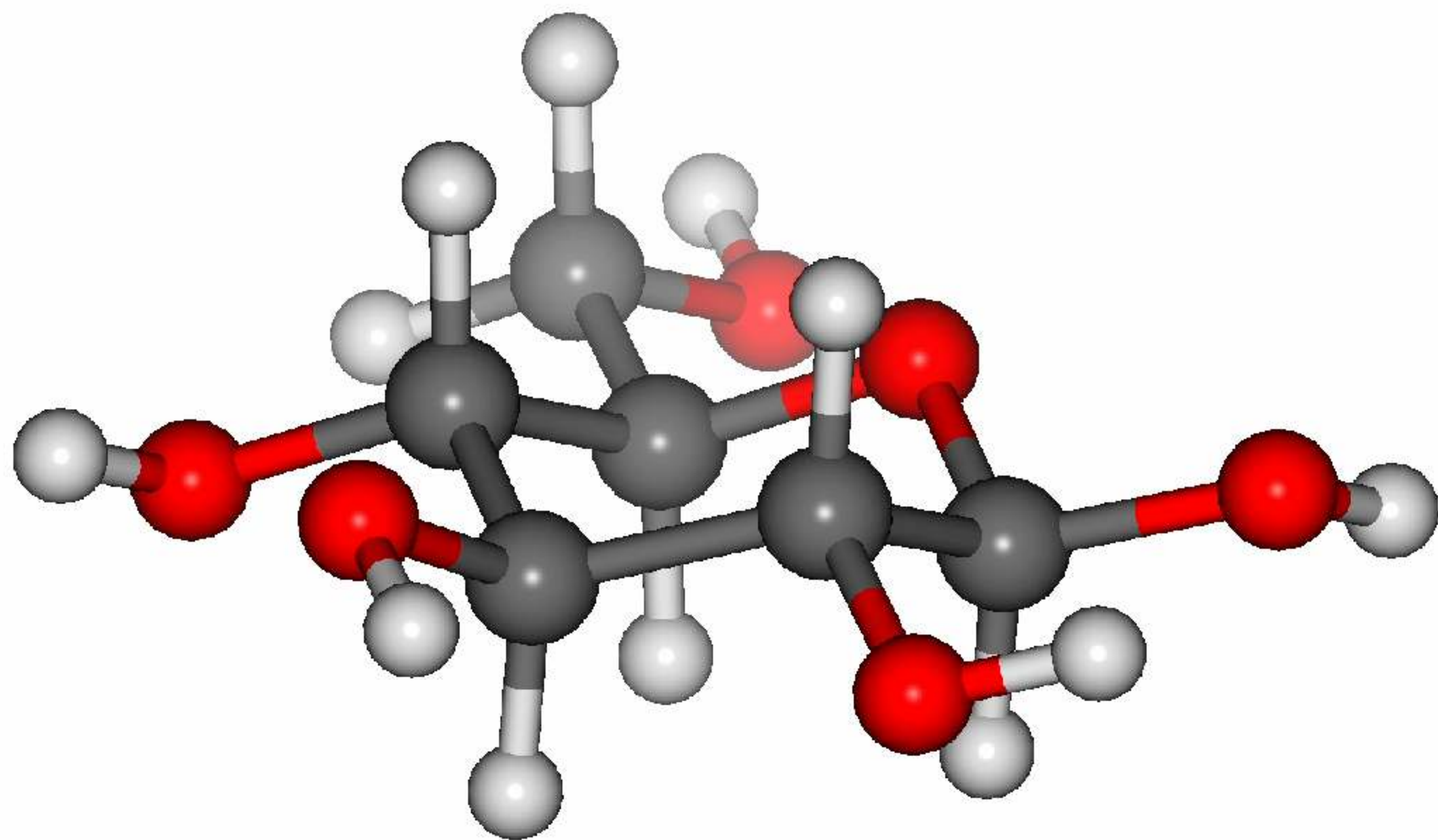






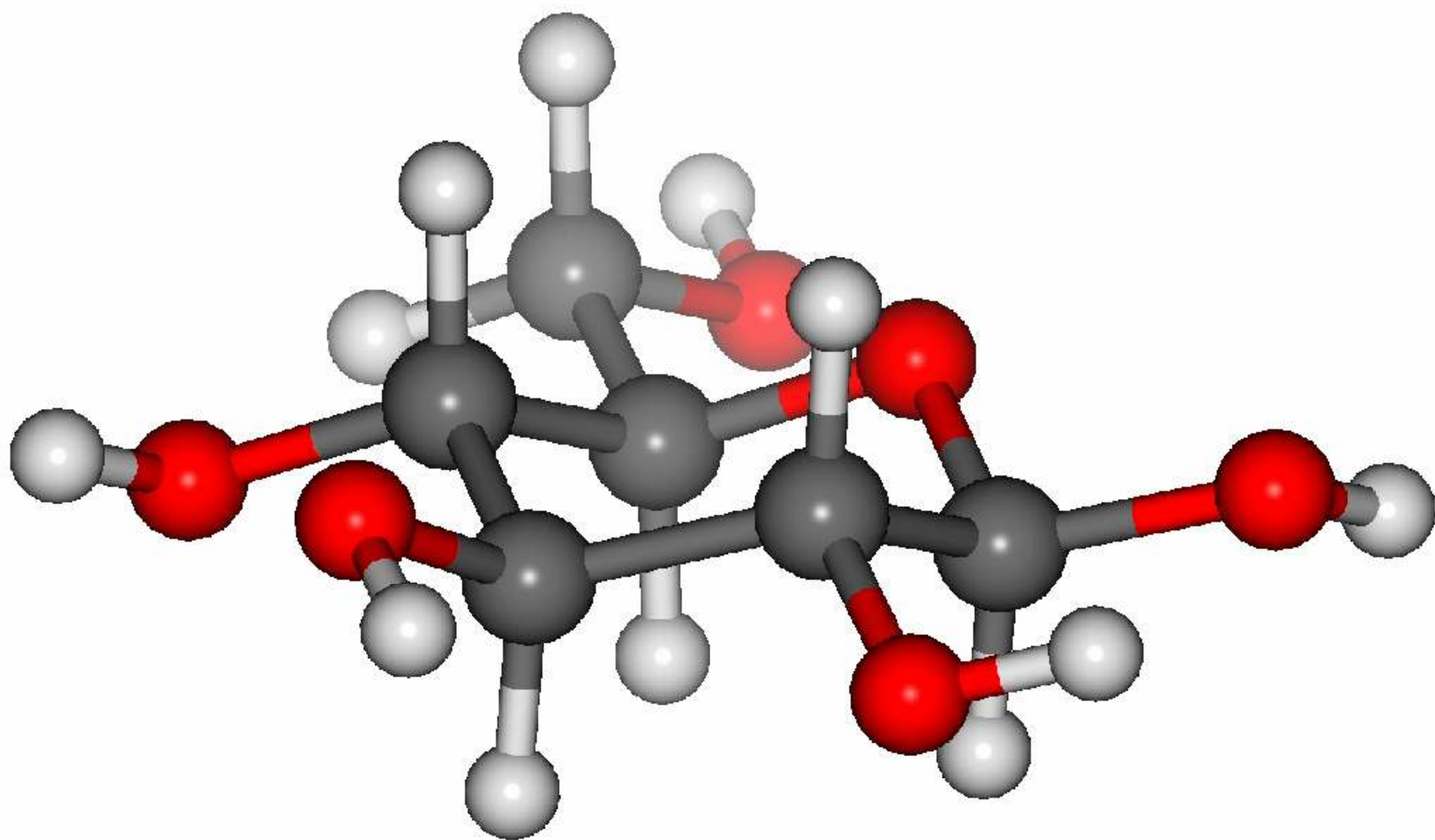


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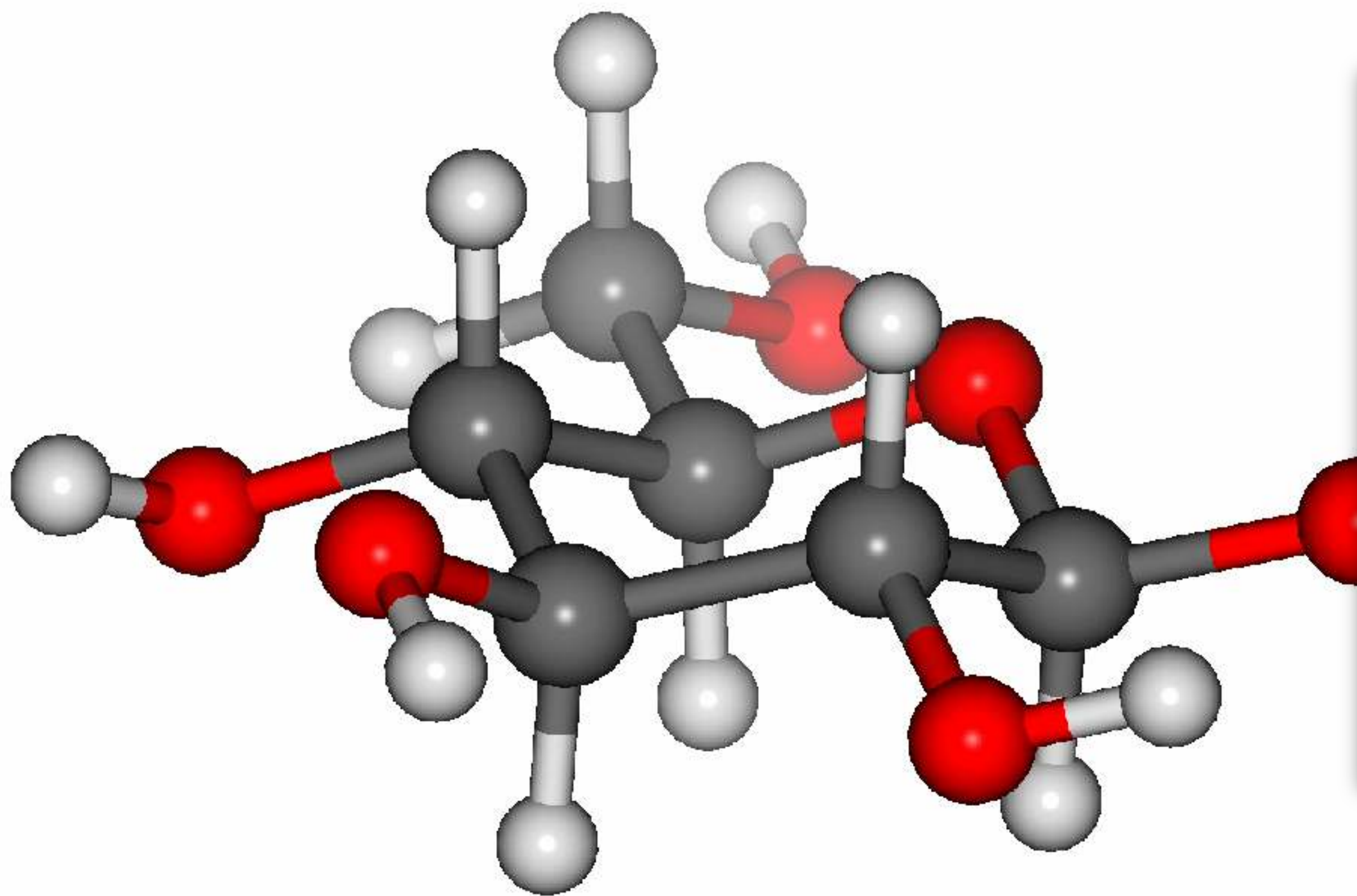


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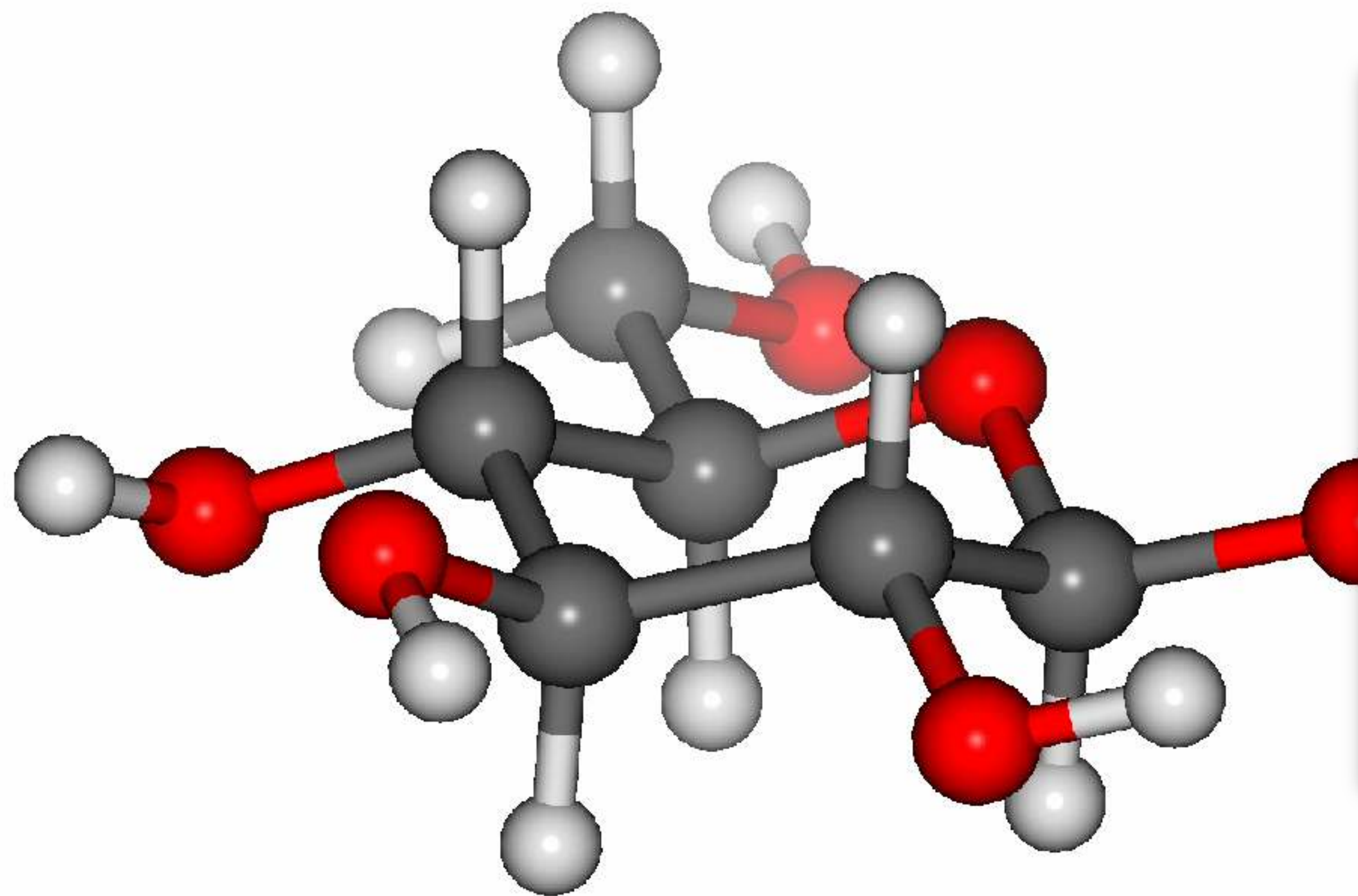


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**a  $^4C_1$  chair**

chairs are comfortable for sugars

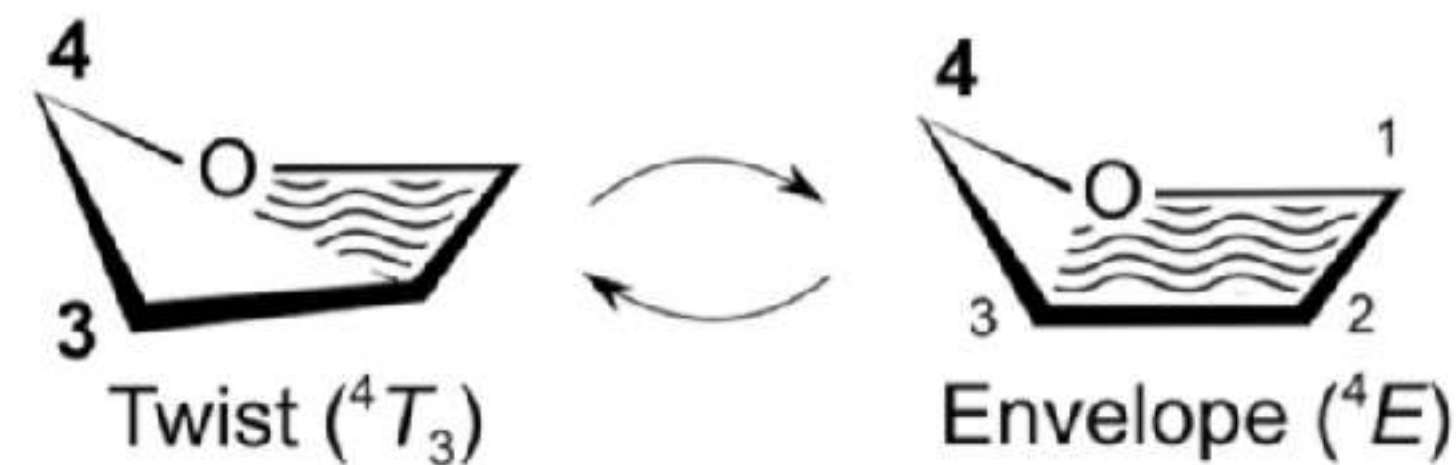
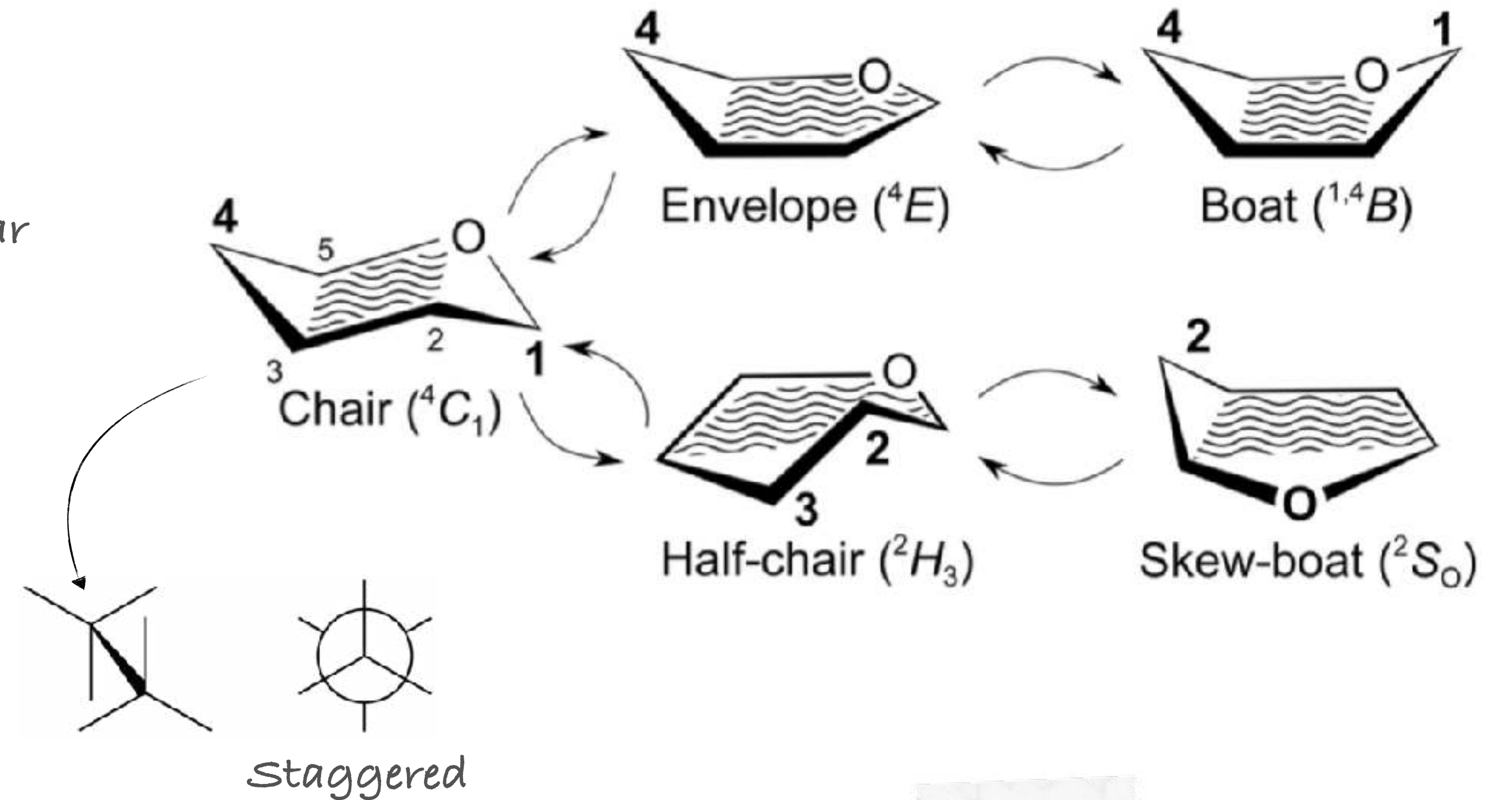


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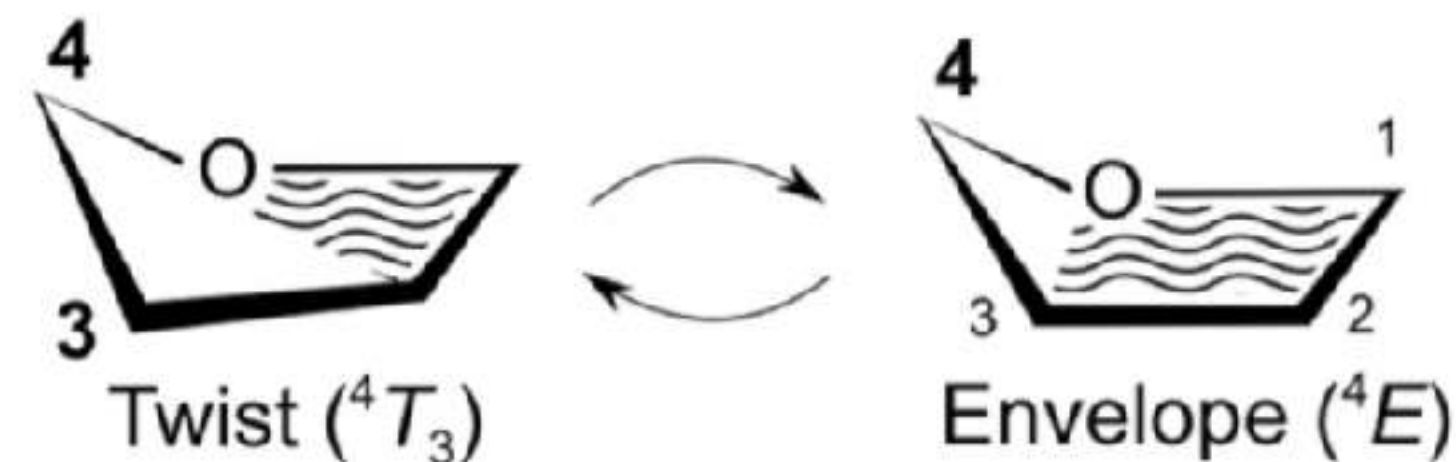
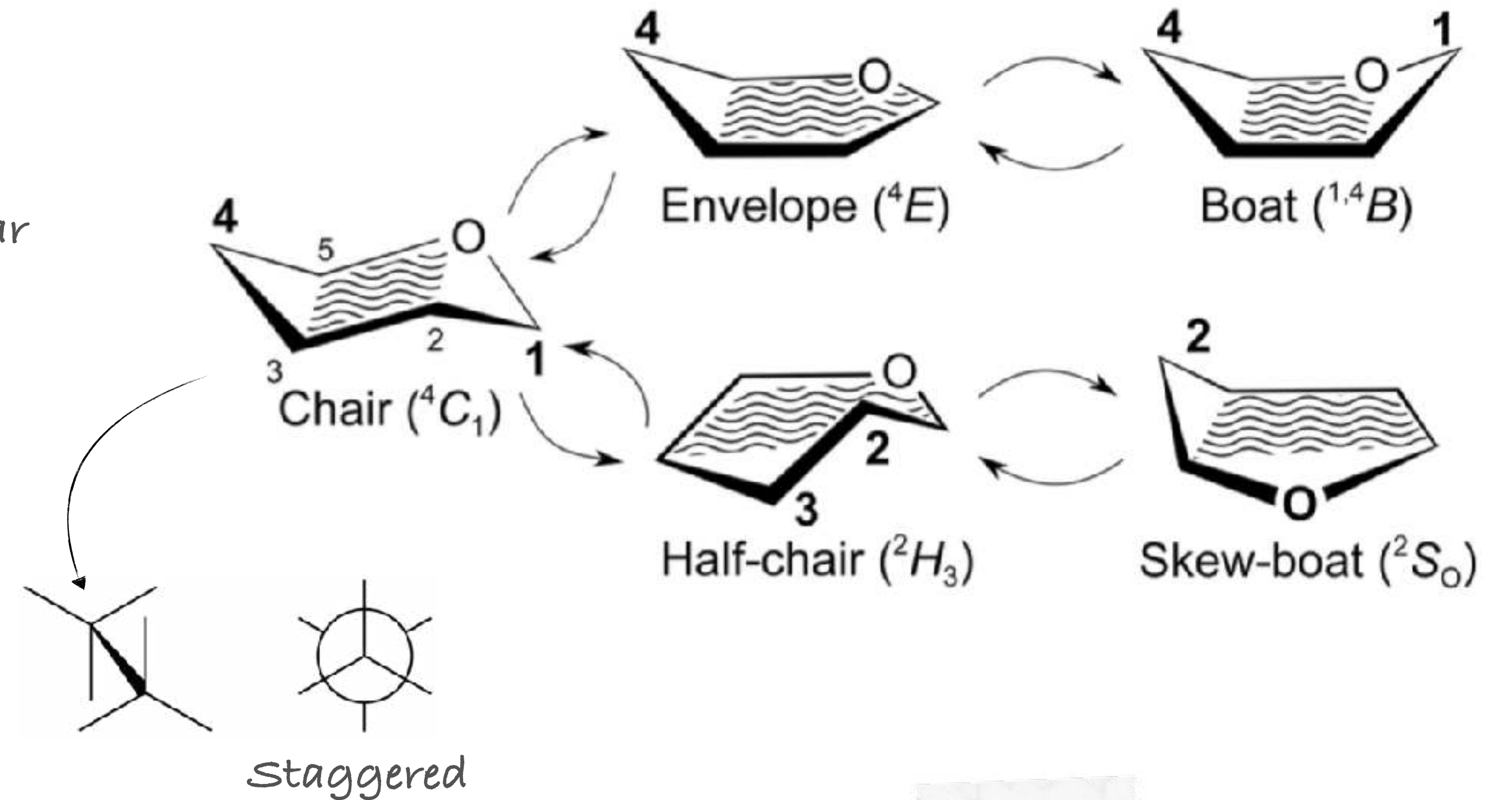


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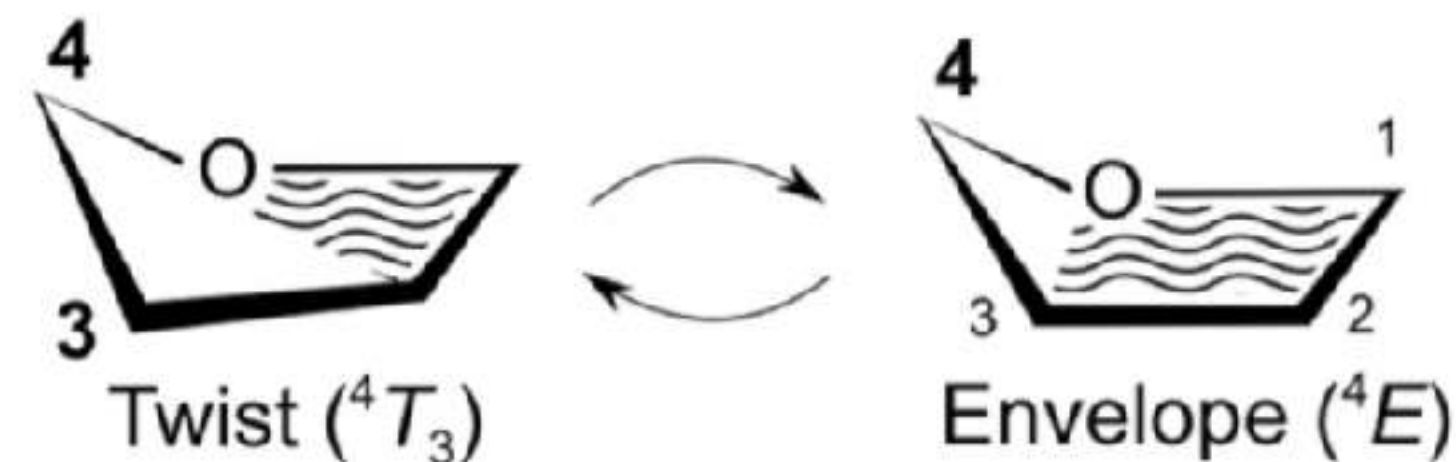
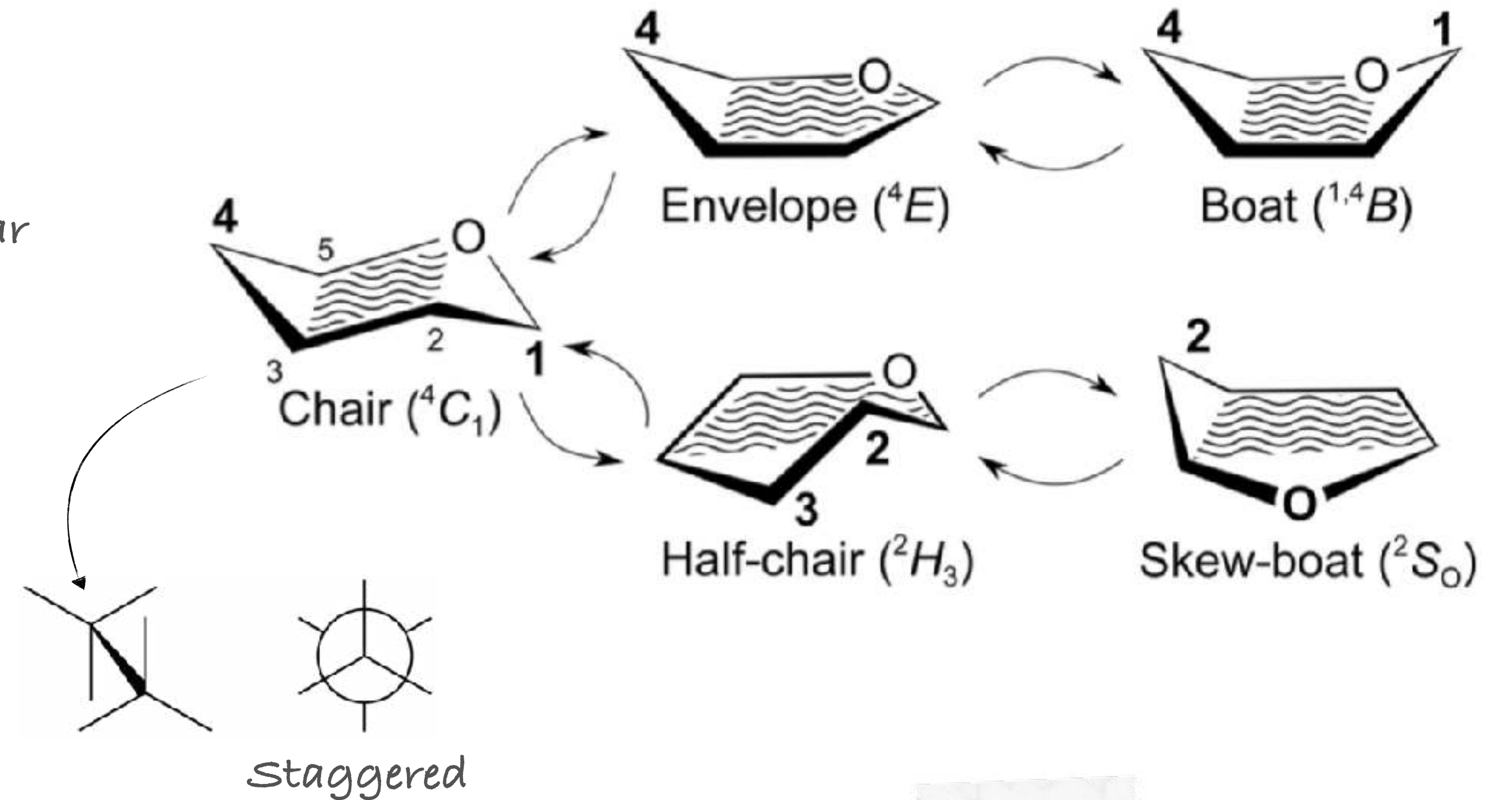


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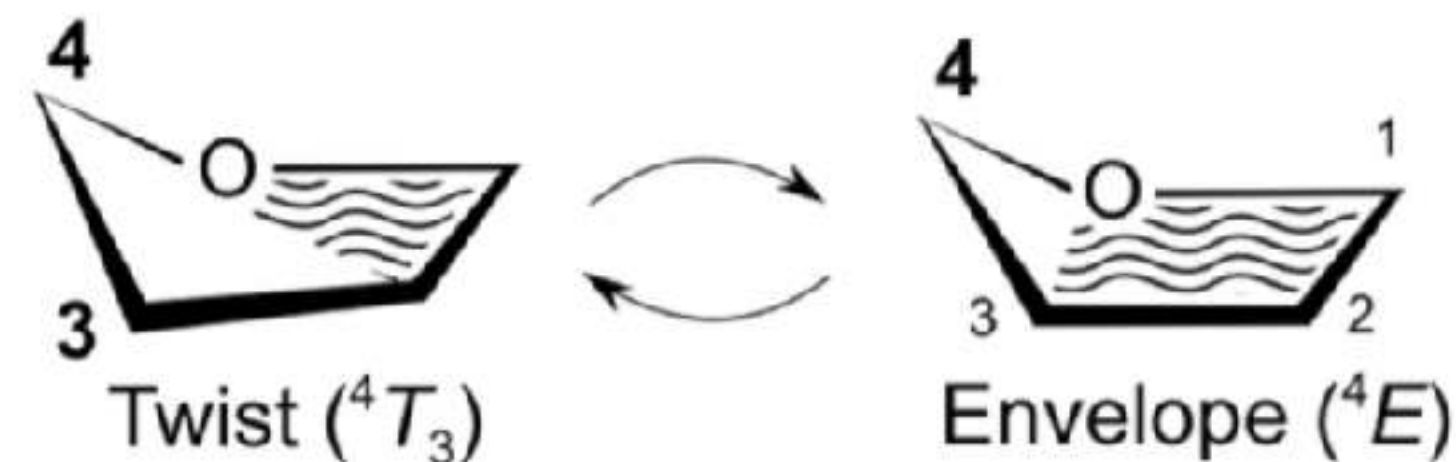
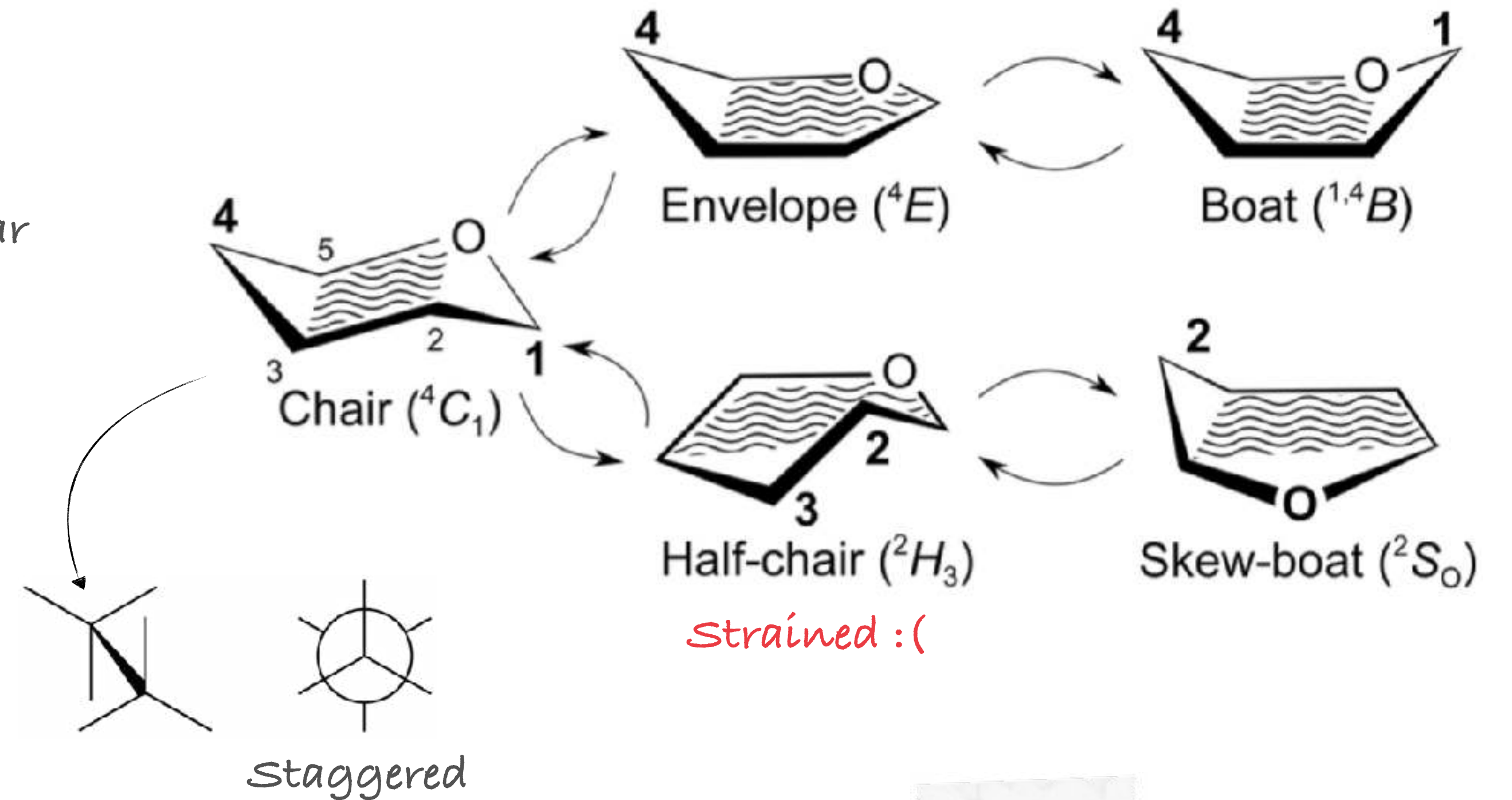


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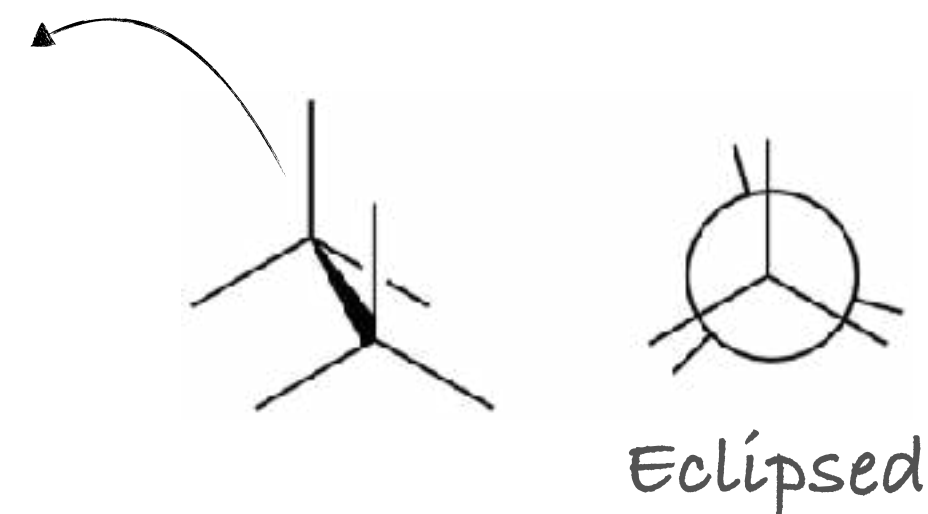
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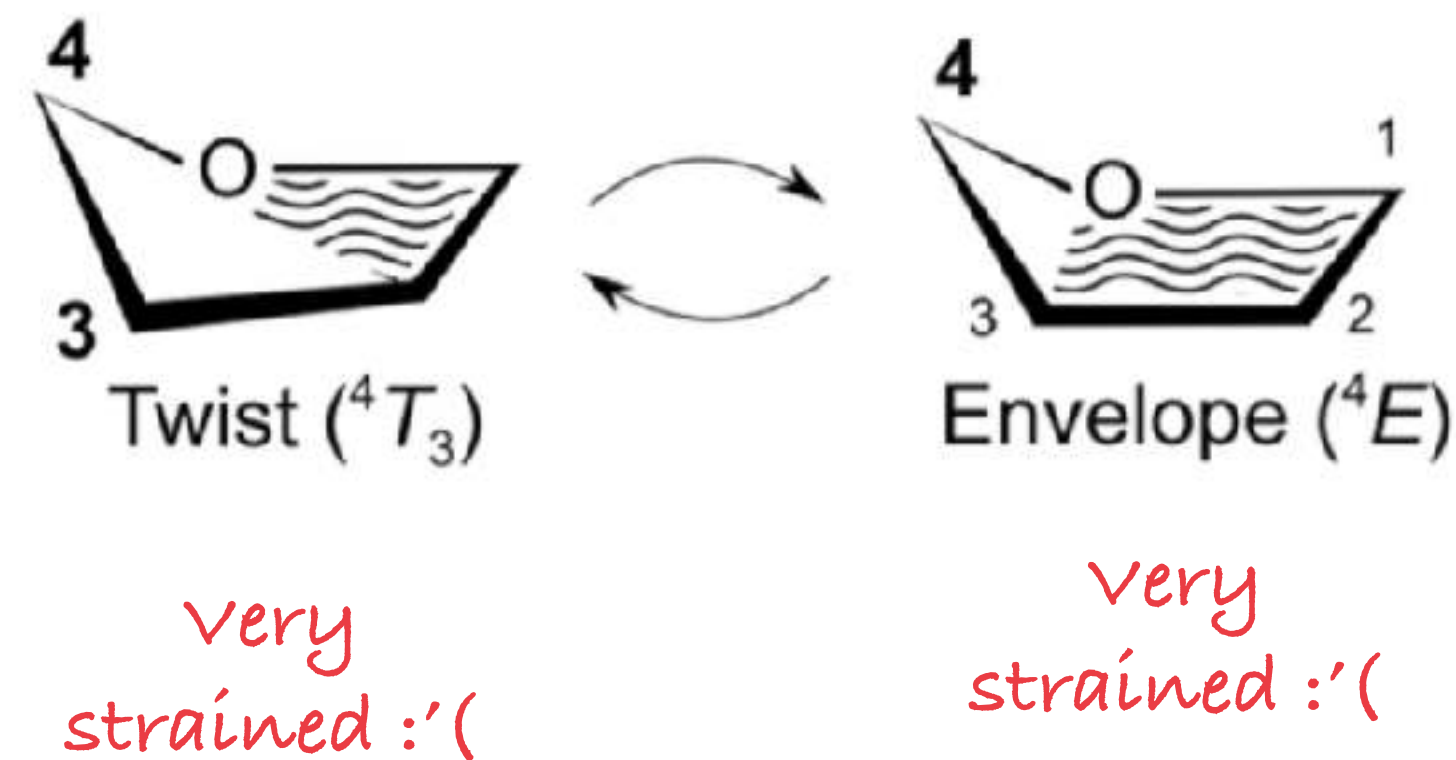
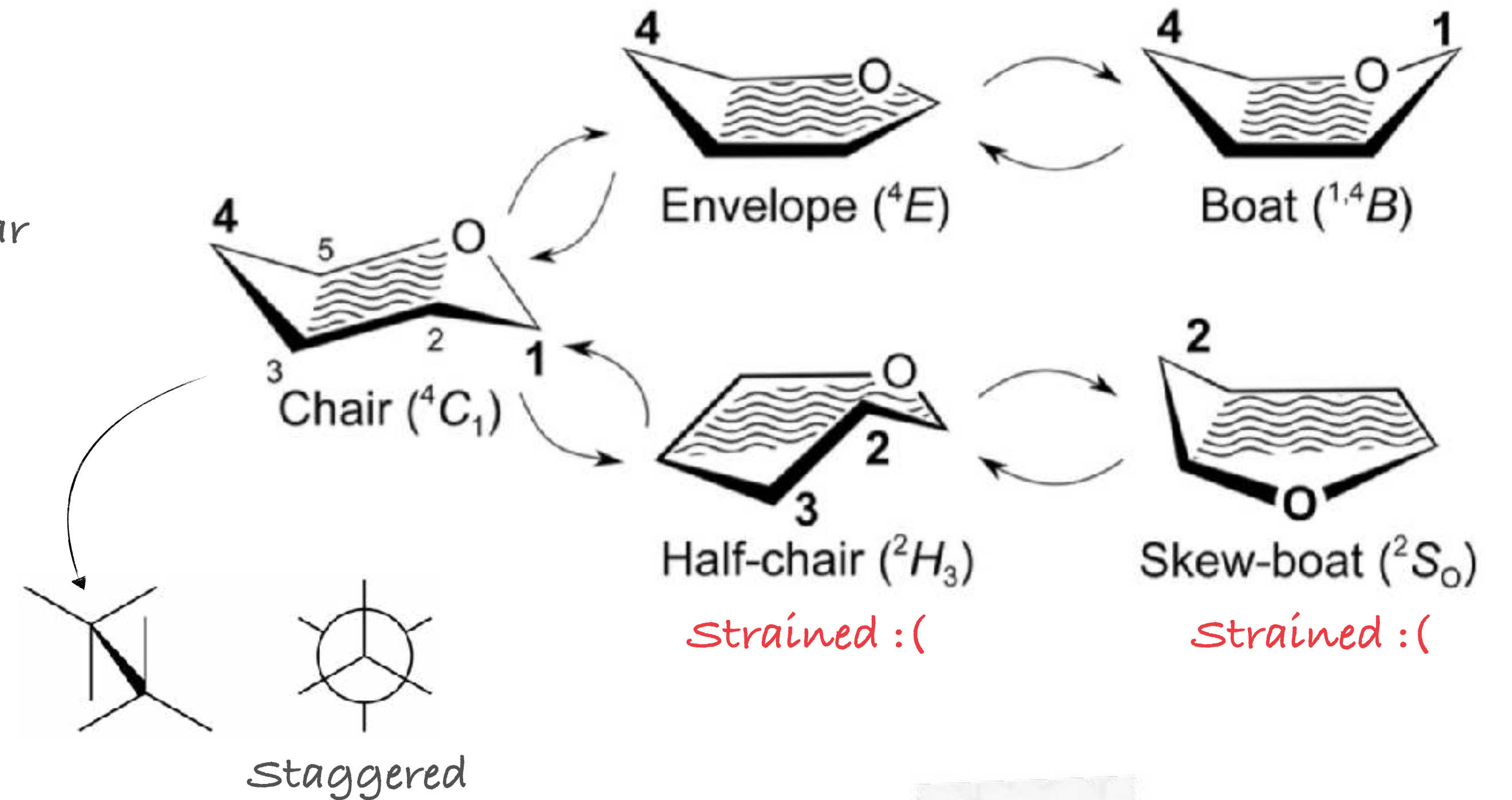


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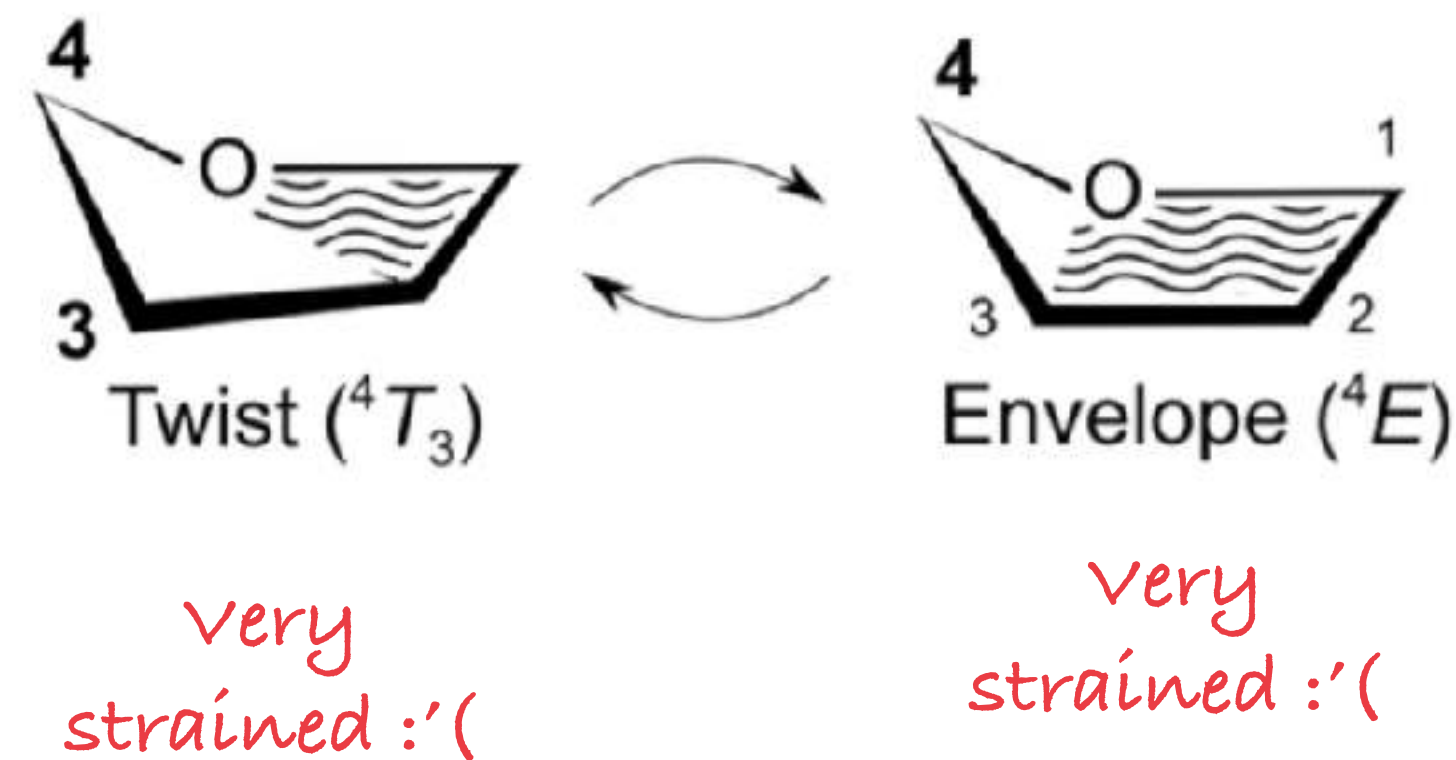
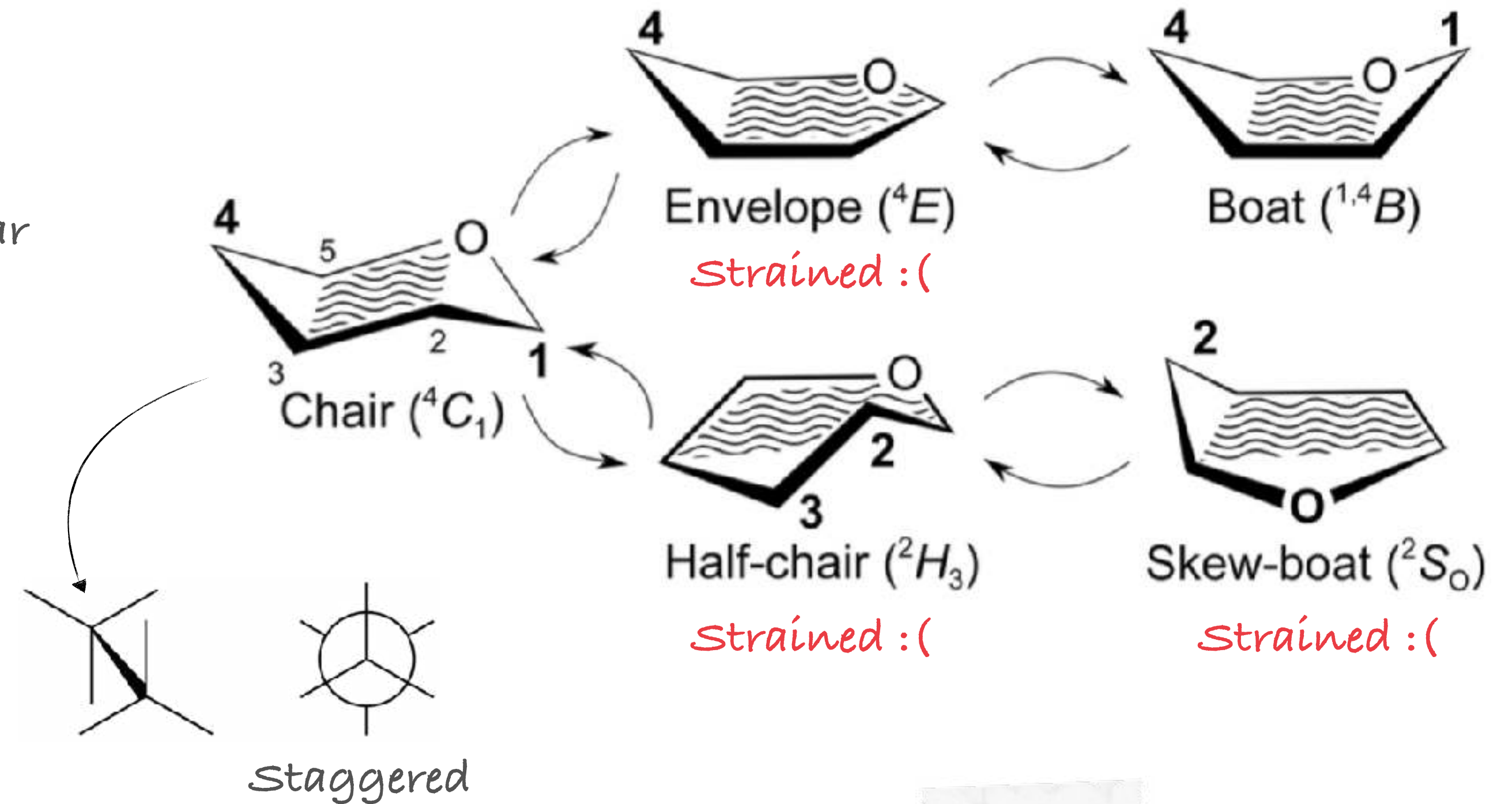


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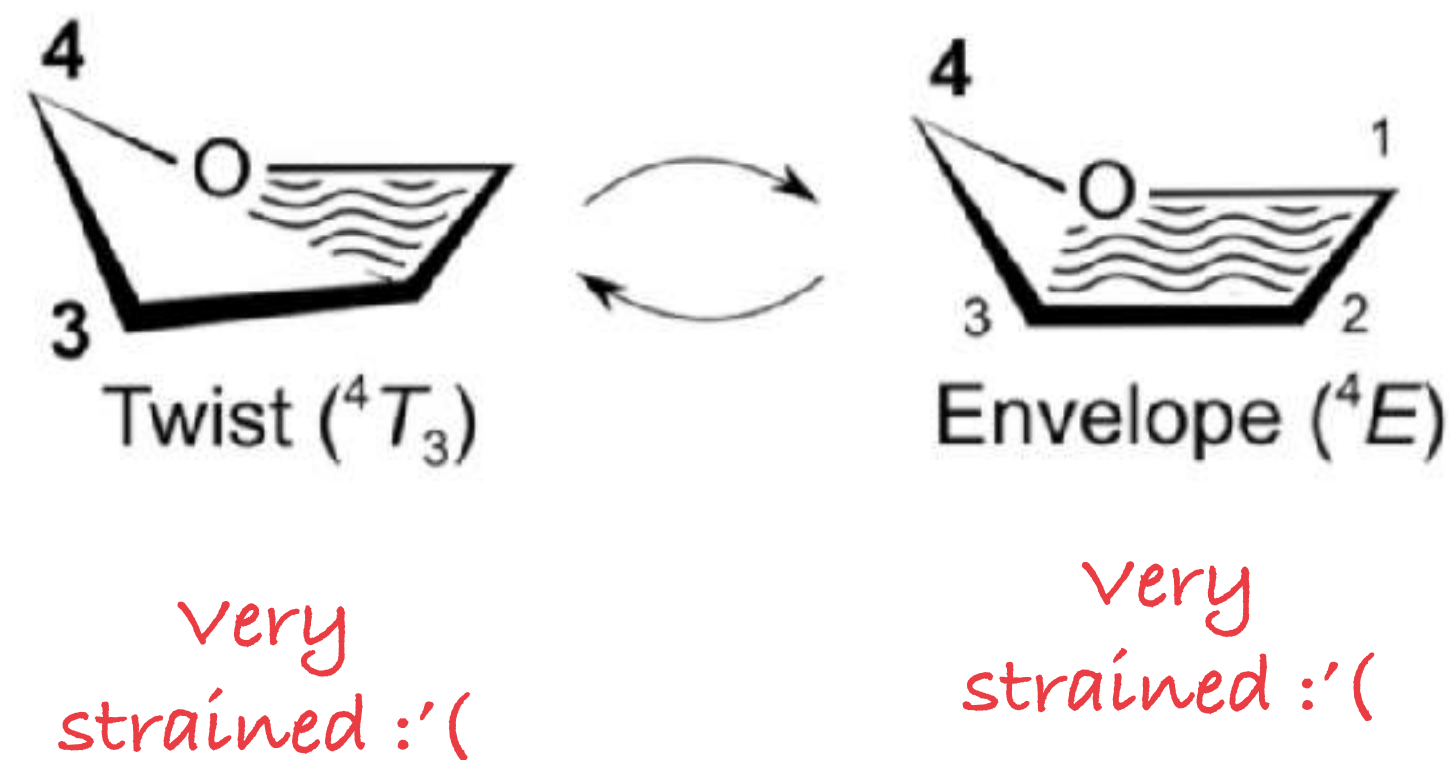
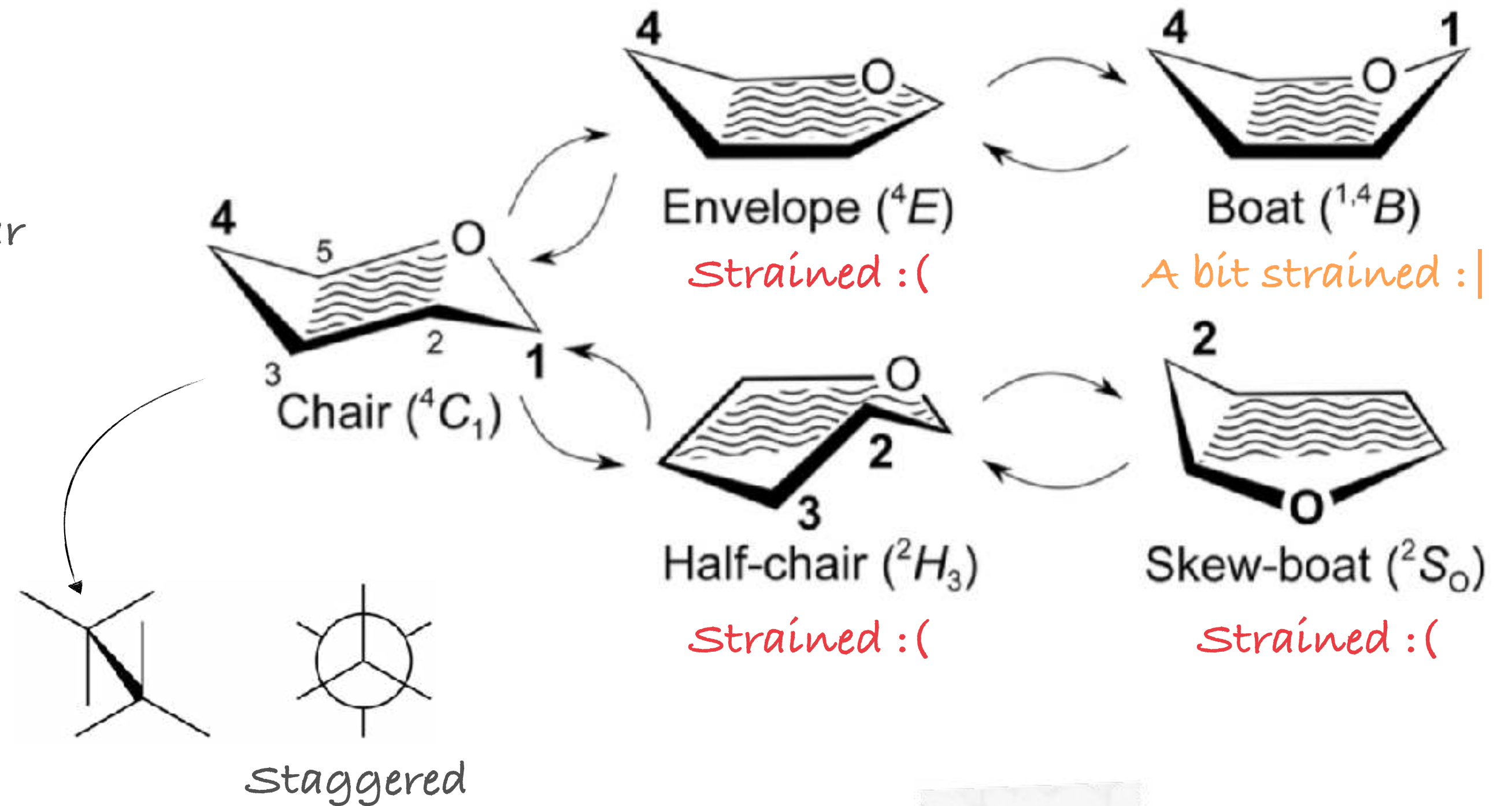


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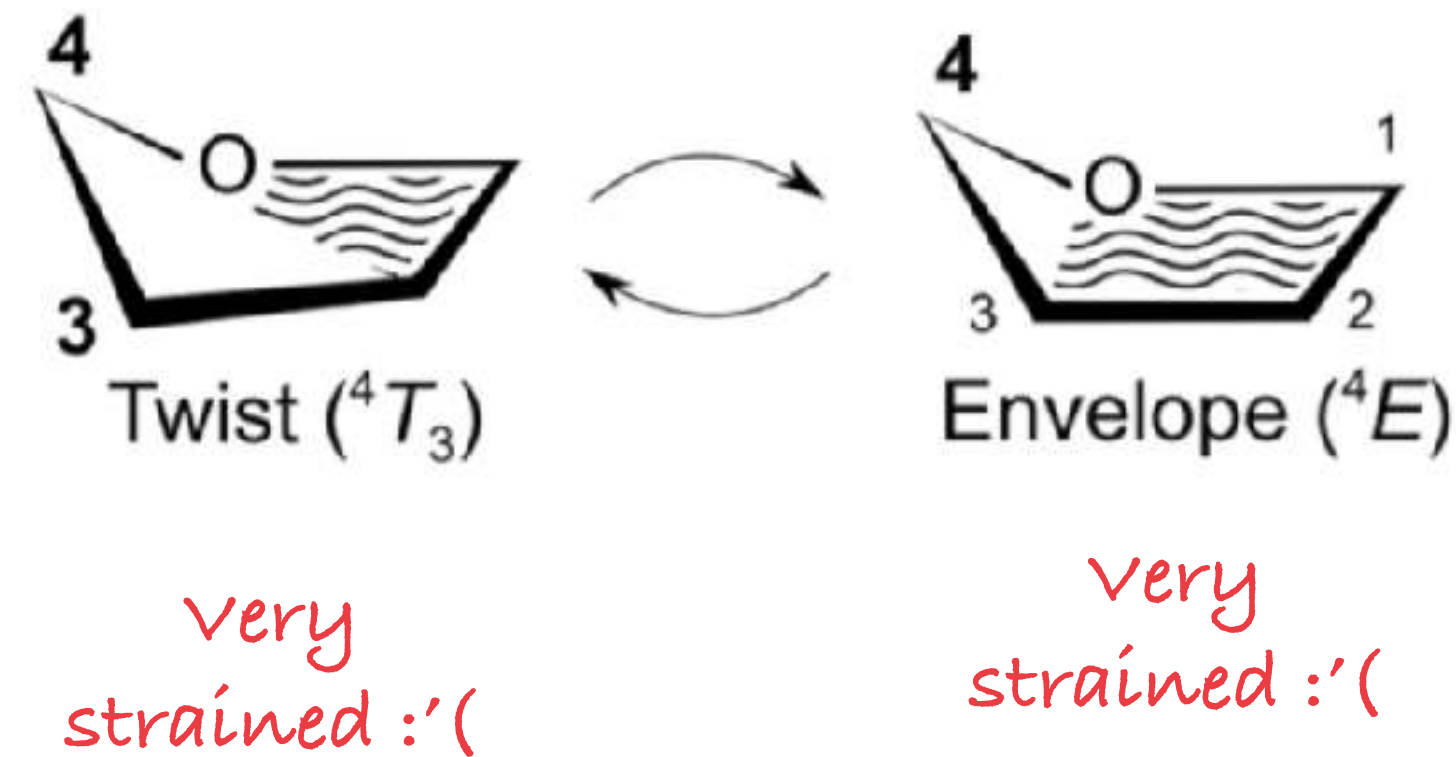
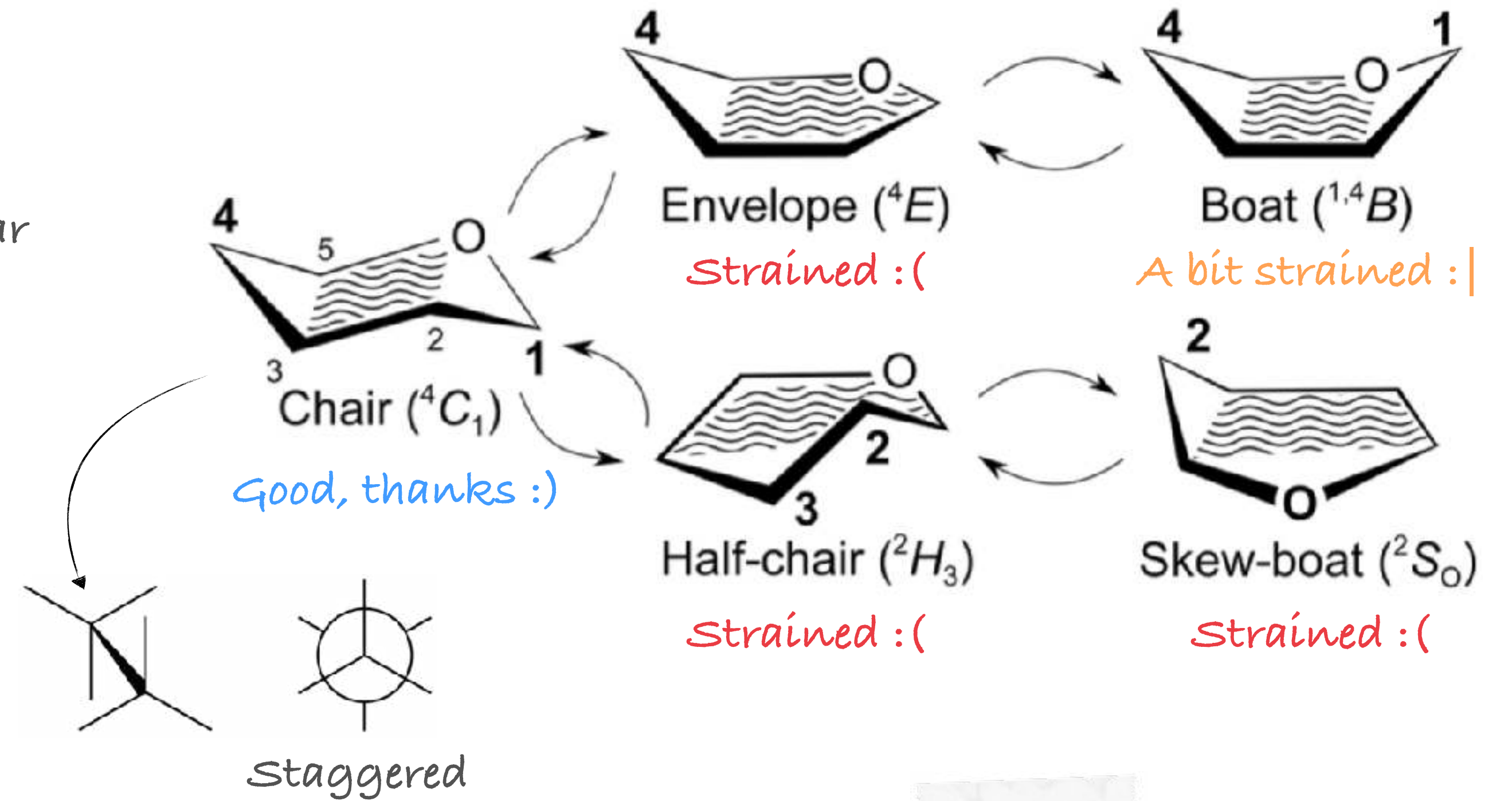


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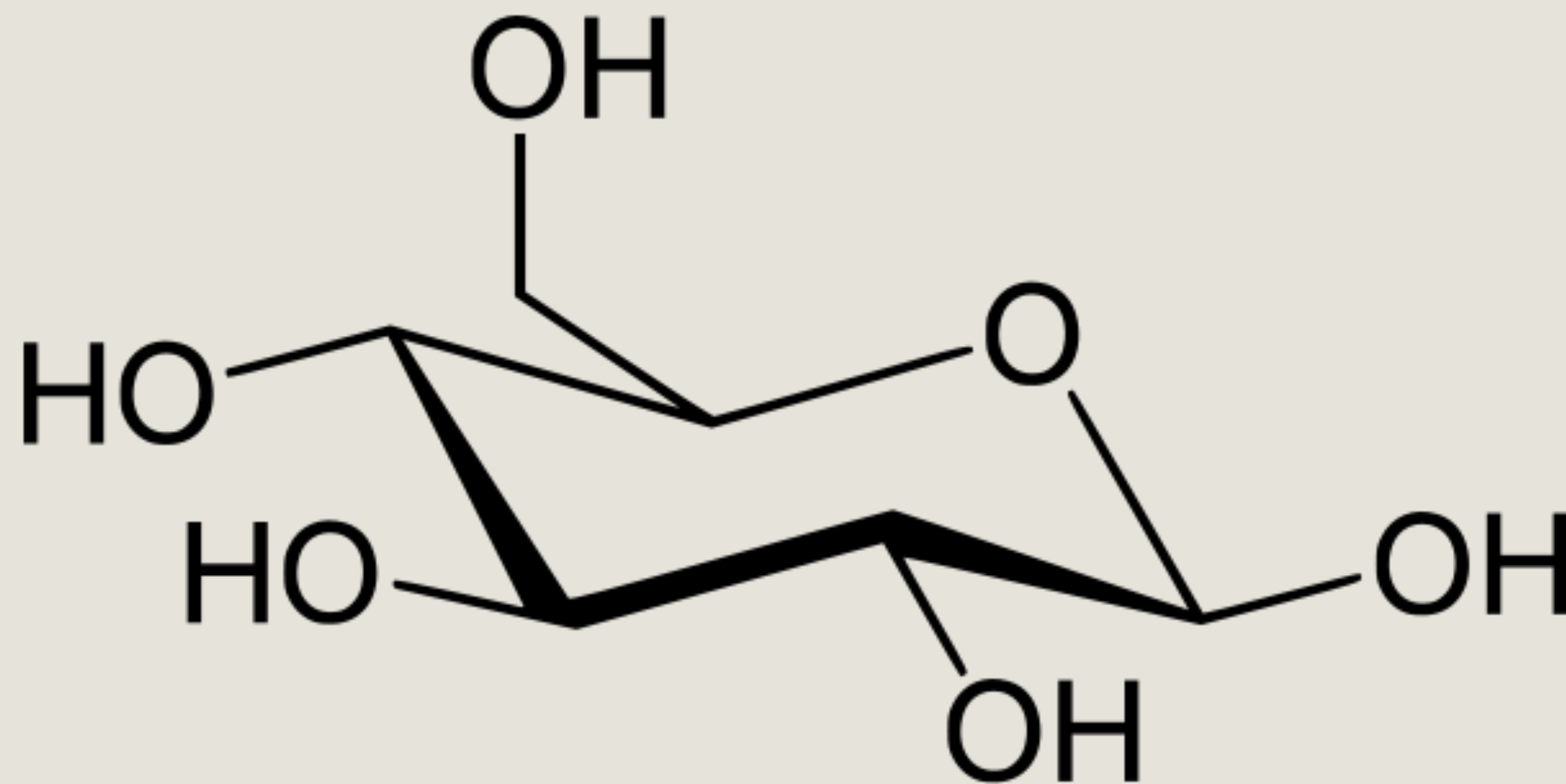
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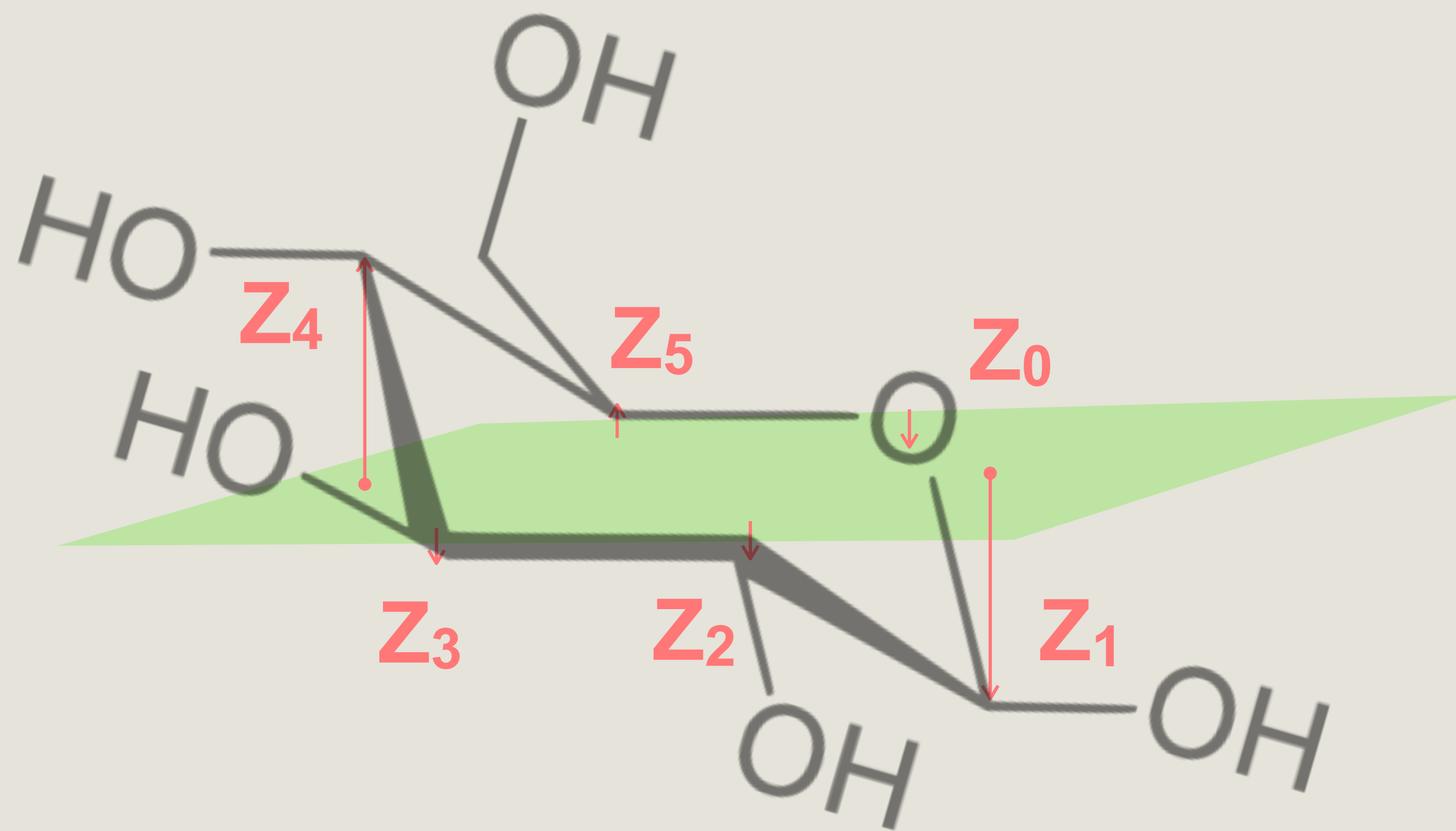
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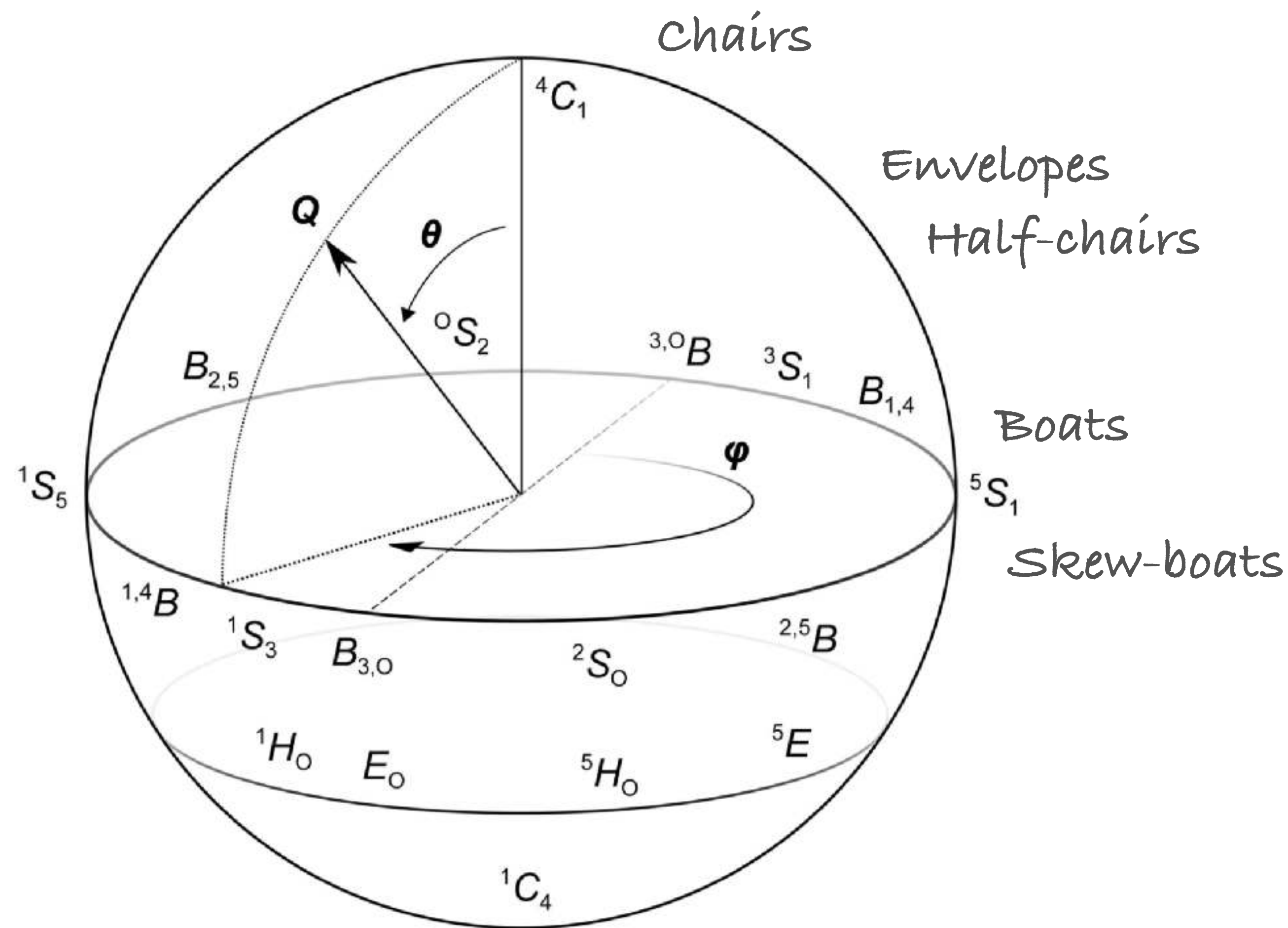
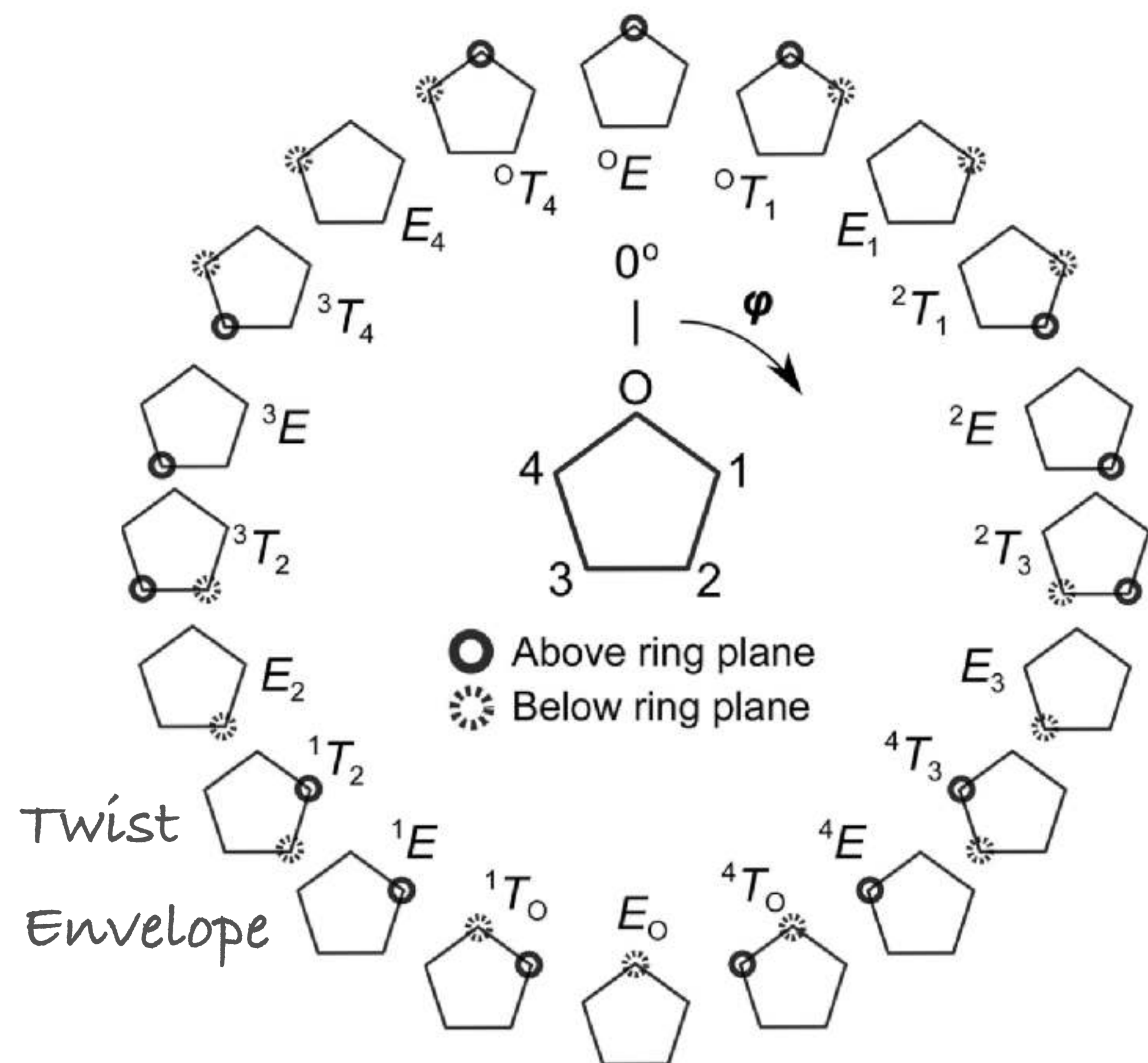
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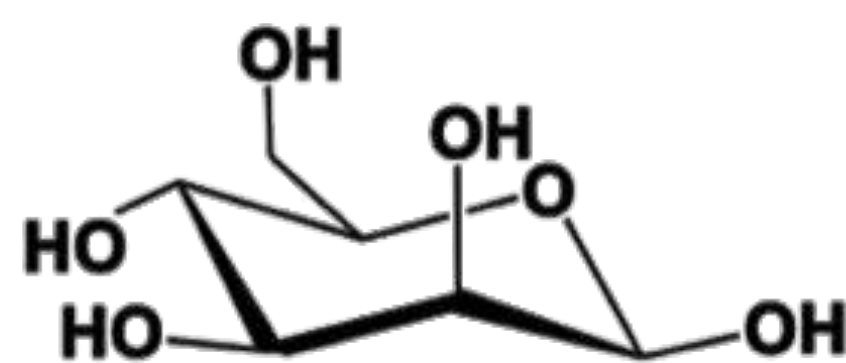
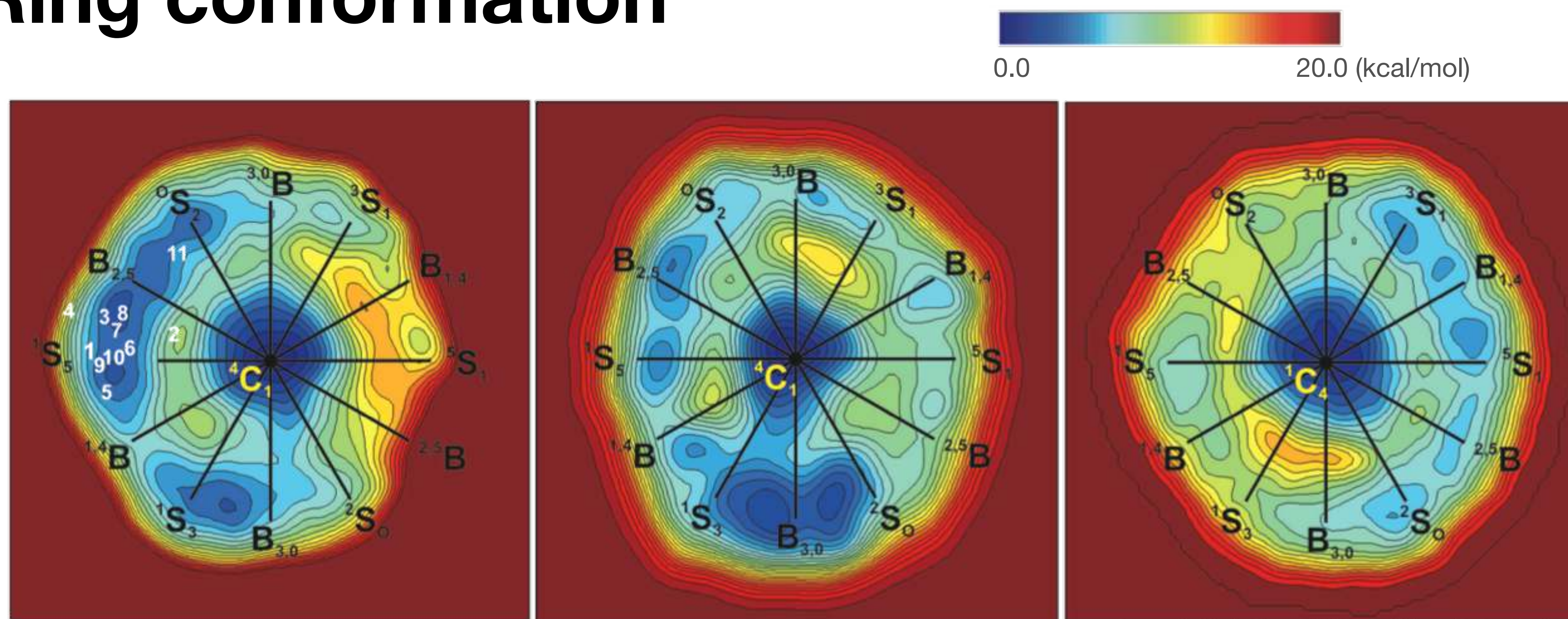
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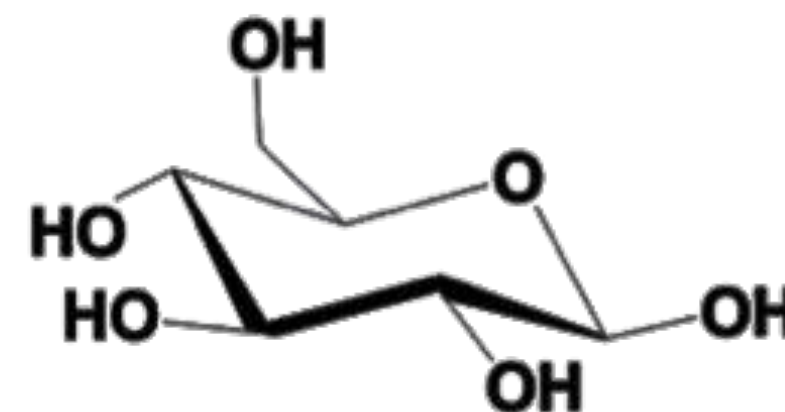




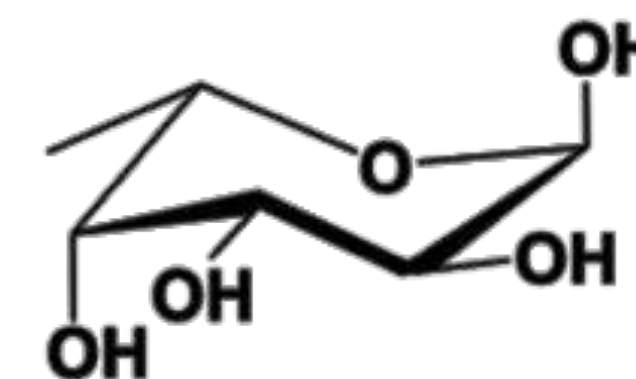
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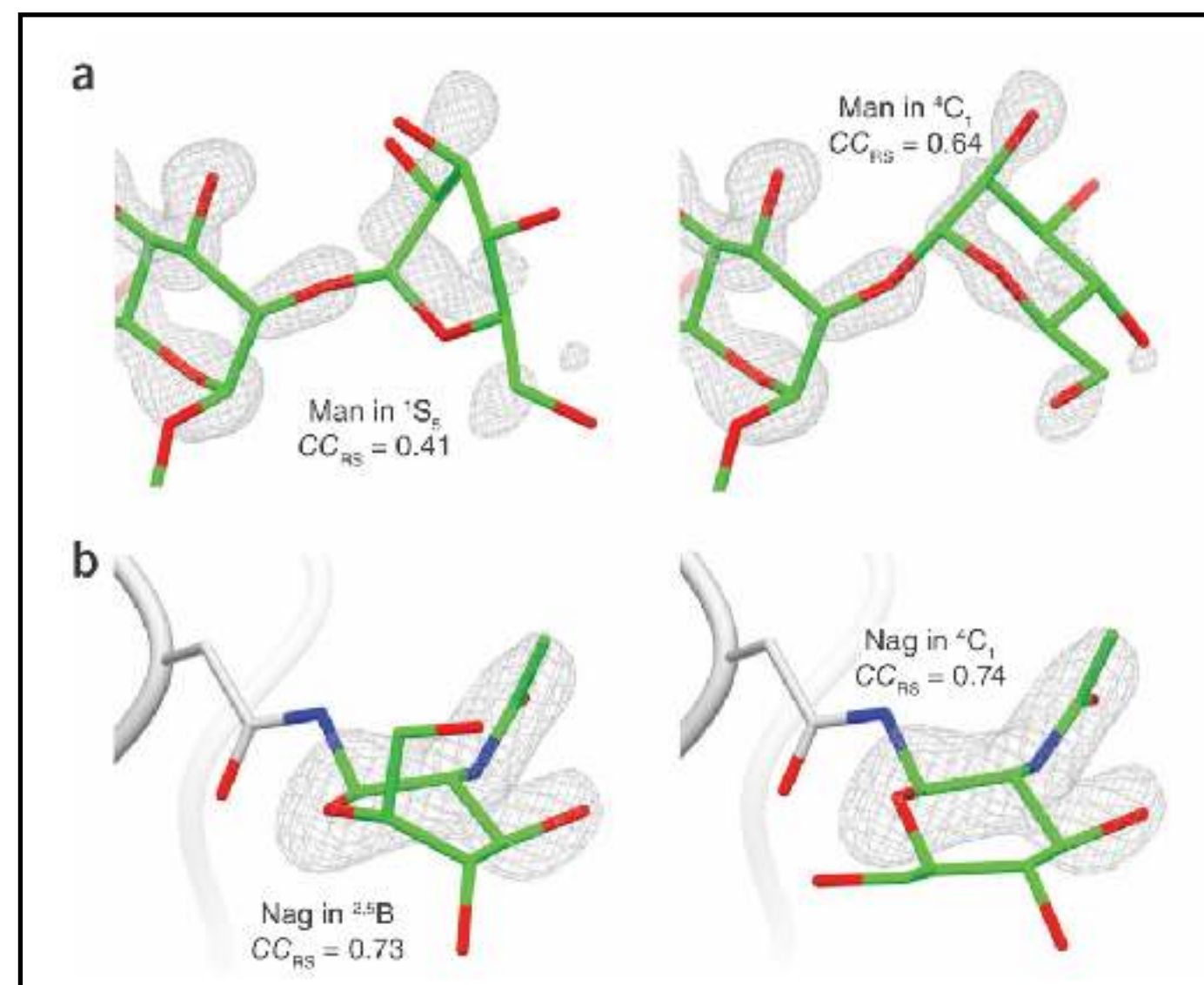
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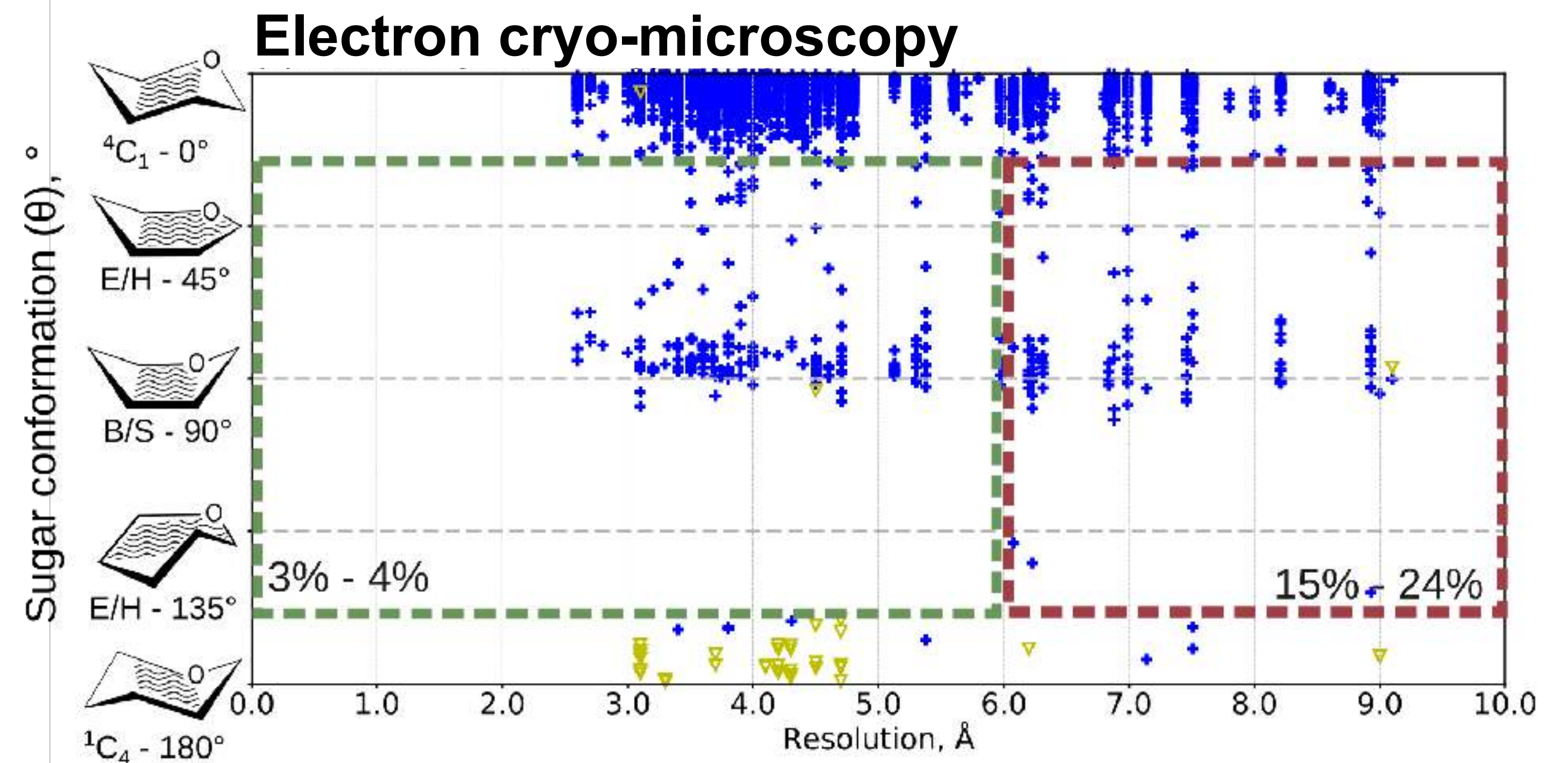
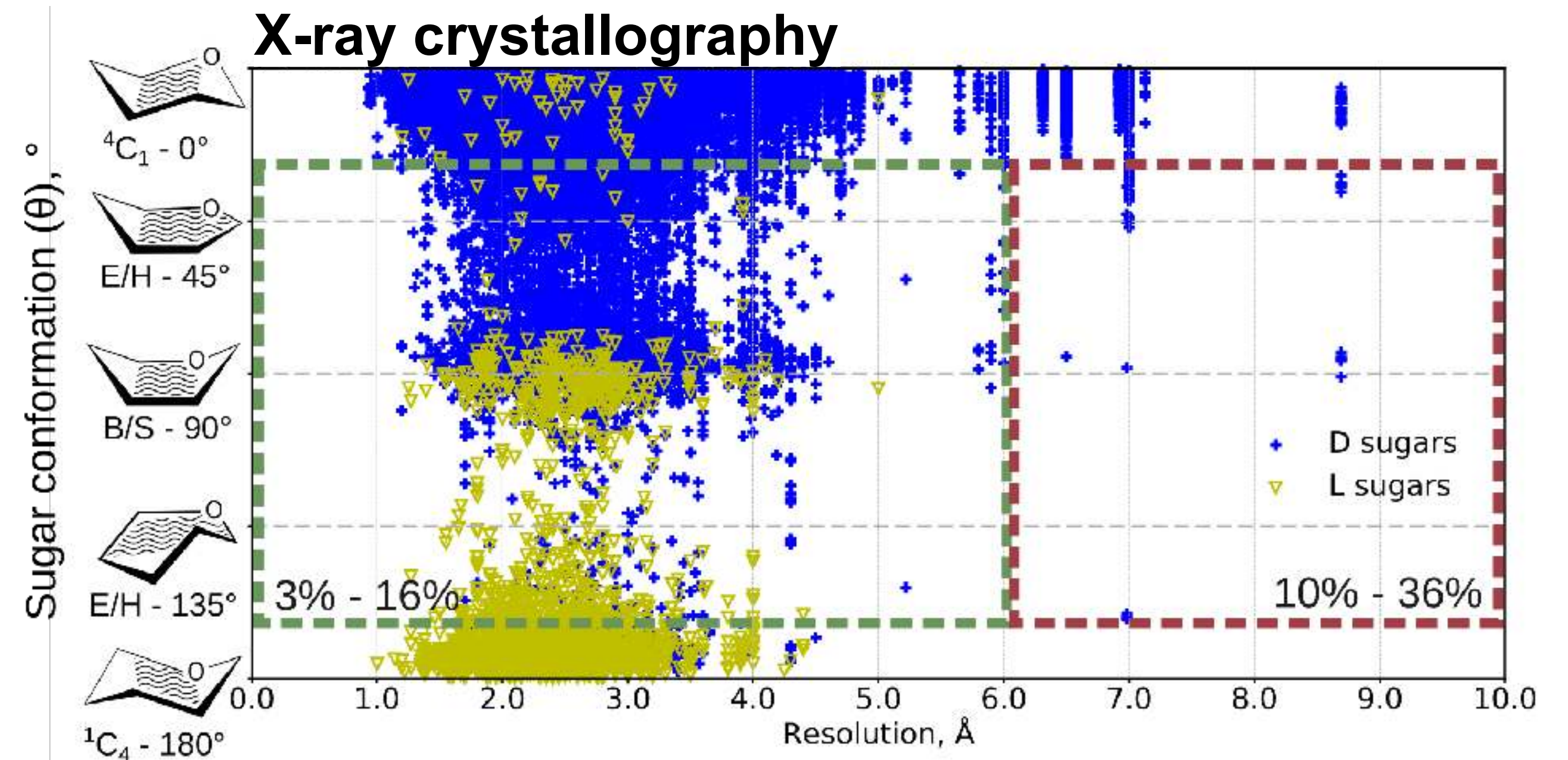


# Ring conformation in protein glycosylation

- Many more **high-energy** conformations than expected.
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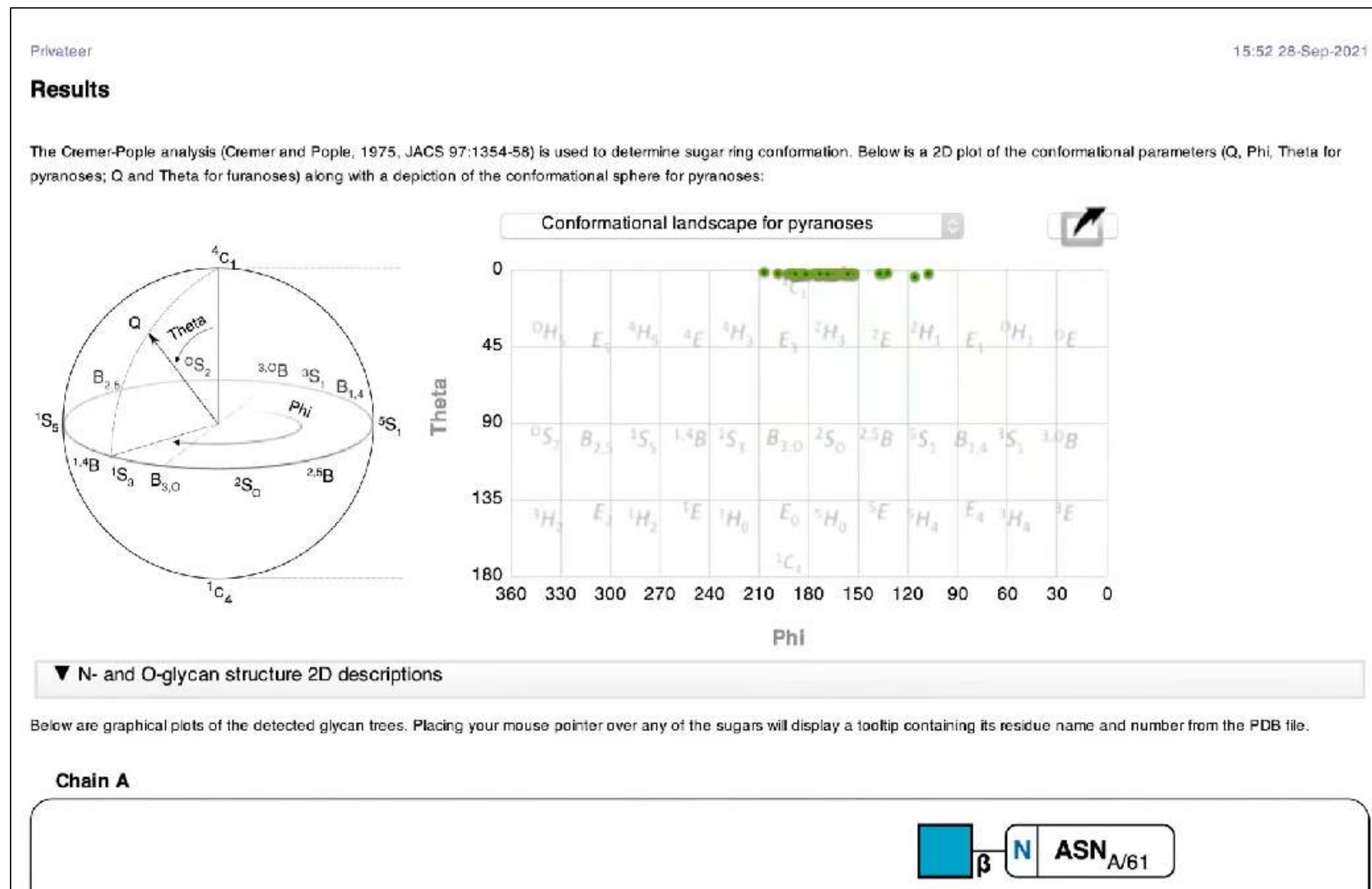
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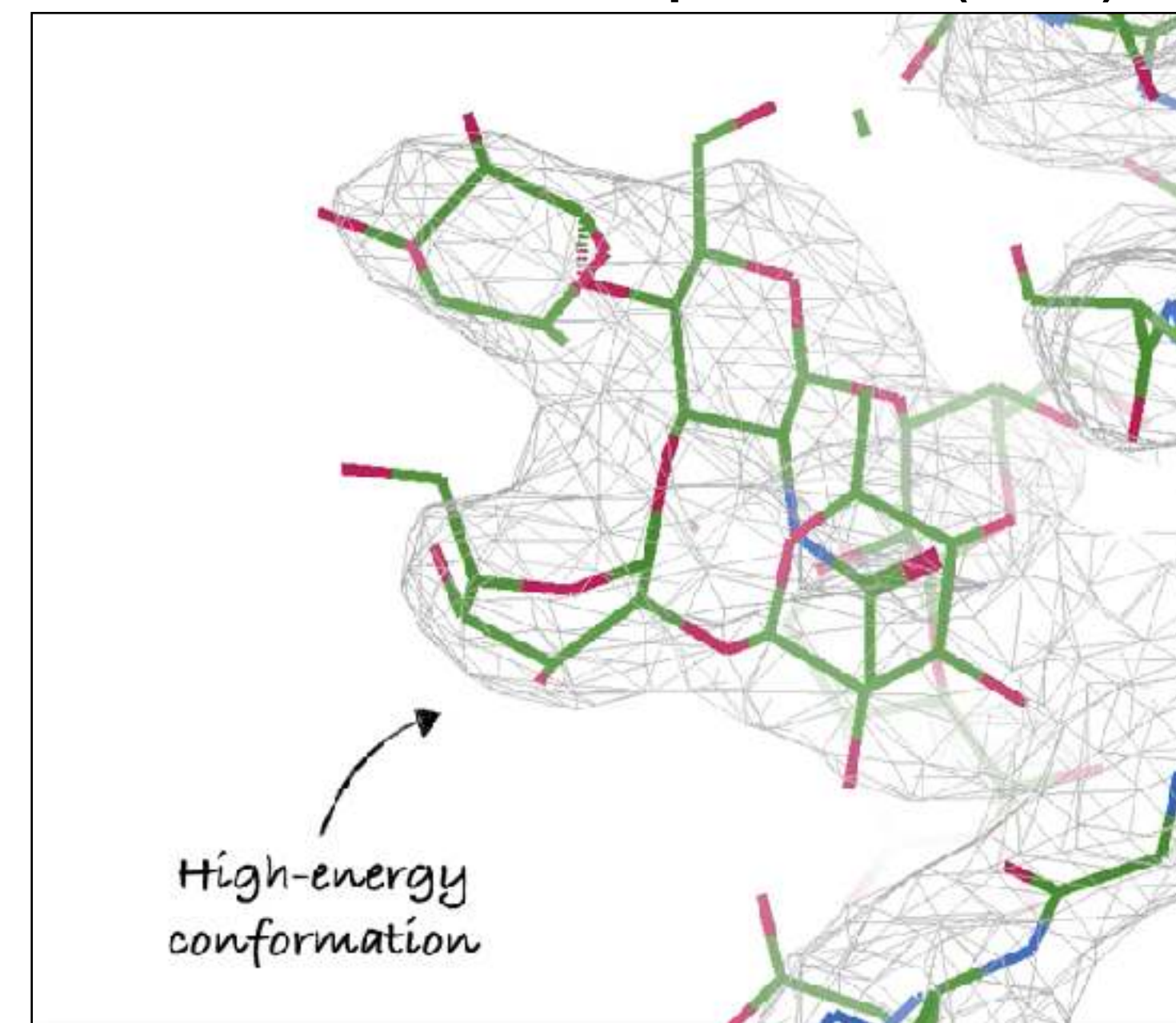


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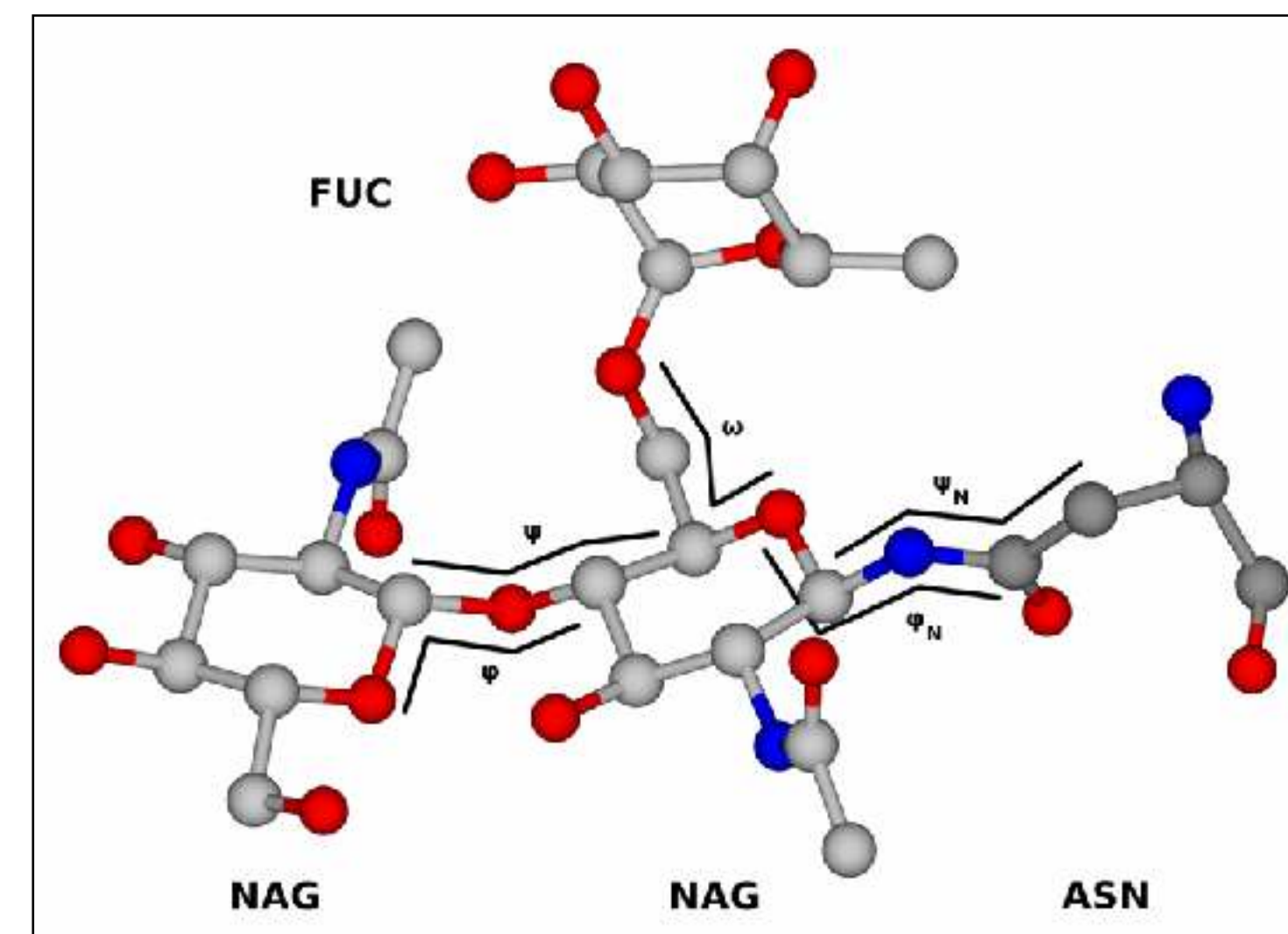
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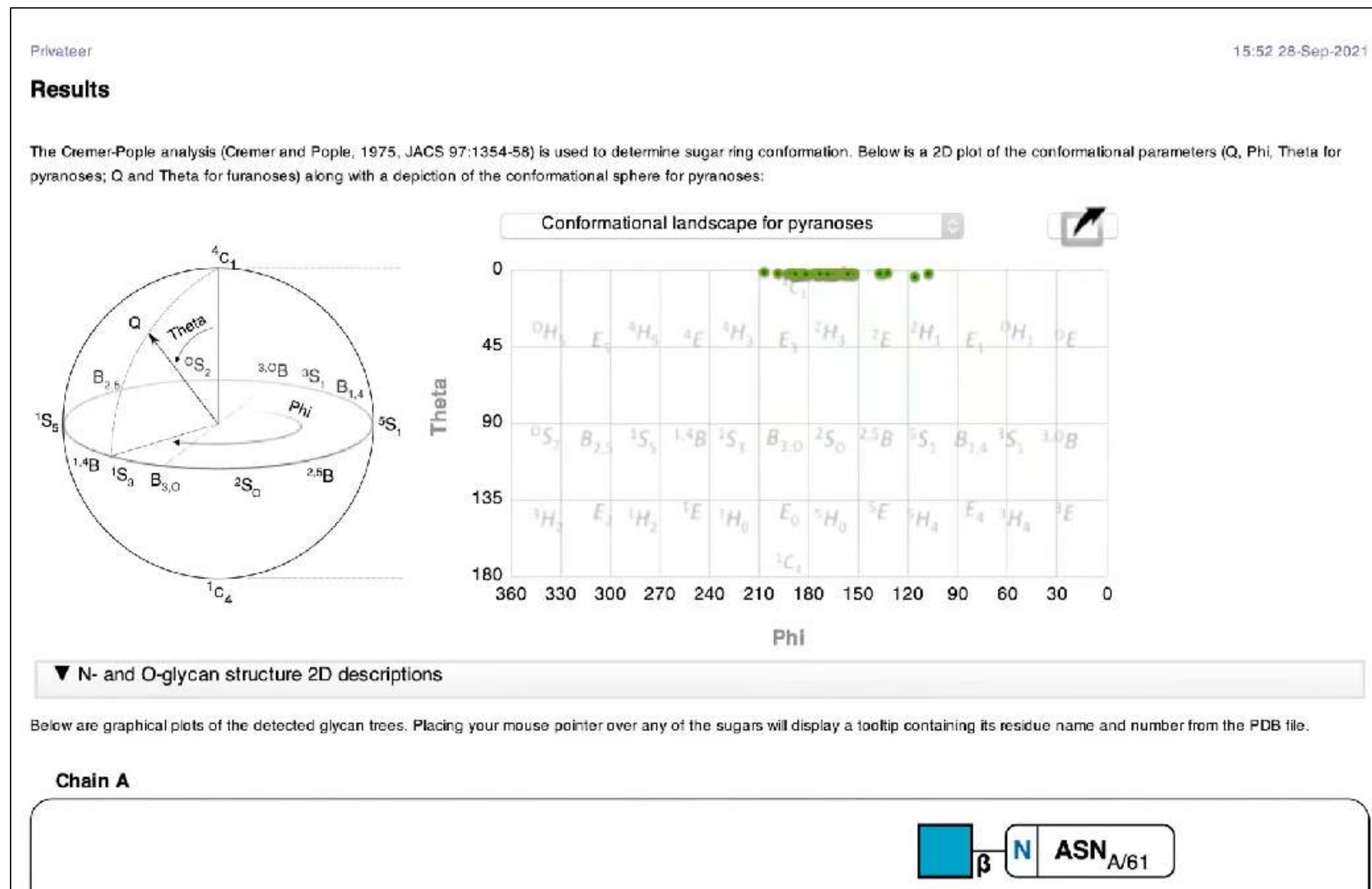


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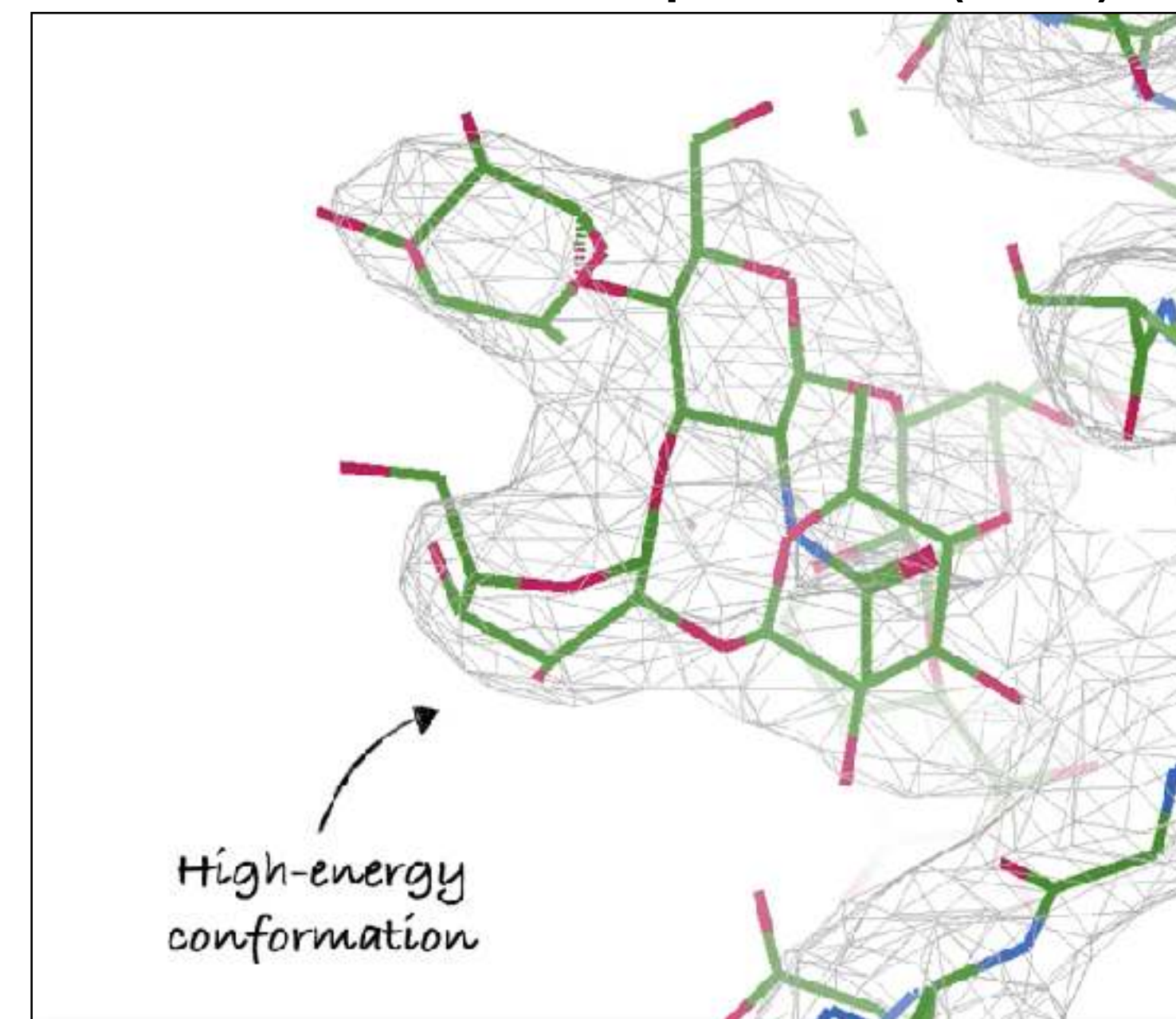


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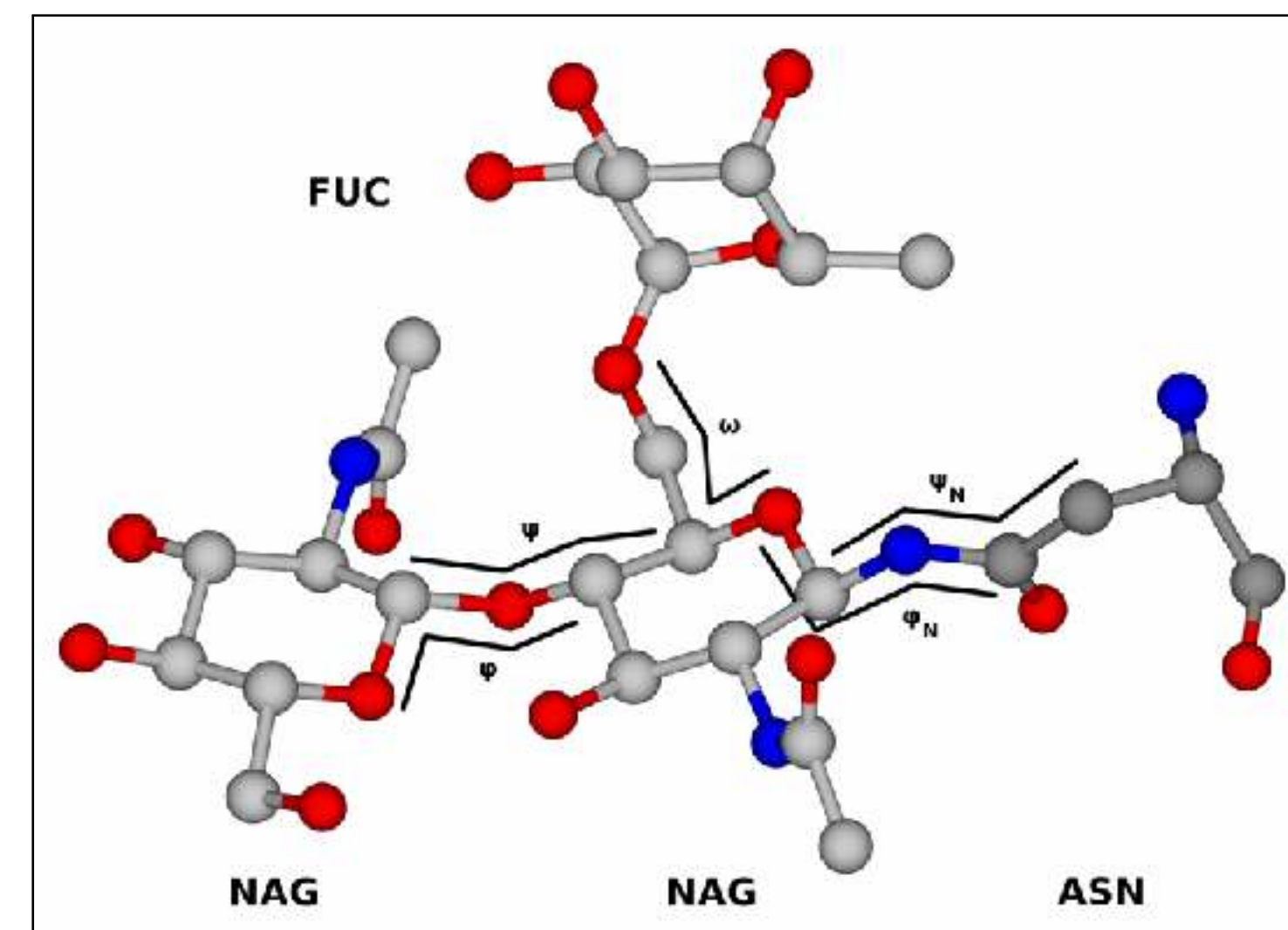
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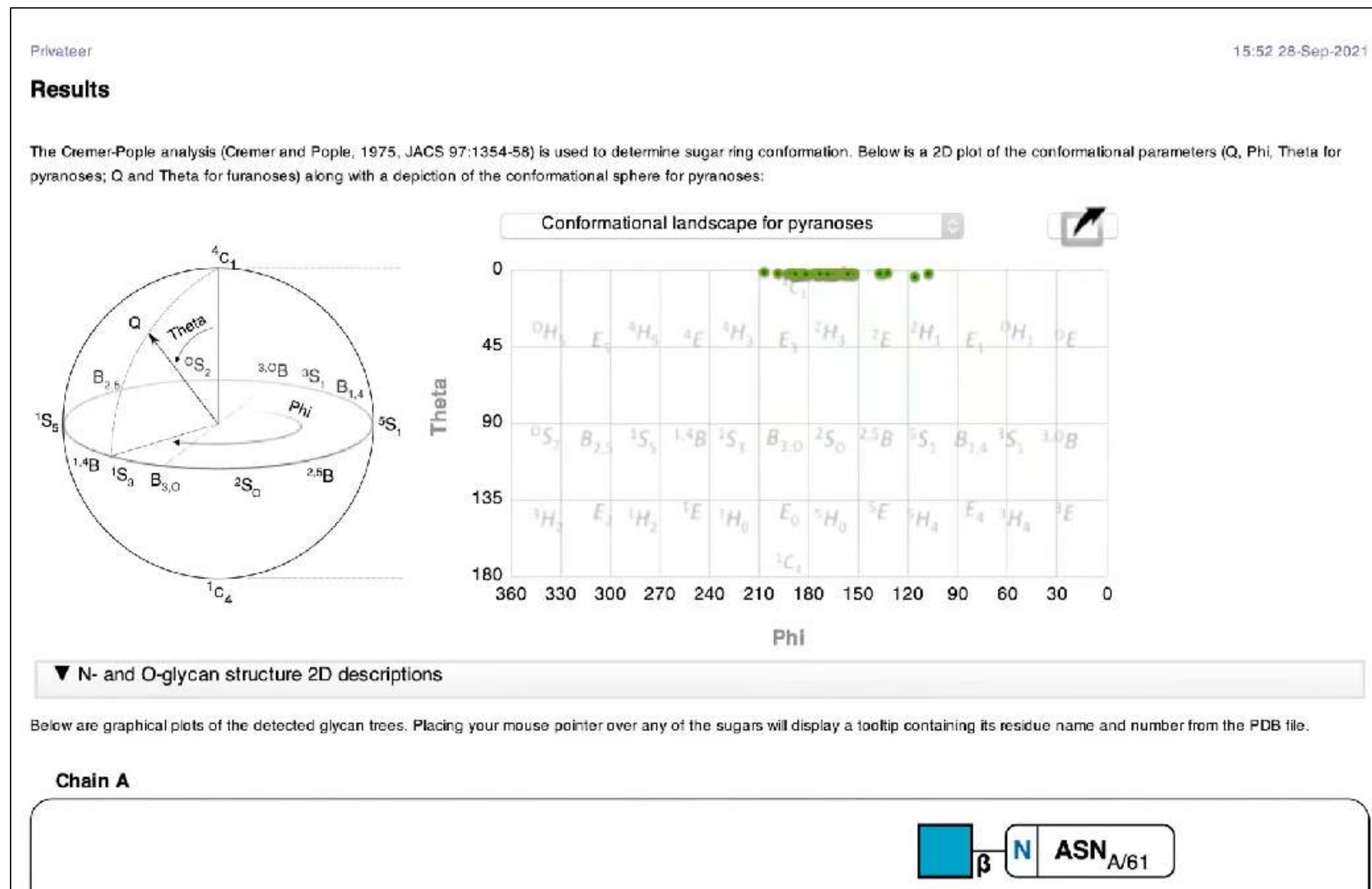


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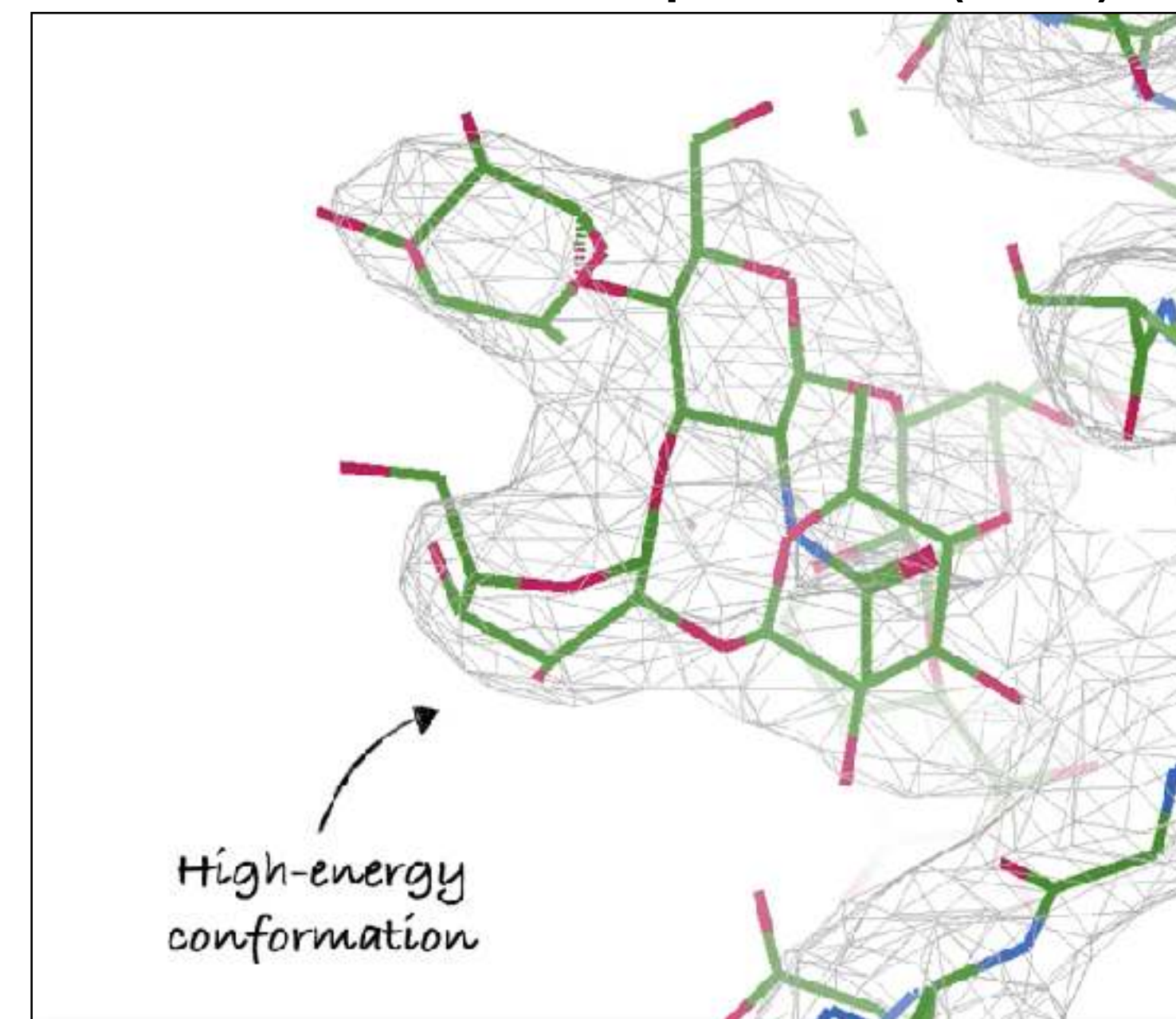


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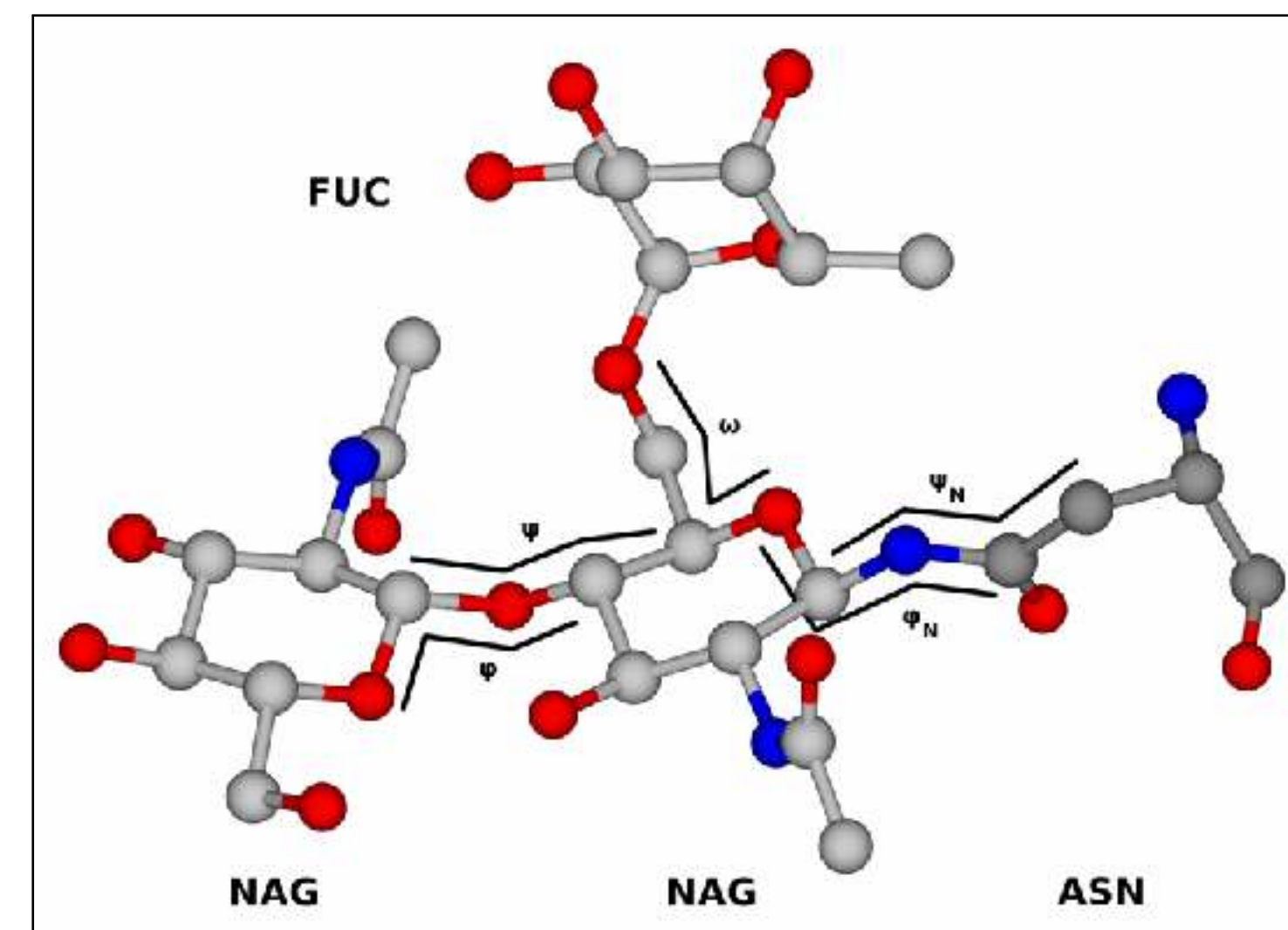
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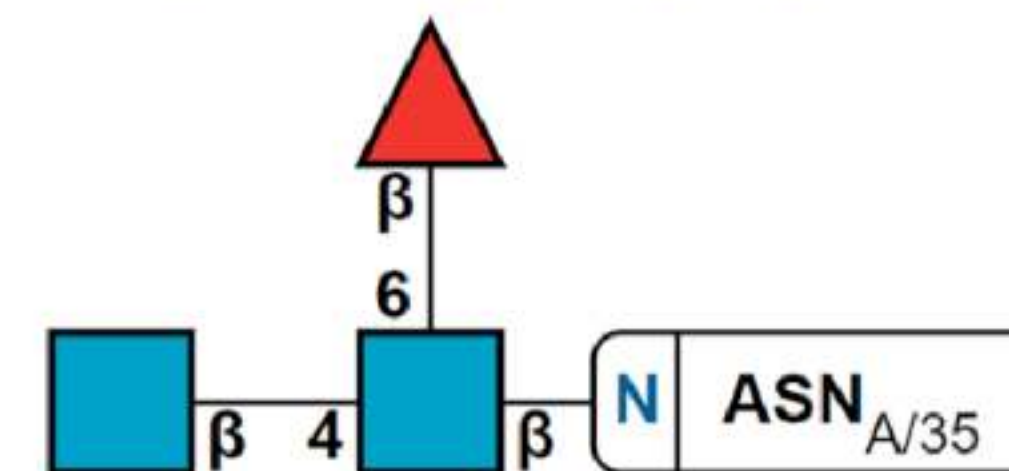
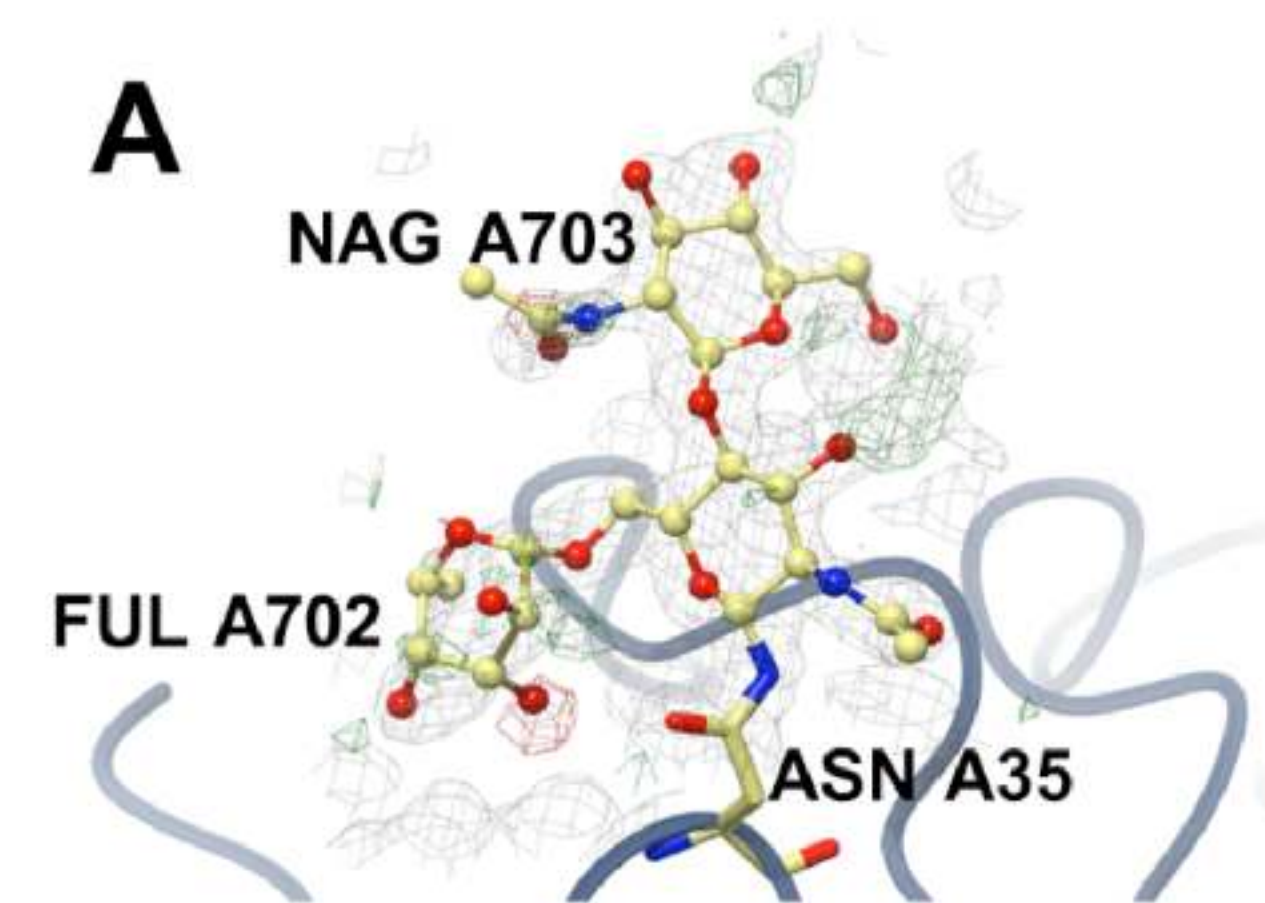
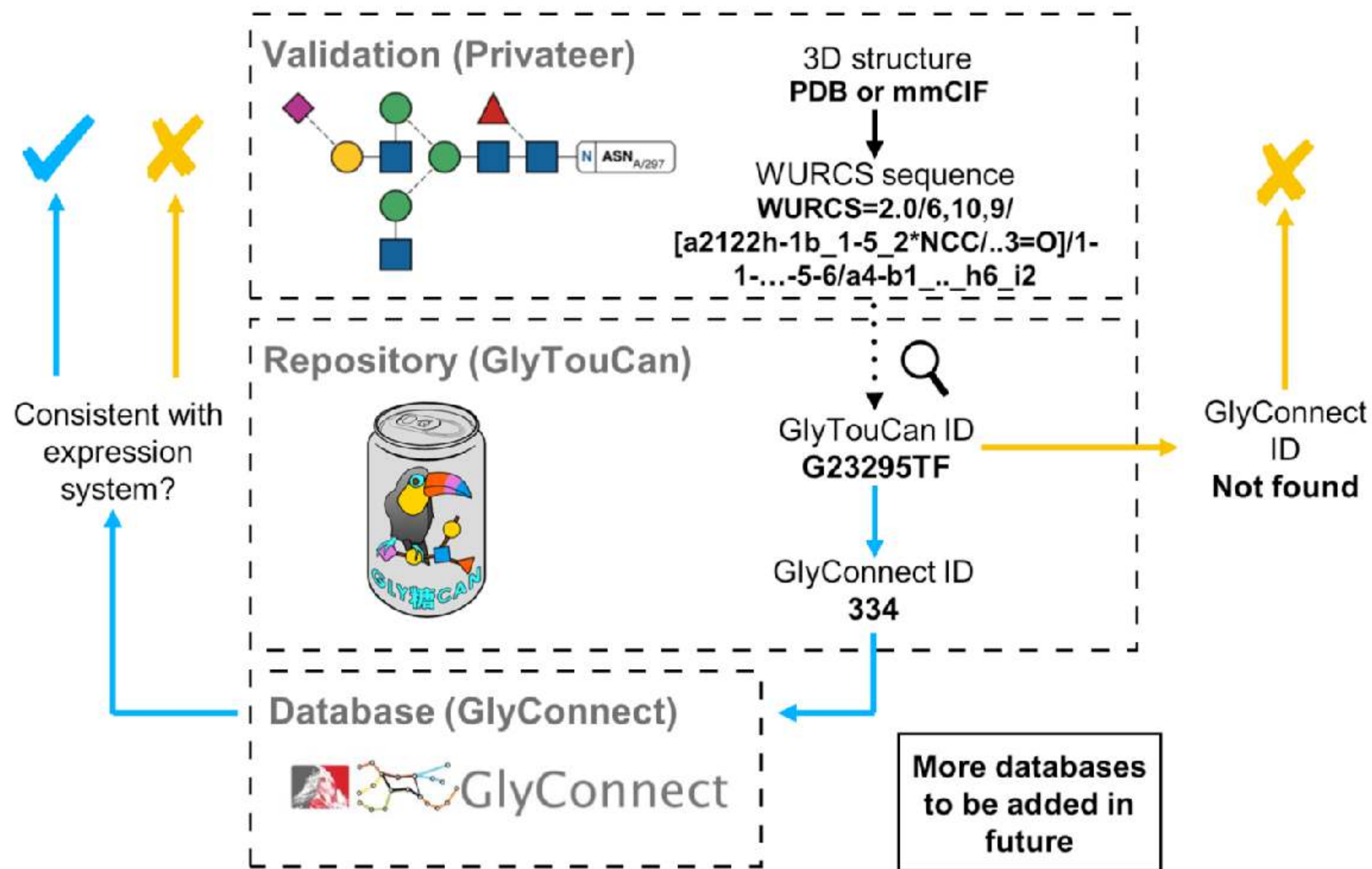


# The Privateer software

- Has been useful in **every relevant context** where structural glycobiology has played a role: biofuels, immunology, cancer, fecundation and, of course, viral glycoproteins (HIV, Ebolavirus, Influenza, MERS, SARS-CoV-1 & 2).
- COVID-19 pandemic: used in constructs informing **mRNA vaccine design**, structures of **spike-antibody complexes** and **neutralising drugs**. Integrated in several analysis and validation pipelines.
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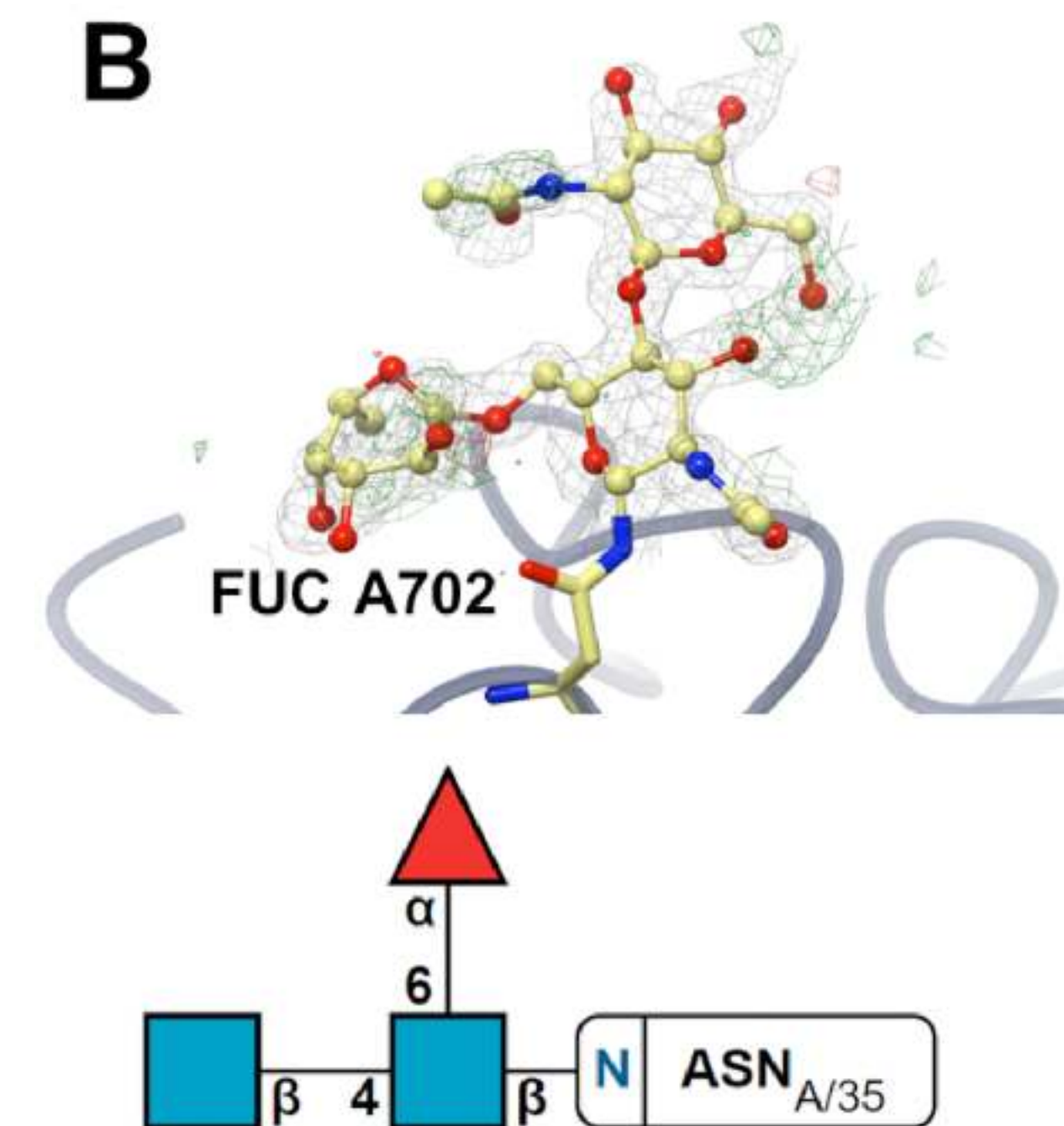
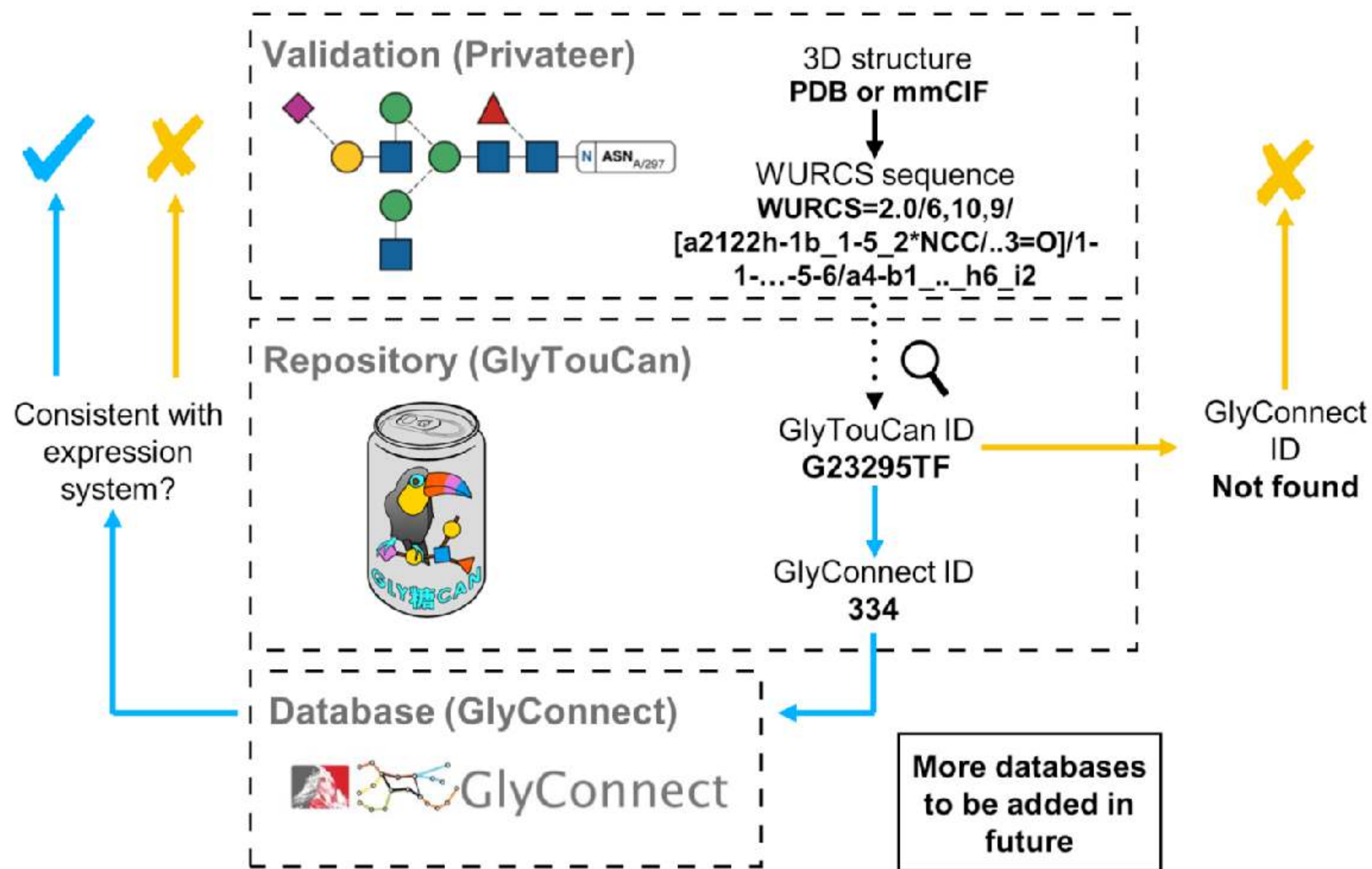
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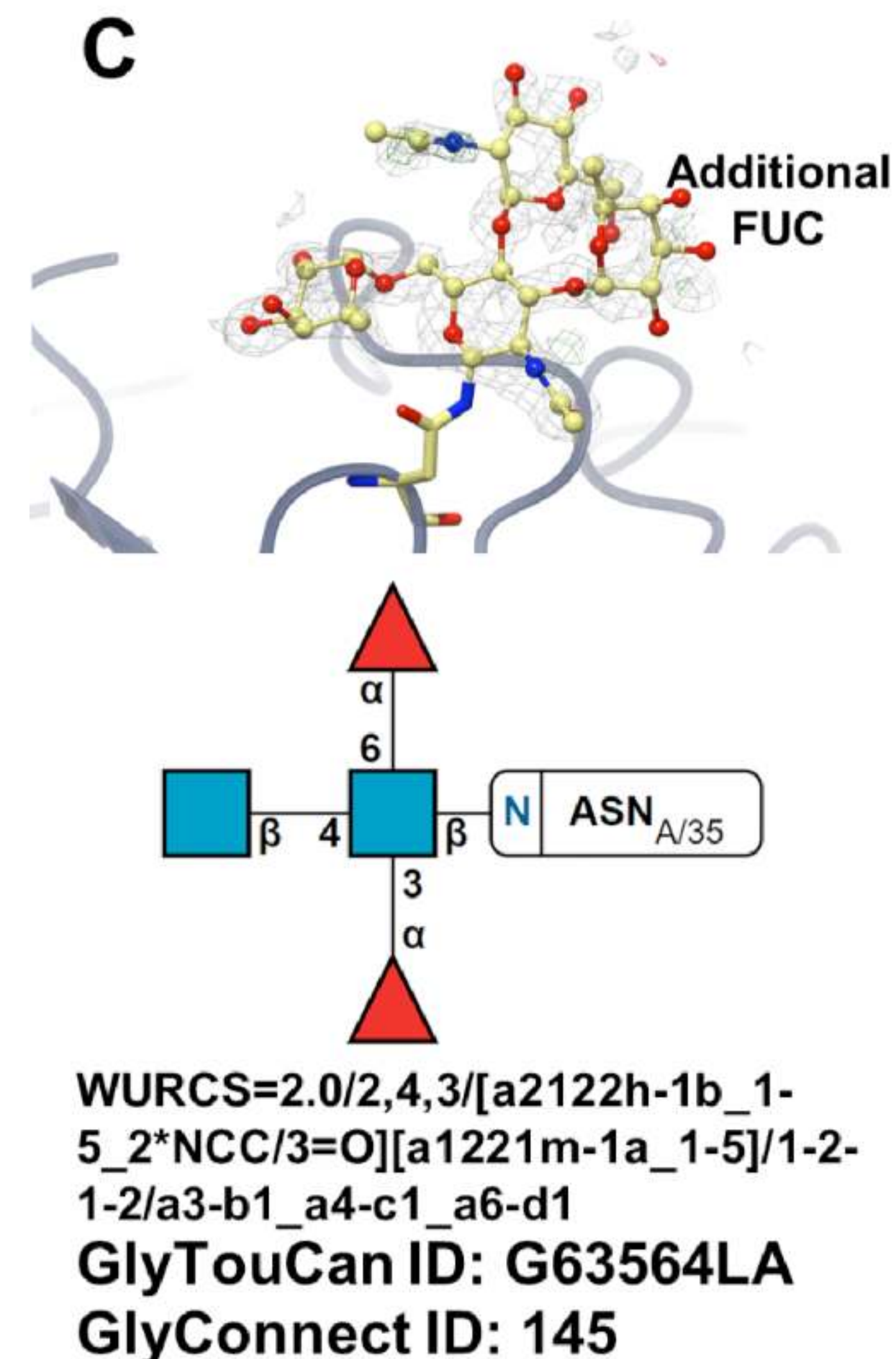
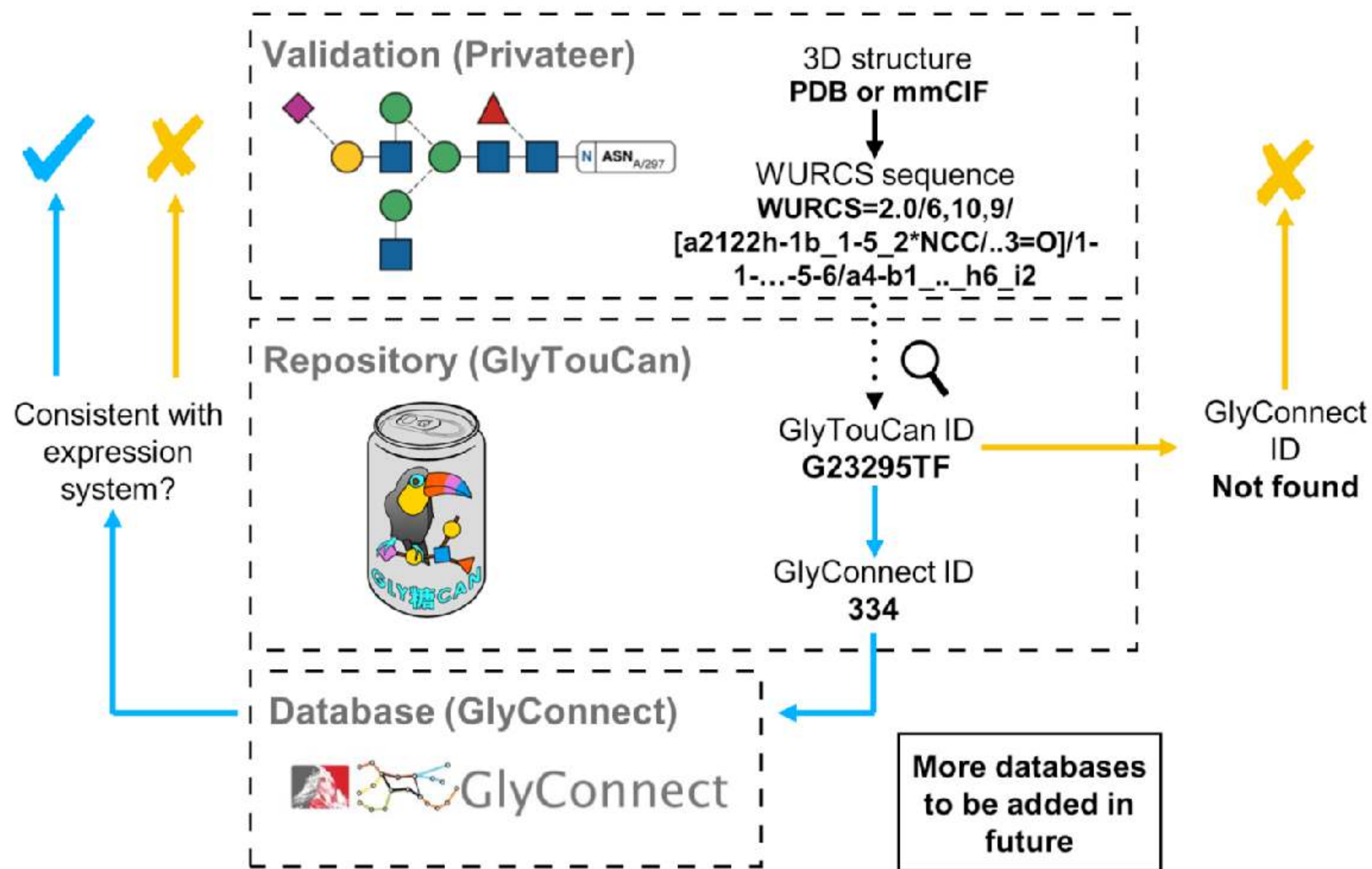
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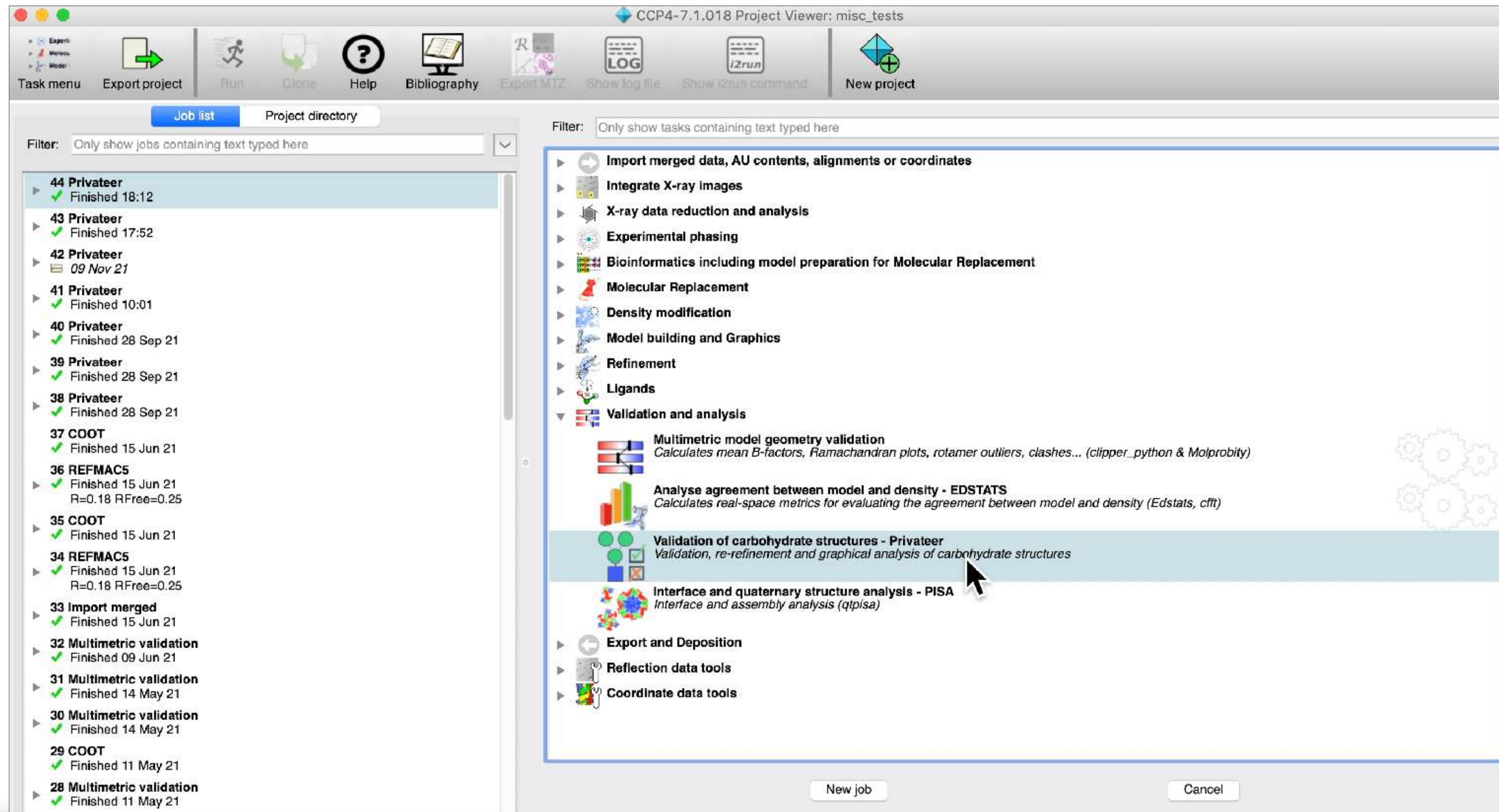


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- Bioinformatics including model preparation for Molecular Replacement
- Molecular Replacement
- Density modification
- Model building and Graphics
- Refinement
- Ligands
- Validation and analysis
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Calculates mean B-factors, Ramachandran plots, rotamer outliers, clashes... (clipper\_python & Molprobit)
  - Analyse agreement between model and density - EDSTATS  
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  - Validation of carbohydrate structures - Privateer**  
Validation, re-refinement and graphical analysis of carbohydrate structures
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Input Results Comments

N- and O-glycan structure 2D descriptions Detailed monosaccharide validation data Summary for publications Biblio Run

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▼ N- and O-glycan structure 2D descriptions

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- 31 Multimeric validation  
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- 30 Multimeric validation  
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- 29 COOT  
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Job 43: Validation of carbohydrate structures - Privateer The job is Finished

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▼ N- and O-glycan structure 2D descriptions

Below are graphical plots of the detected glycan trees. Placing your mouse pointer over any of the sugars will display a tooltip containing its residue name and number from the PDB file.

Chain B

WURCS=2.0/5,10,9/[a2122h-1b\_1-5\_2\*NCC/3=O][a1122h-1b\_1-5][a1122h-1a\_1-5][a2112h-1b\_1-5][Aad21122h-2a\_2-6\_5\*NCC/3=O]/1-1-2-3-1-4-5-3-1-4/a4-b1\_b4-c1\_c3-d1\_c6-h1\_d4-e1\_e4-f1\_f6-g2\_h4-i1\_i4-j1

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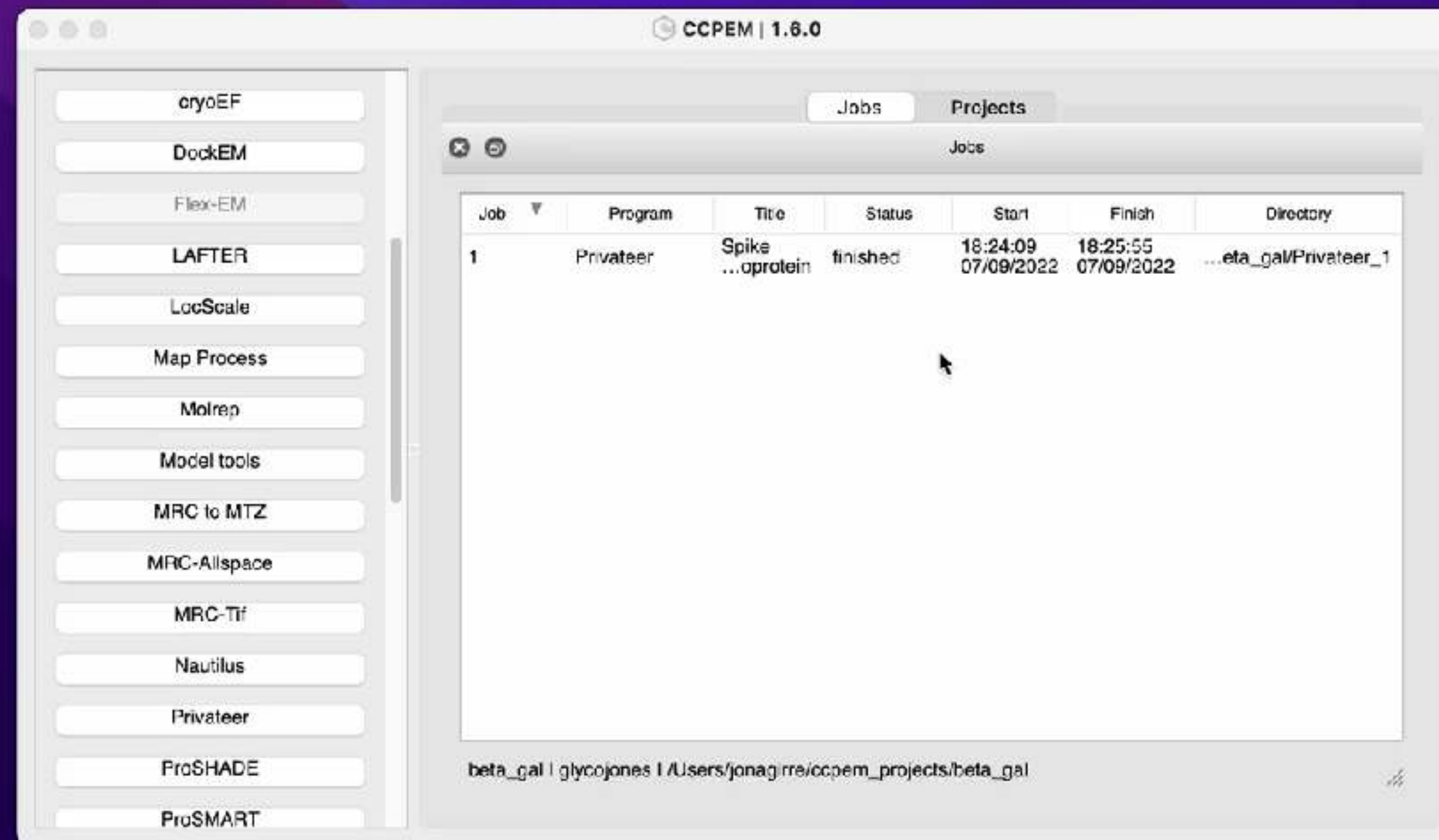
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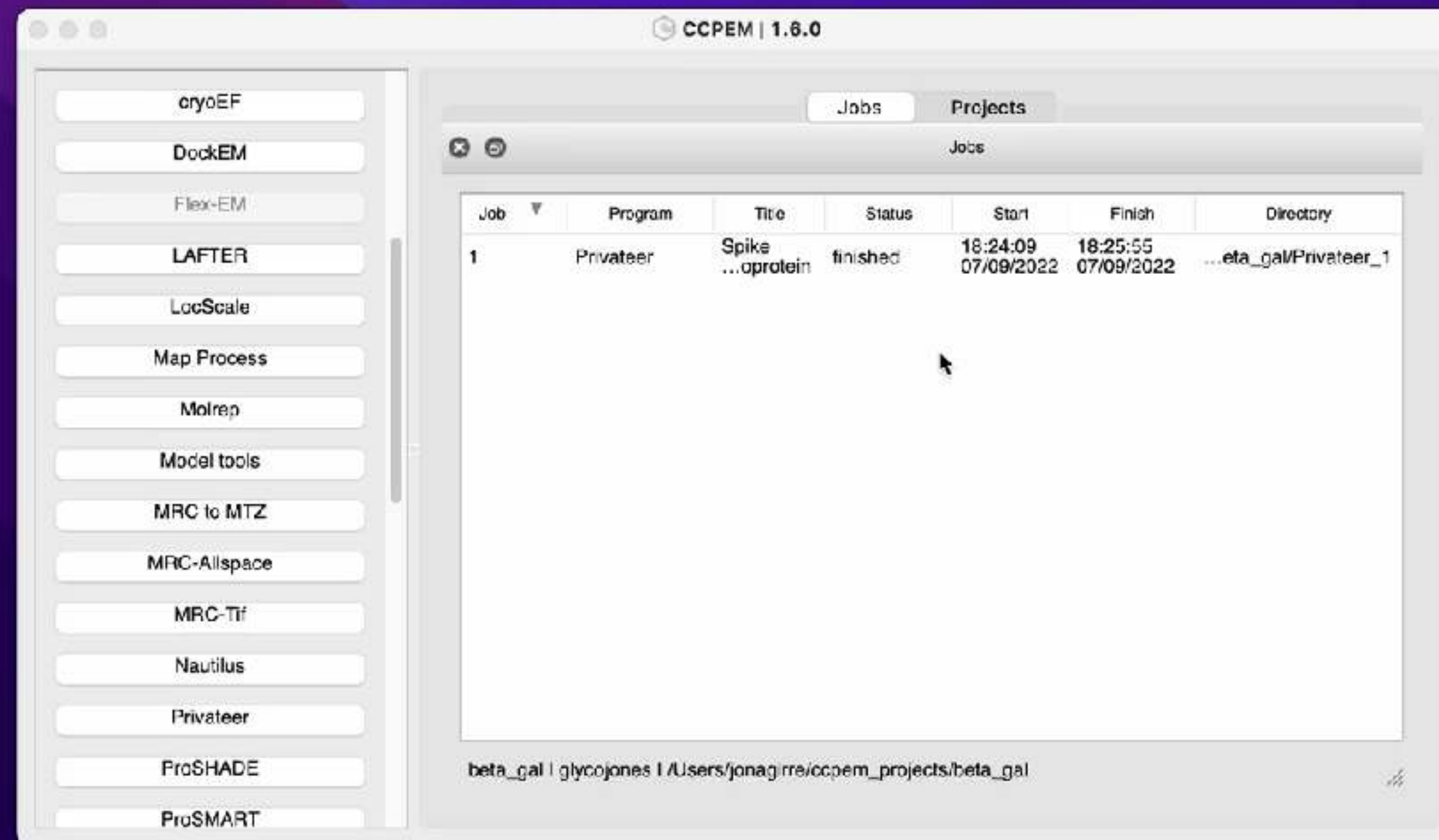


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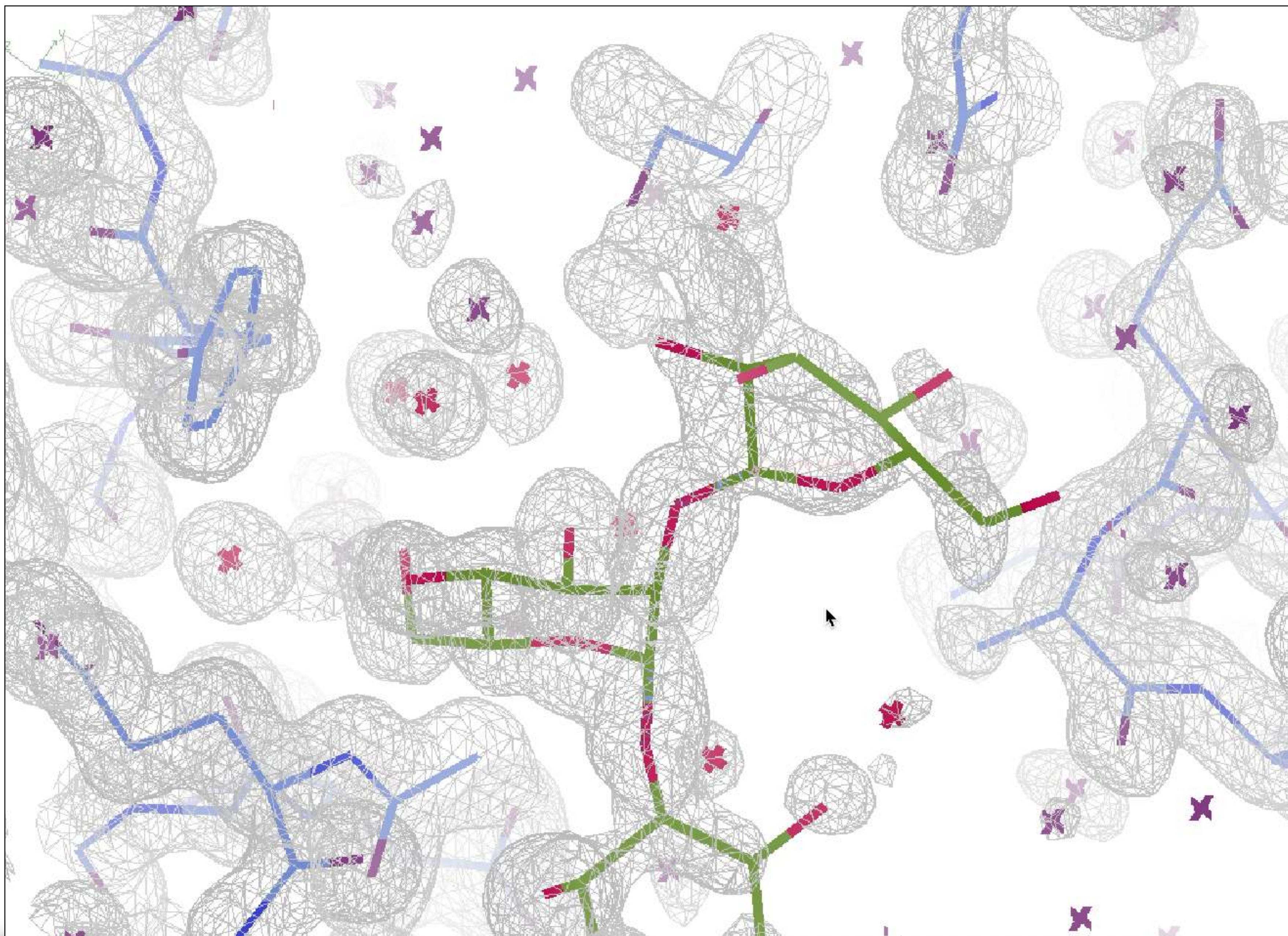
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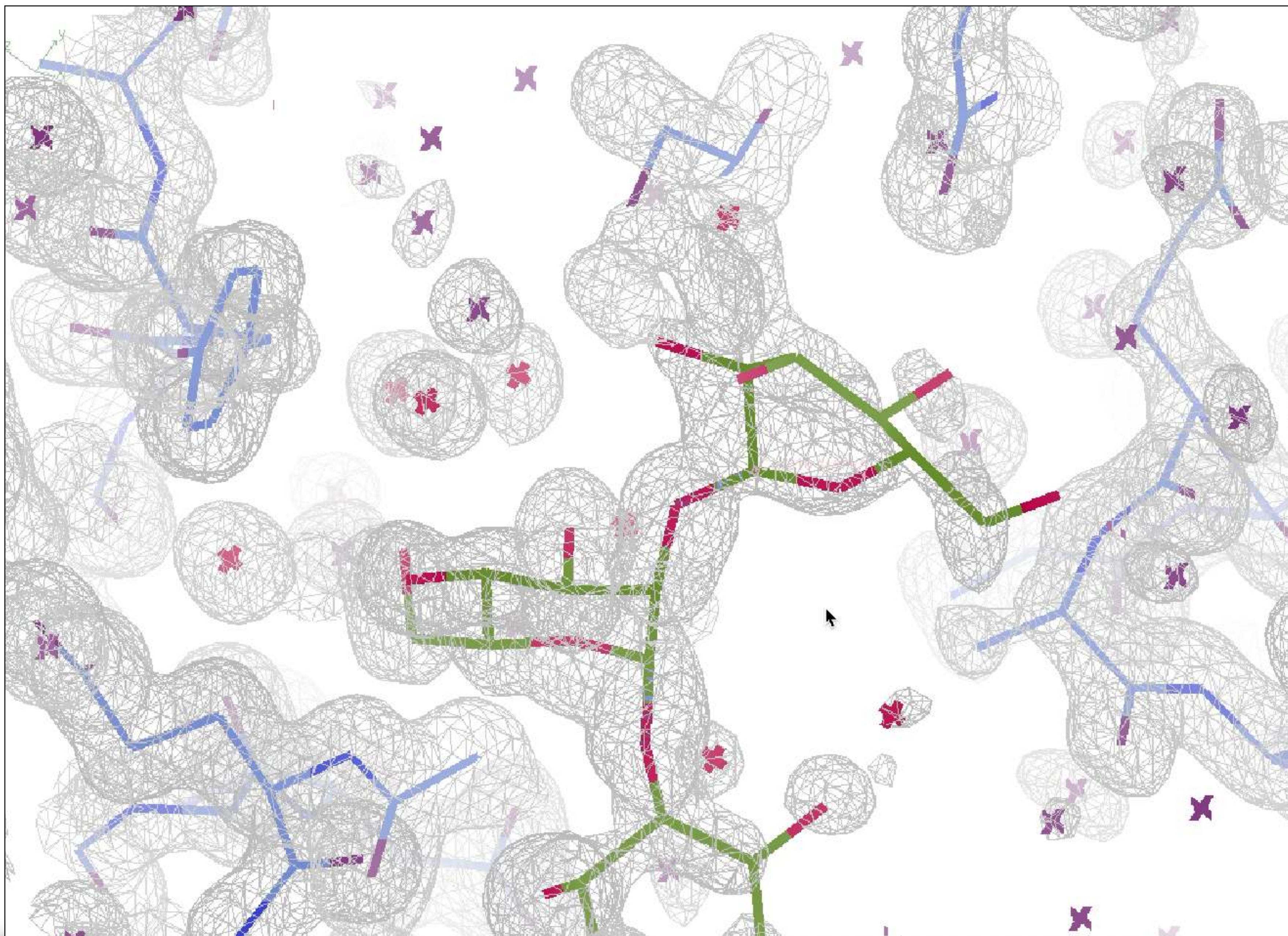
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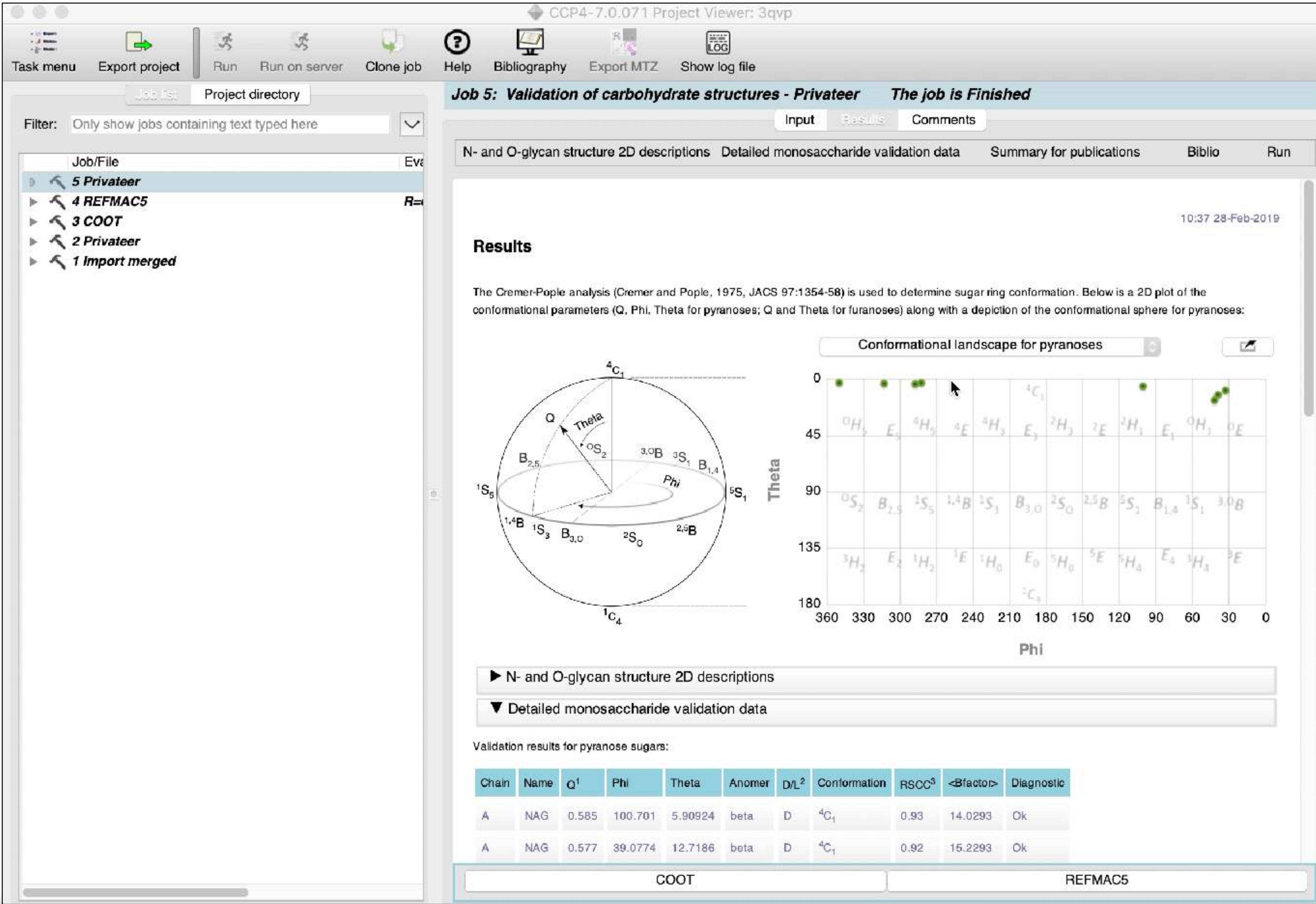




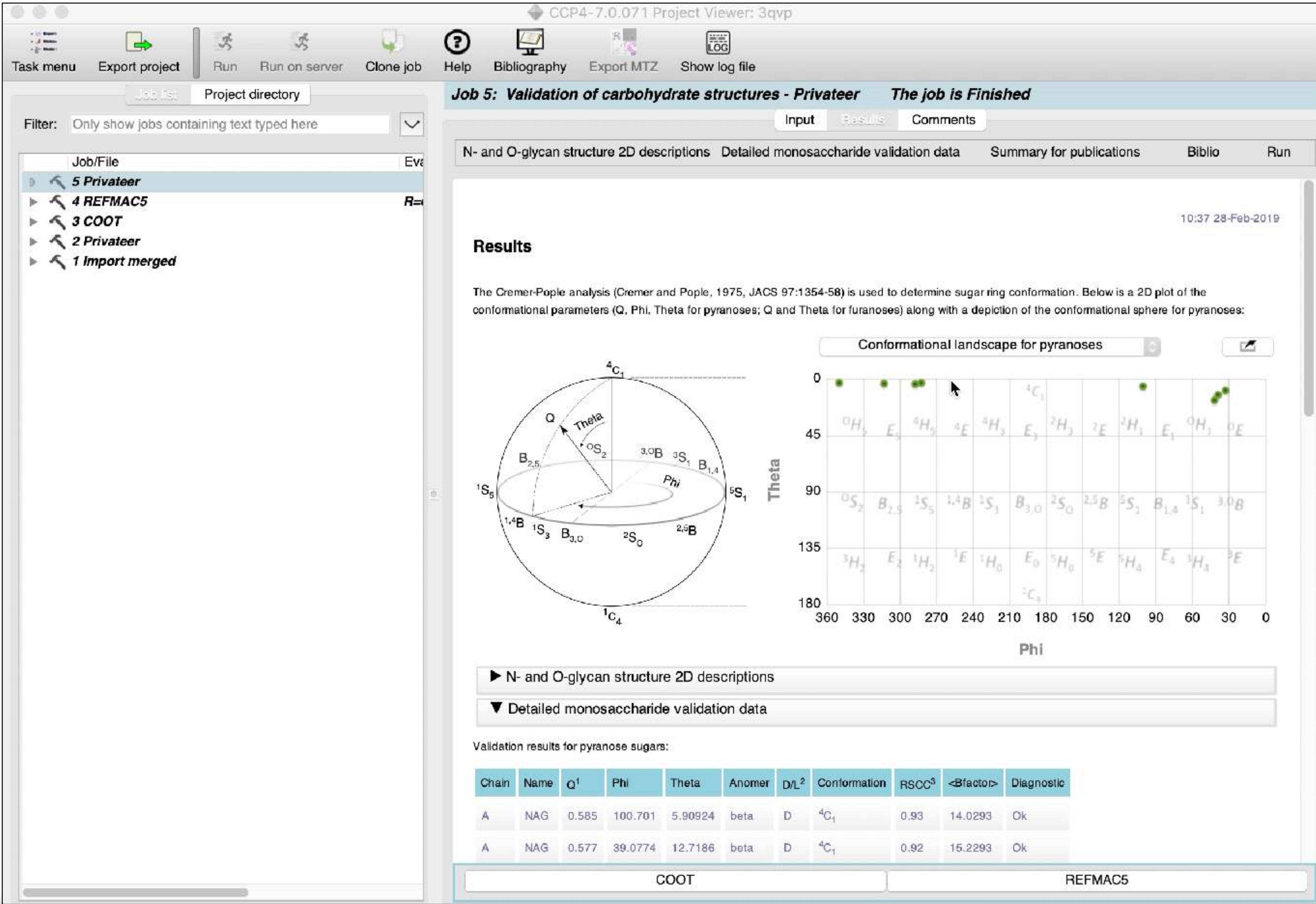






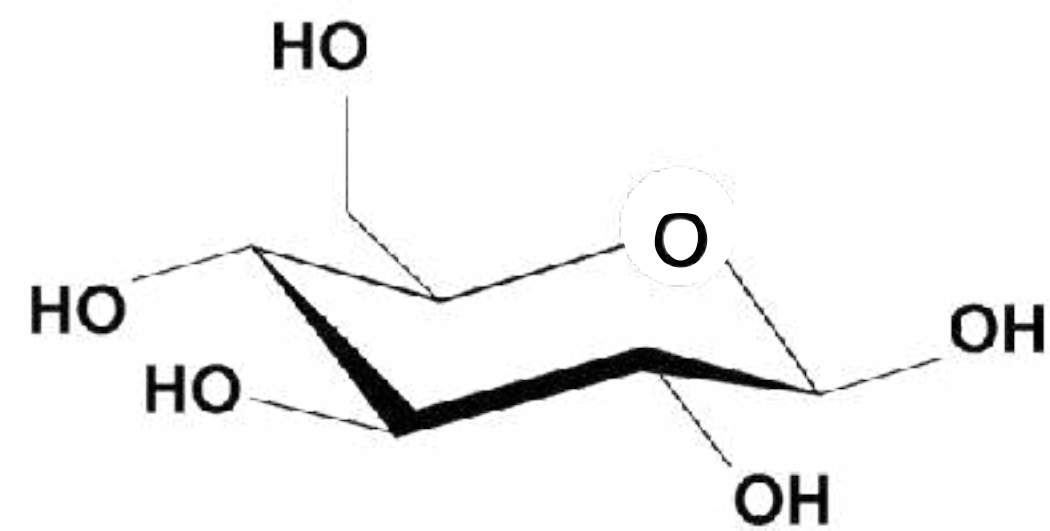




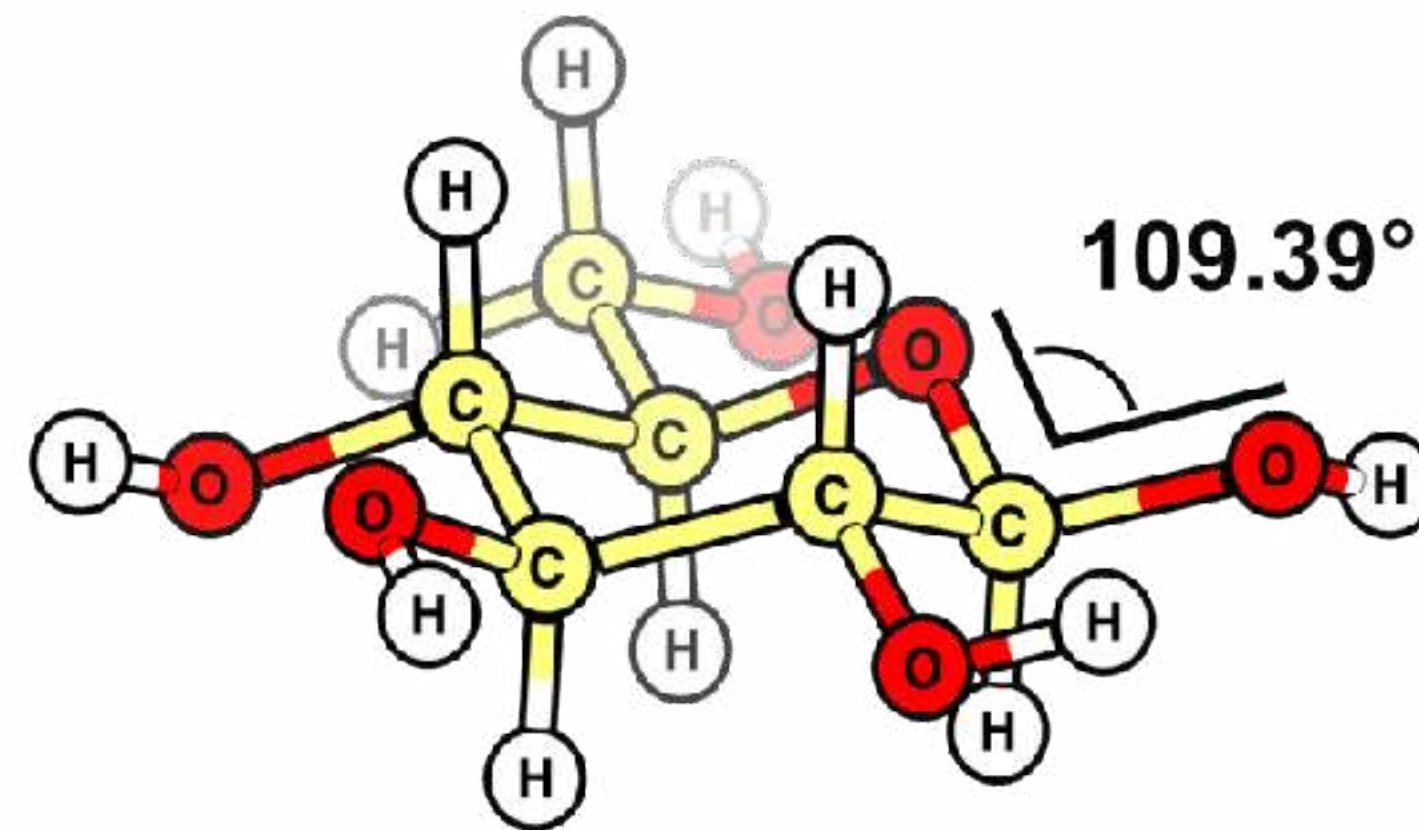
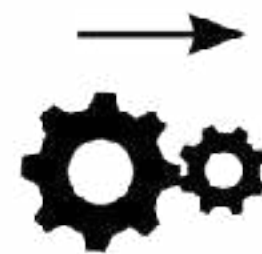




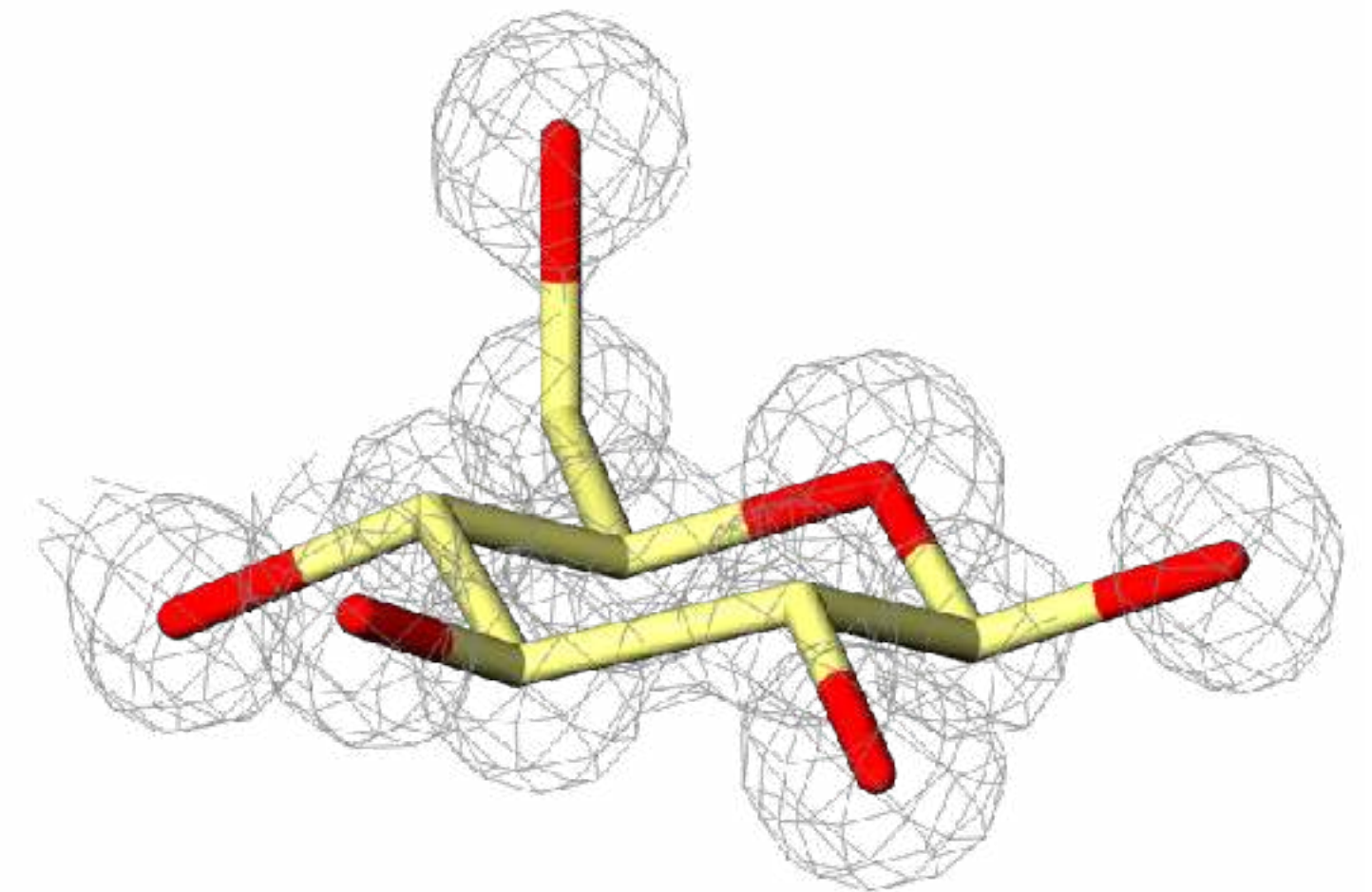
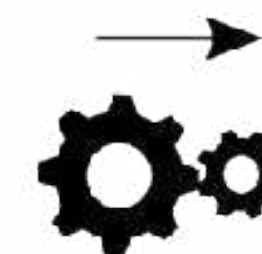
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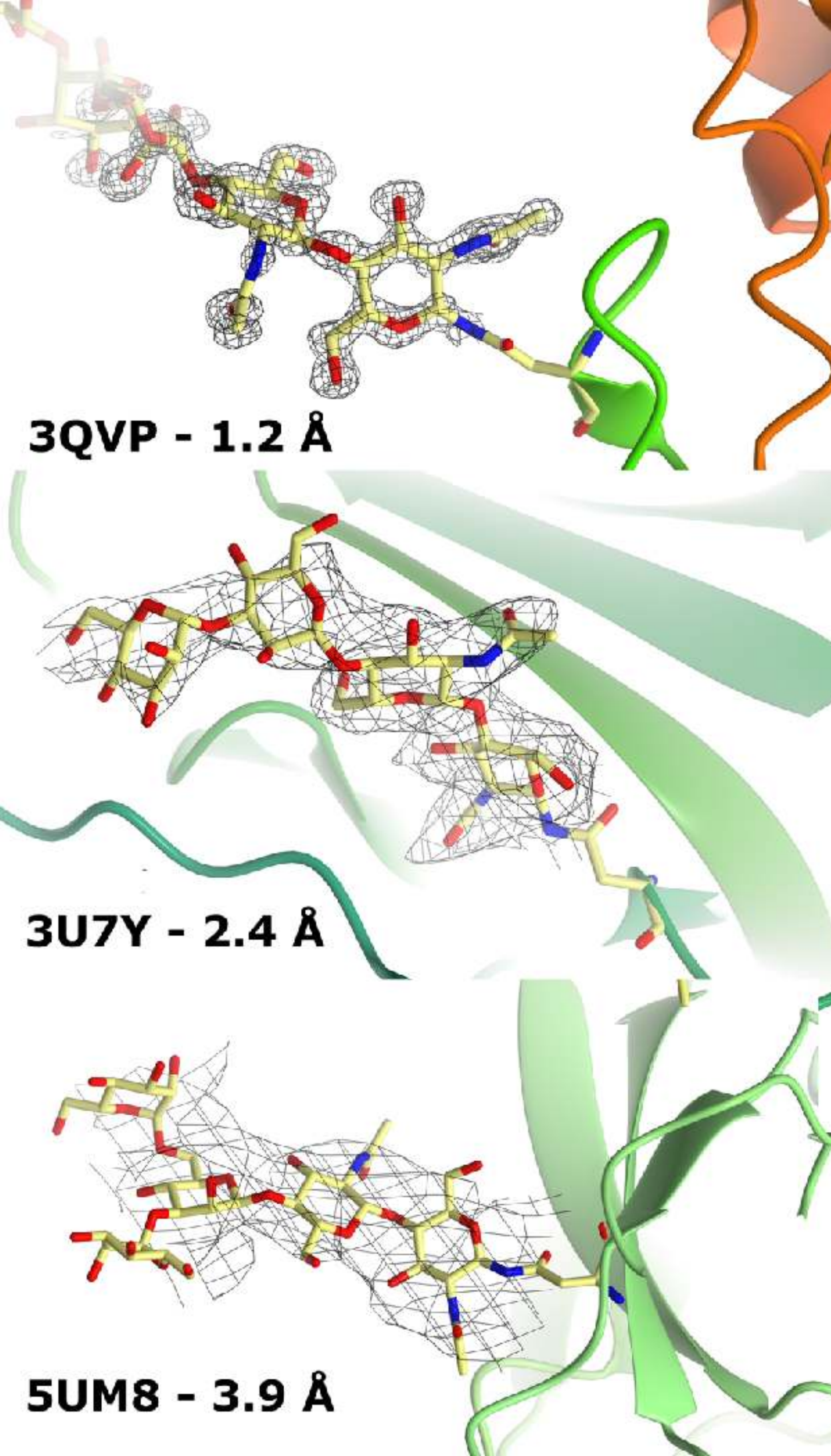
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fitted model



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All this information to restrain one GlcNAc

Compound definition, with **3-letter code**, **full name**, **type** and number of atoms, **all** and **non-hydrogen**

|     |     |                         |   |          |    |    |   |
|-----|-----|-------------------------|---|----------|----|----|---|
| NAG | NAG | 'N-ACETYL-D-GLUCOSAMINE | ' | pyranose | 30 | 15 | . |
|-----|-----|-------------------------|---|----------|----|----|---|

Atom by atom definition of the conformer, with **name**, symbol, charge and **cartesian coordinates**

|     |    |   |     |       |       |       |       |
|-----|----|---|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| NAG | O1 | O | OH1 | 0.000 | 1.203 | 0.420 | 0.648 |
|-----|----|---|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|

A bond between a **pair of atoms**, **cardinality**, **expected distance** and **standard deviation**

|     |    |    |        |       |       |
|-----|----|----|--------|-------|-------|
| NAG | O1 | C1 | single | 1.432 | 0.020 |
|-----|----|----|--------|-------|-------|

An angle between **three atoms**, with **expected value** and **standard deviation**

|     |    |    |    |         |       |
|-----|----|----|----|---------|-------|
| NAG | O1 | C1 | C2 | 109.470 | 3.000 |
|-----|----|----|----|---------|-------|

A **torsion angle** between **four atoms**, with **expected value**, **standard deviation** and **periodicity**

|     |       |    |    |    |    |        |        |   |
|-----|-------|----|----|----|----|--------|--------|---|
| NAG | var_7 | C5 | C4 | C3 | C2 | 60.000 | 20.000 | 3 |
|-----|-------|----|----|----|----|--------|--------|---|

A **chiral volume**, defined by **four atoms** in a tetrahedral arrangement, and a **sign defining orientation**

|     |         |    |    |    |    |         |
|-----|---------|----|----|----|----|---------|
| NAG | chir_01 | C1 | C2 | O1 | O5 | positiv |
|-----|---------|----|----|----|----|---------|

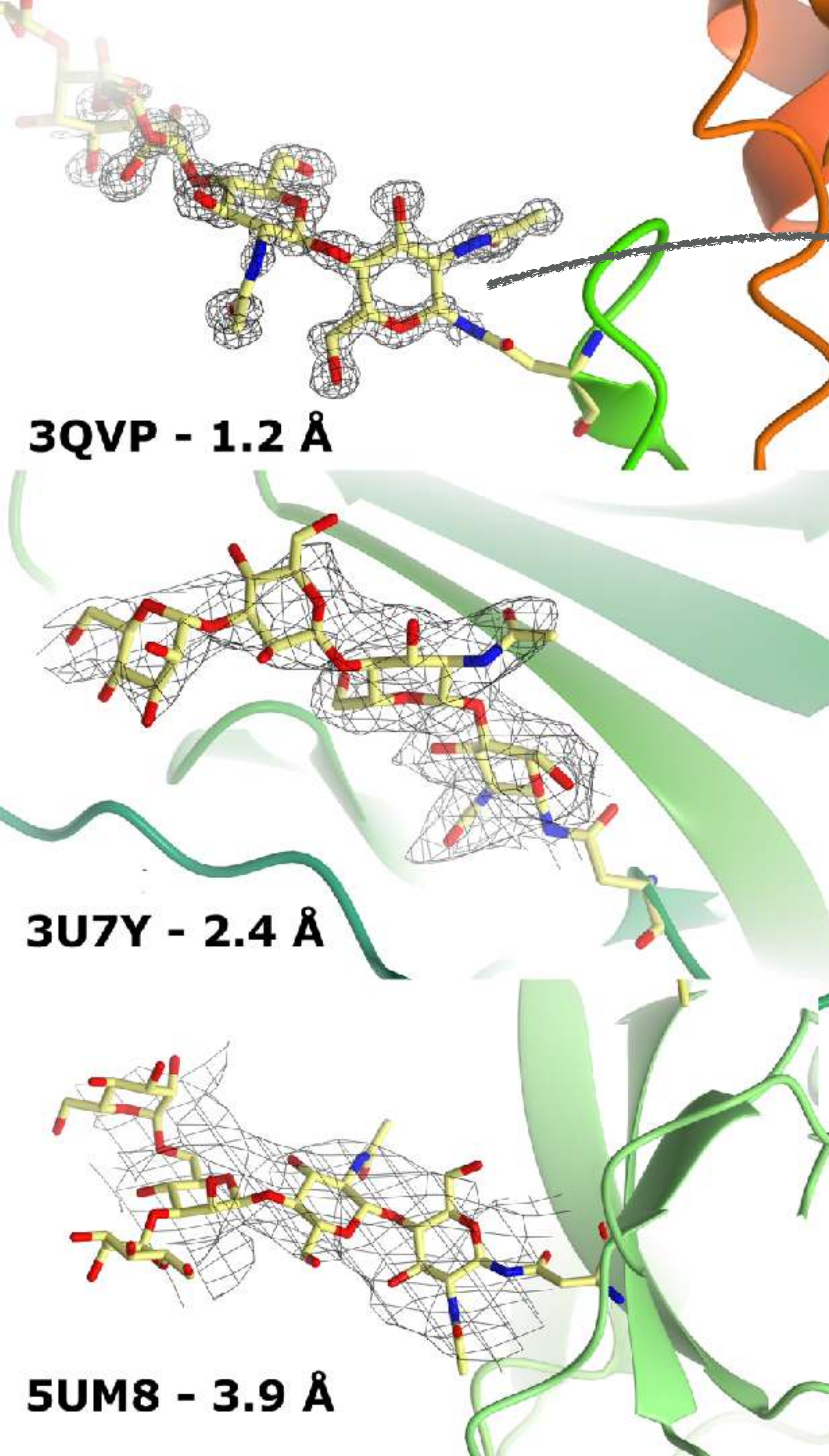
A **series of atoms** taking part of a **planar arrangement**, plus **standard deviation**

|     |        |    |       |
|-----|--------|----|-------|
| NAG | plan-2 | N2 | 0.020 |
|-----|--------|----|-------|

|     |        |    |       |
|-----|--------|----|-------|
| NAG | plan-2 | C2 | 0.020 |
|-----|--------|----|-------|

|     |        |    |       |
|-----|--------|----|-------|
| NAG | plan-2 | C7 | 0.020 |
|-----|--------|----|-------|

|     |        |     |       |
|-----|--------|-----|-------|
| NAG | plan-2 | HN2 | 0.020 |
|-----|--------|-----|-------|

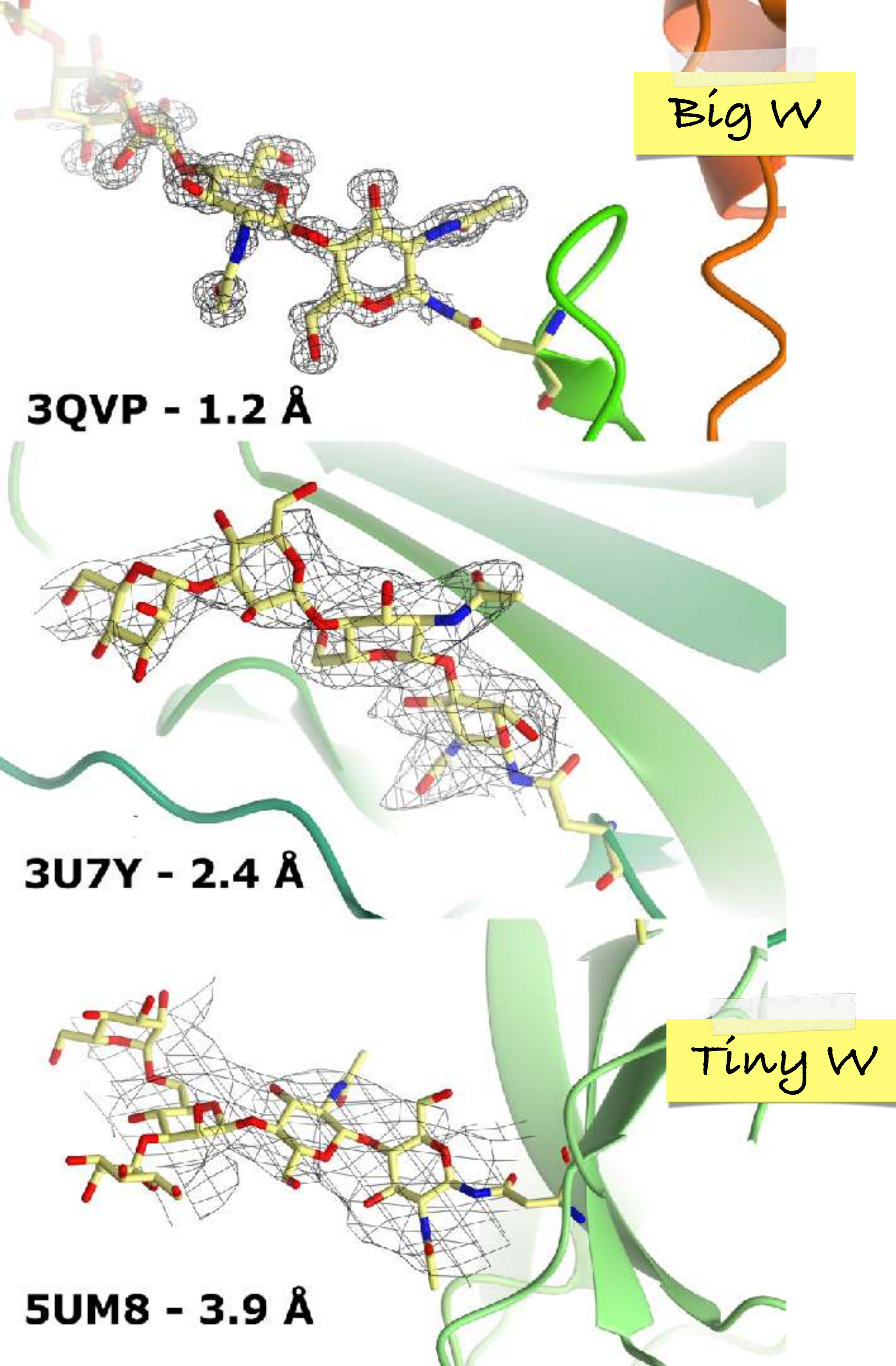




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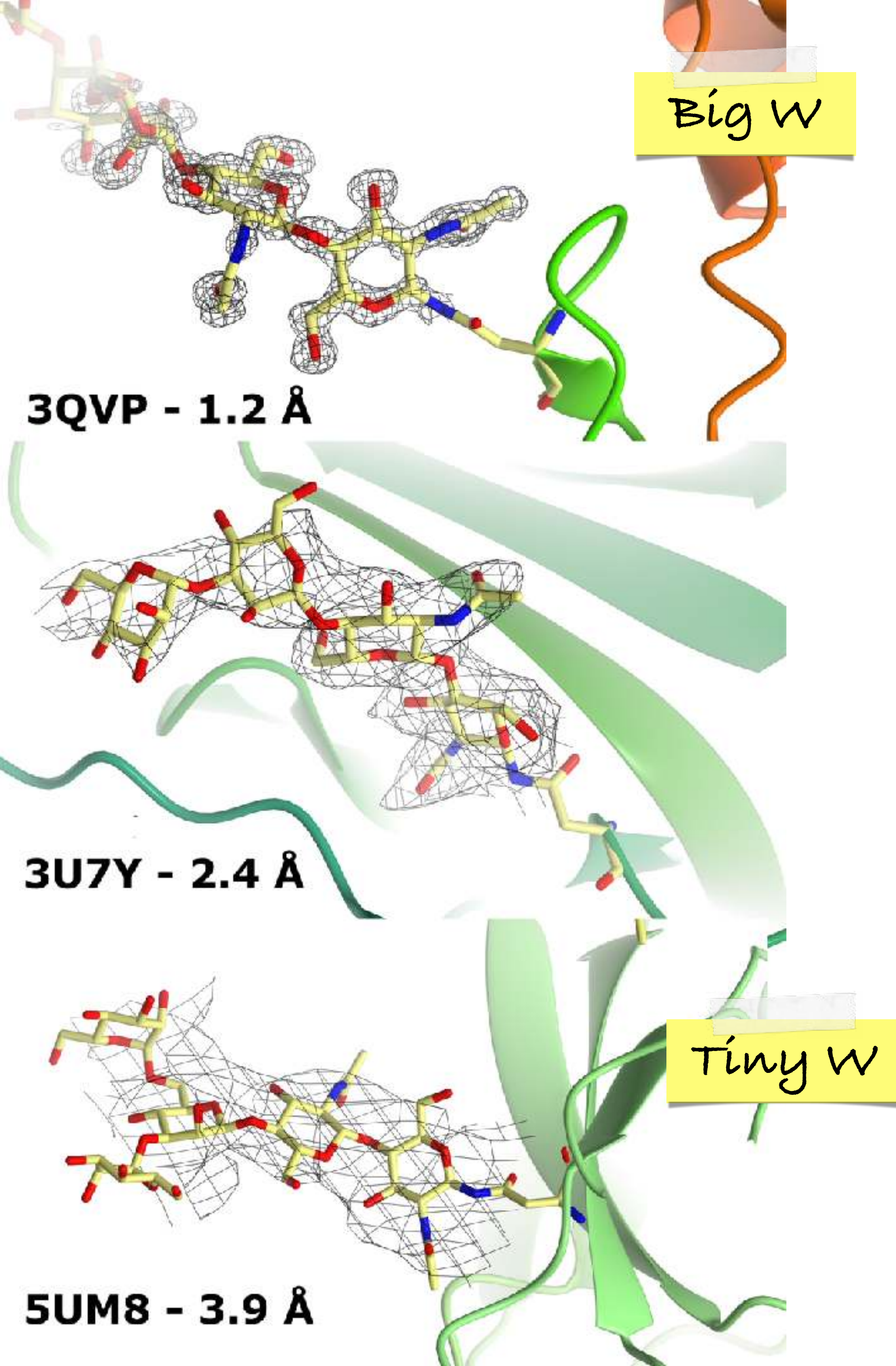
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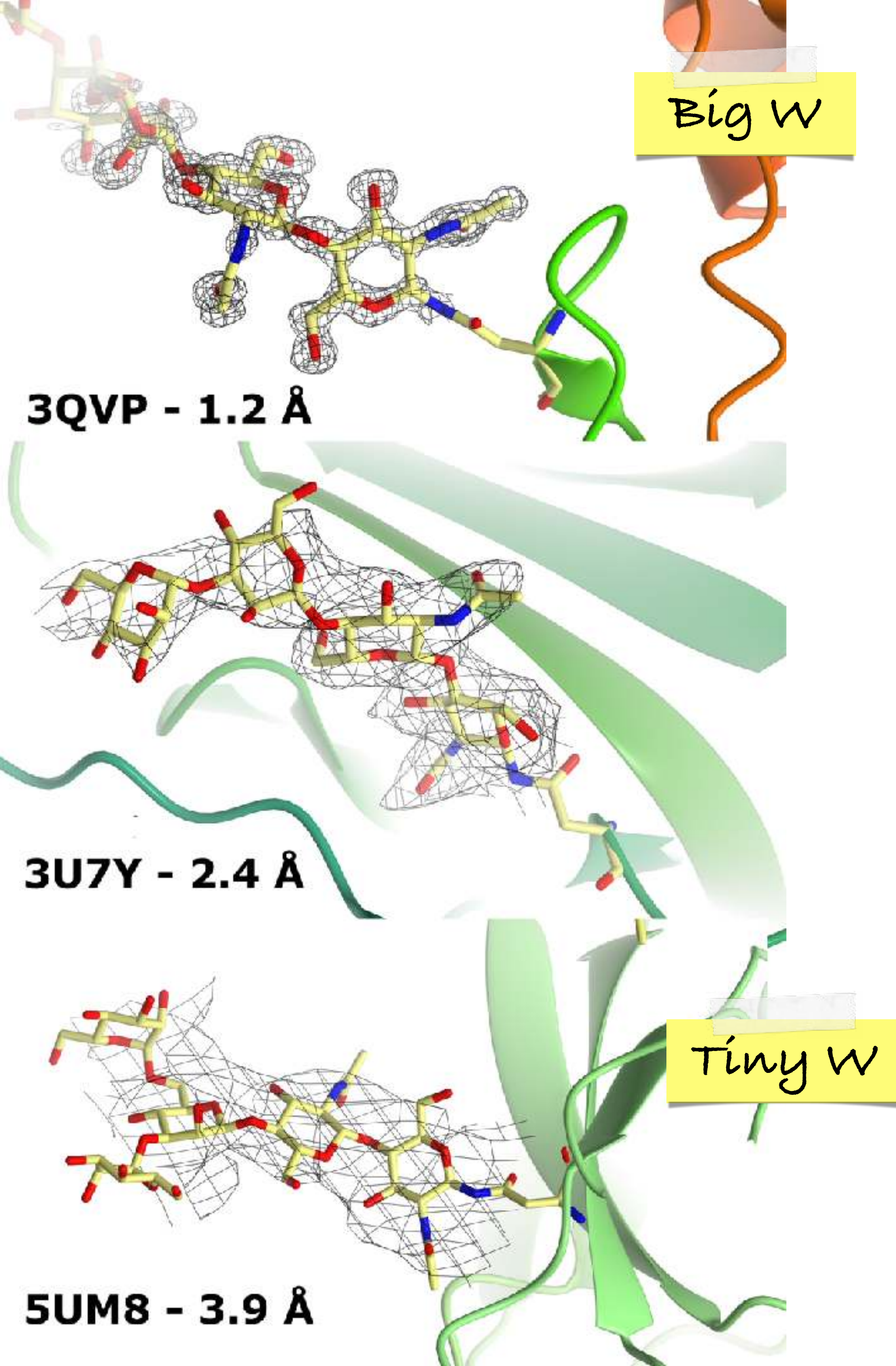
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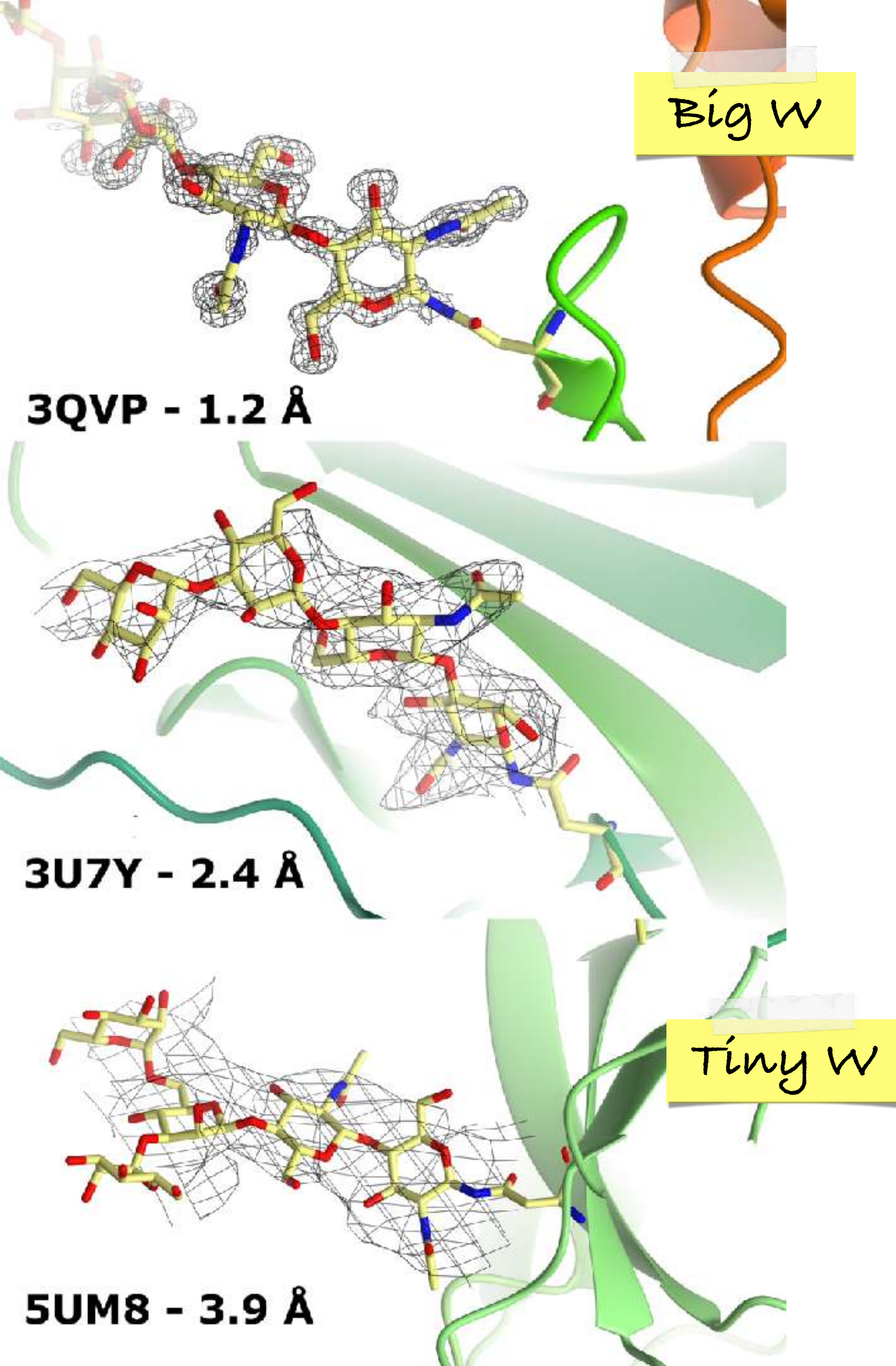
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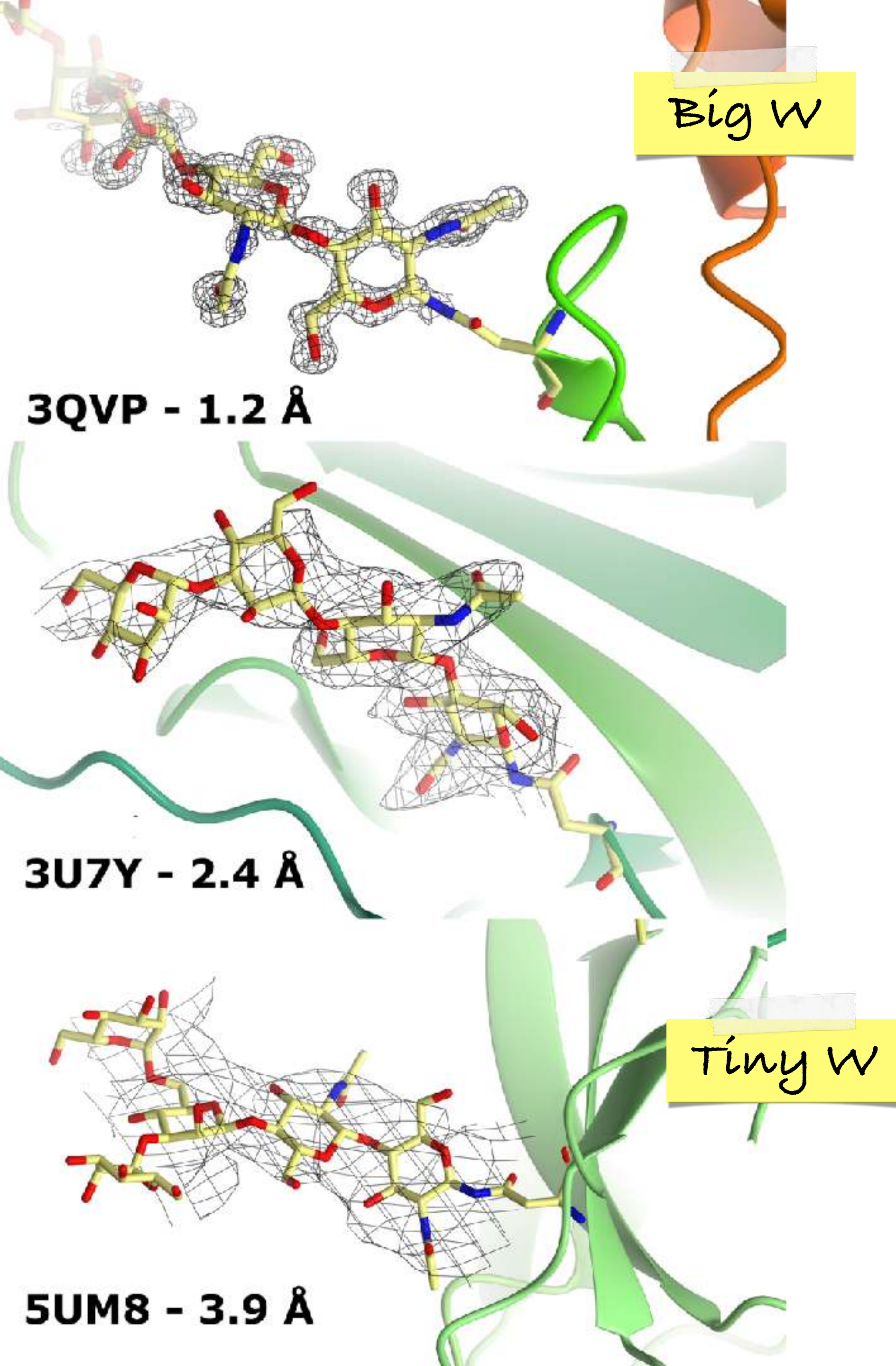
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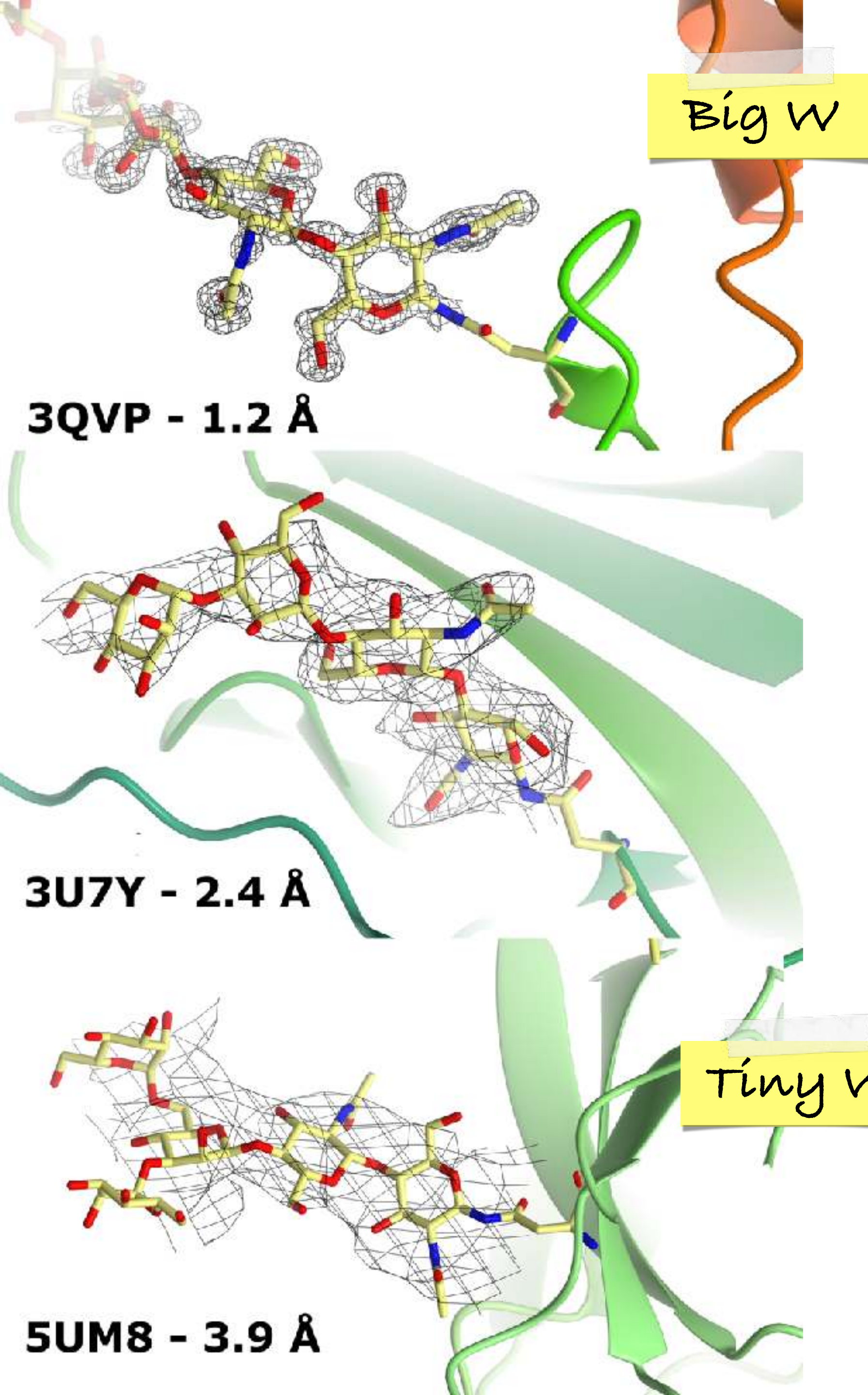
Yes!  
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Planar  
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?  
harmonic  
torsions



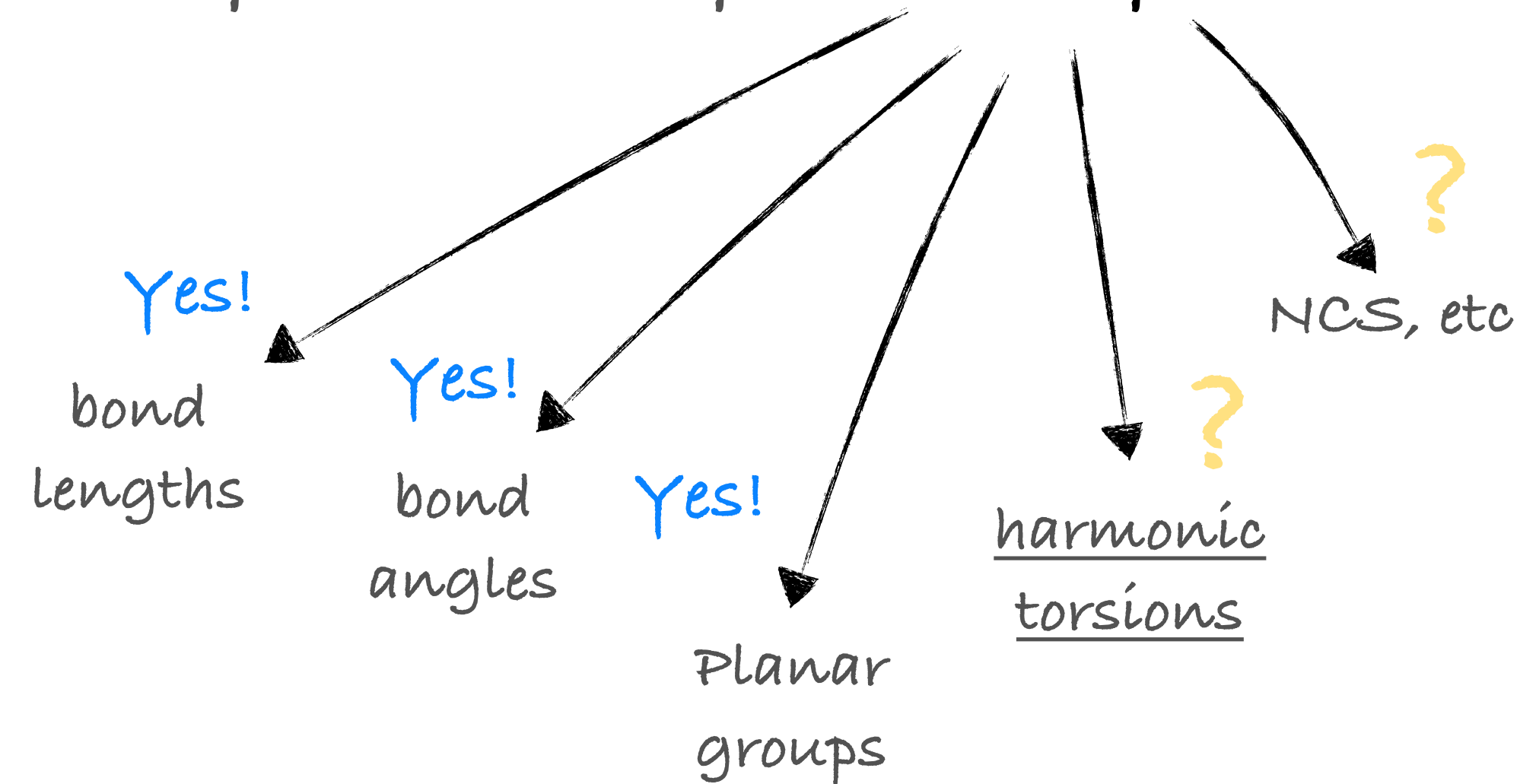




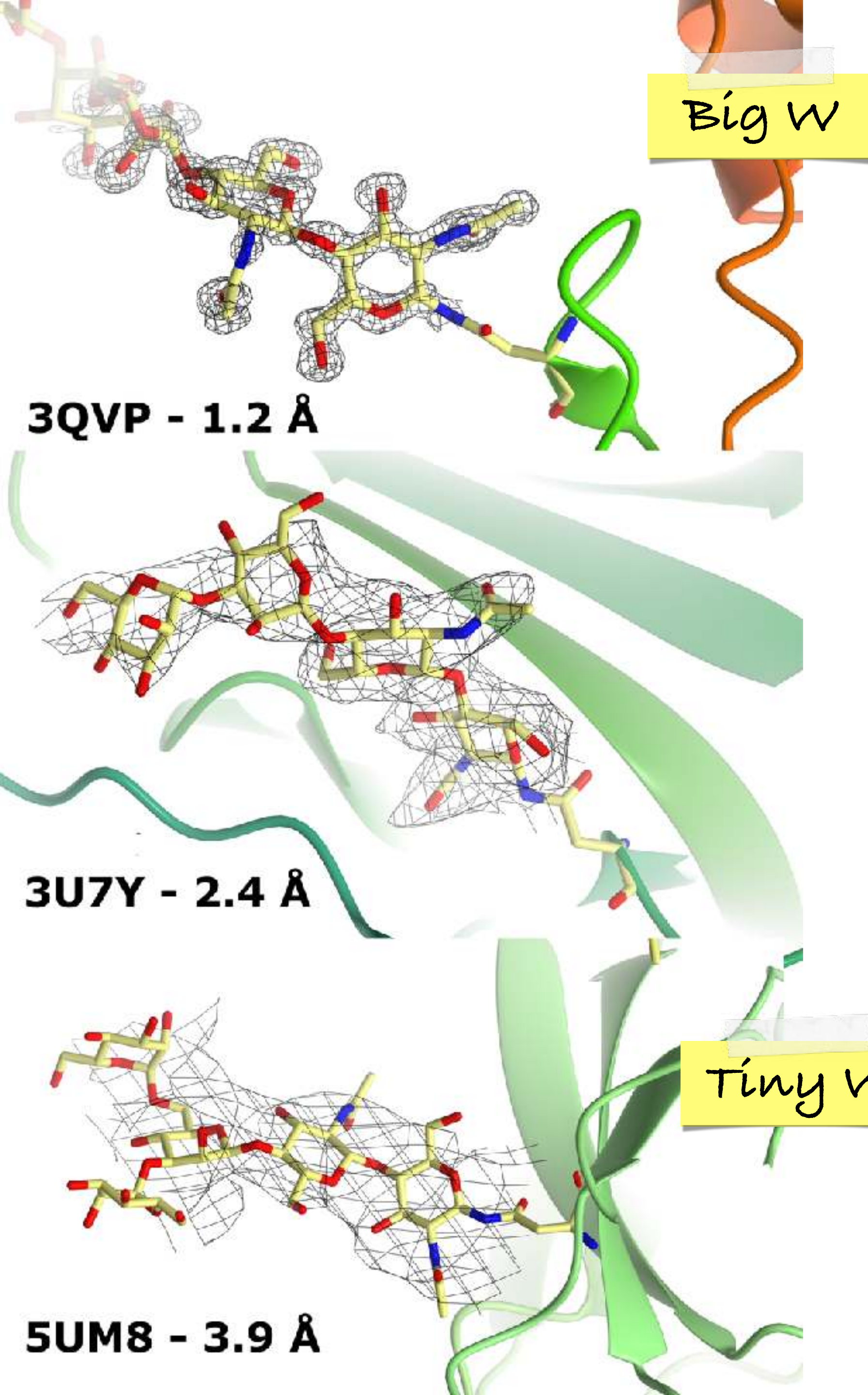
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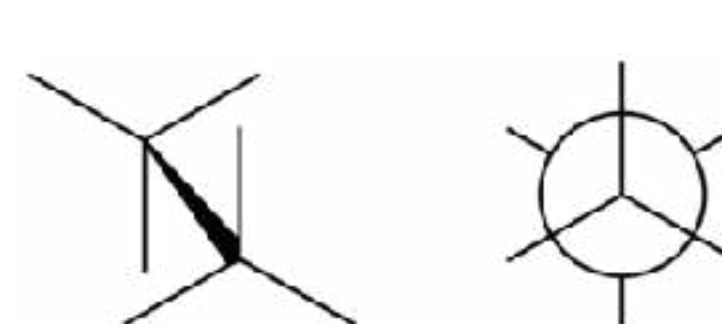
Yes!  
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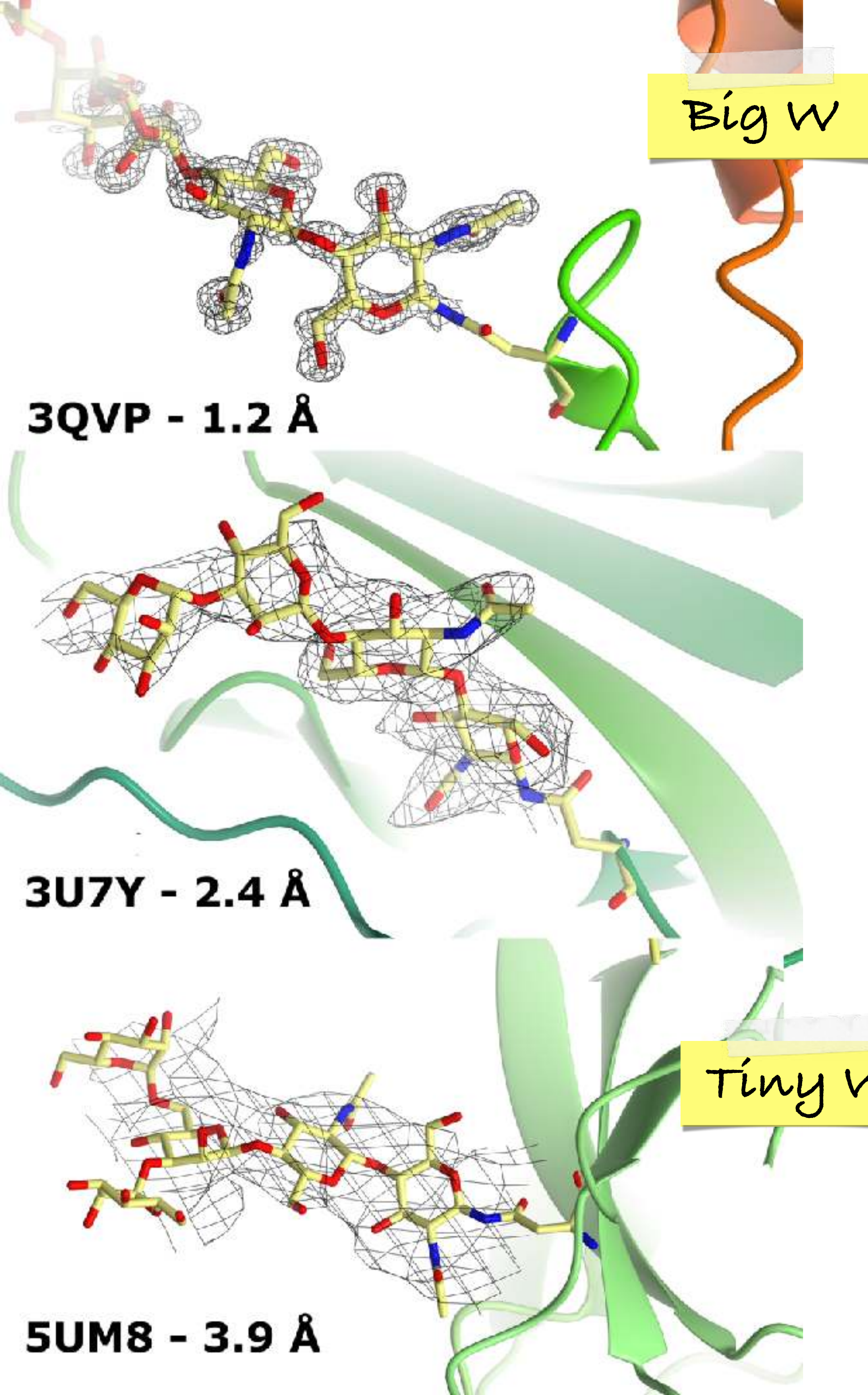


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Eclipsed





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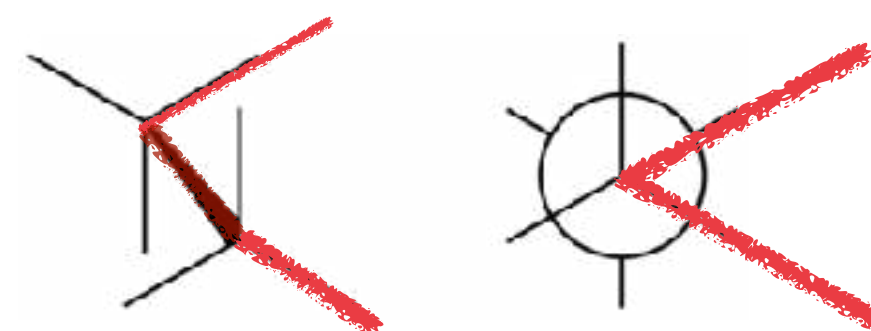
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bond  
angles

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*~60°/-60°*



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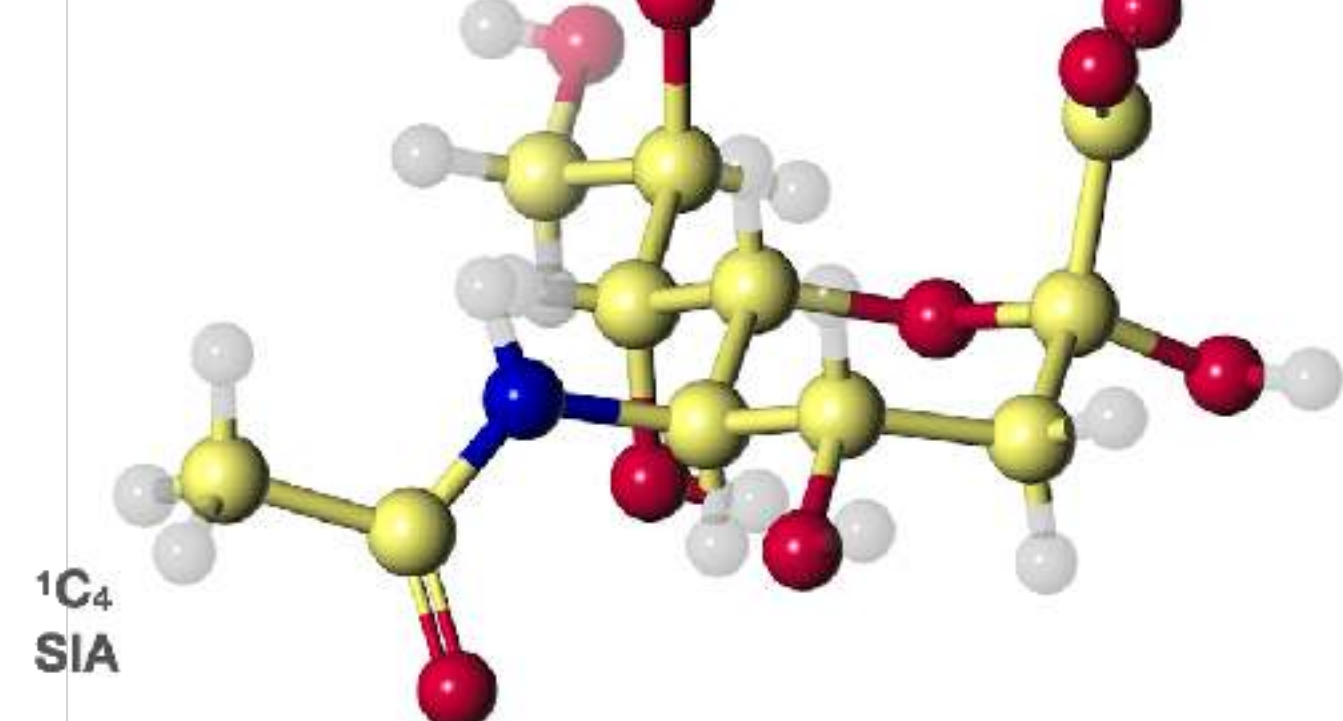
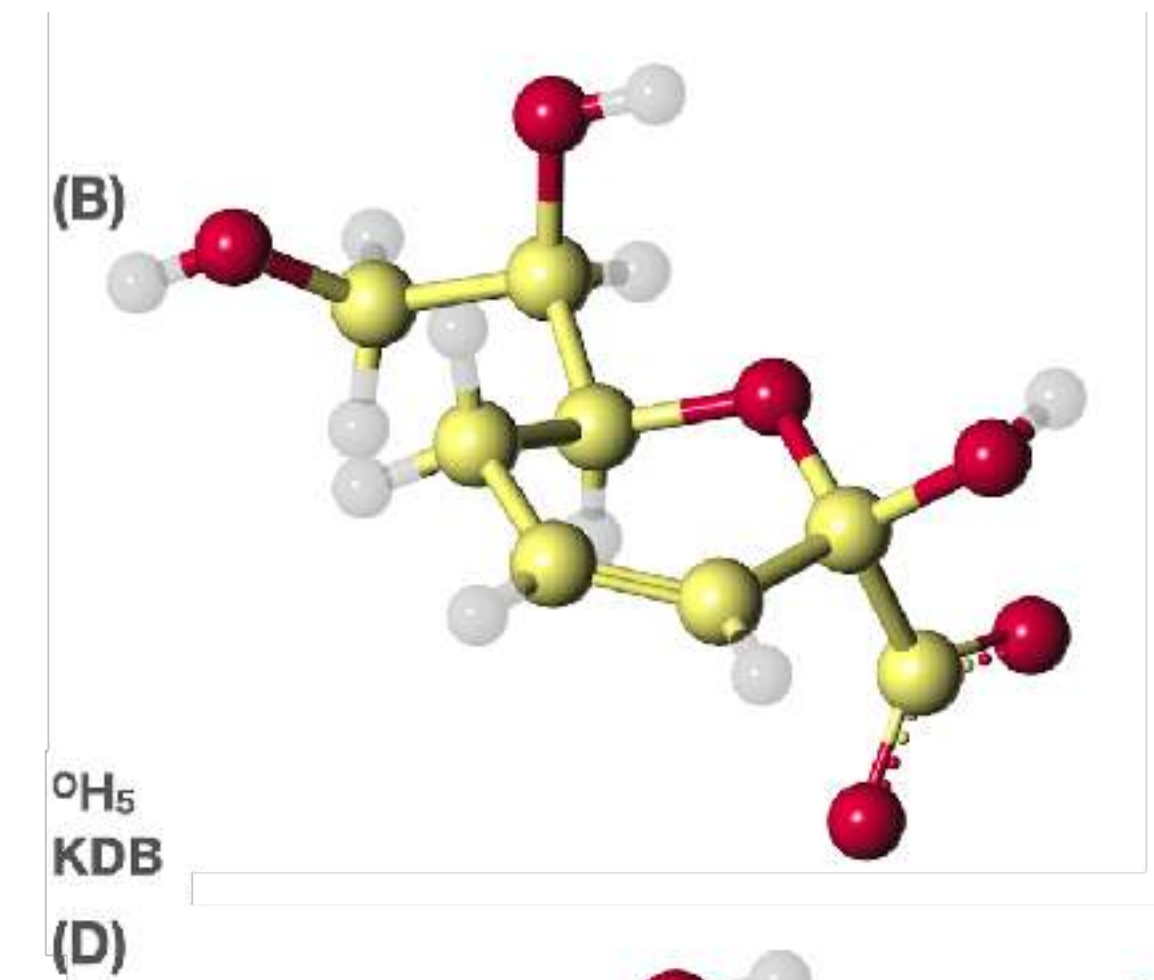
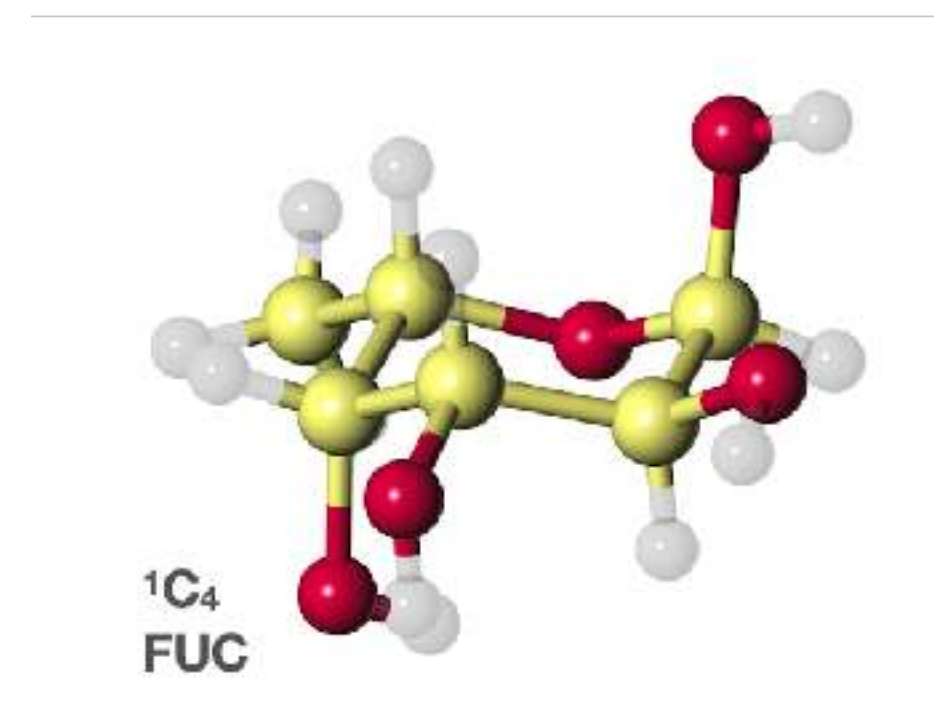
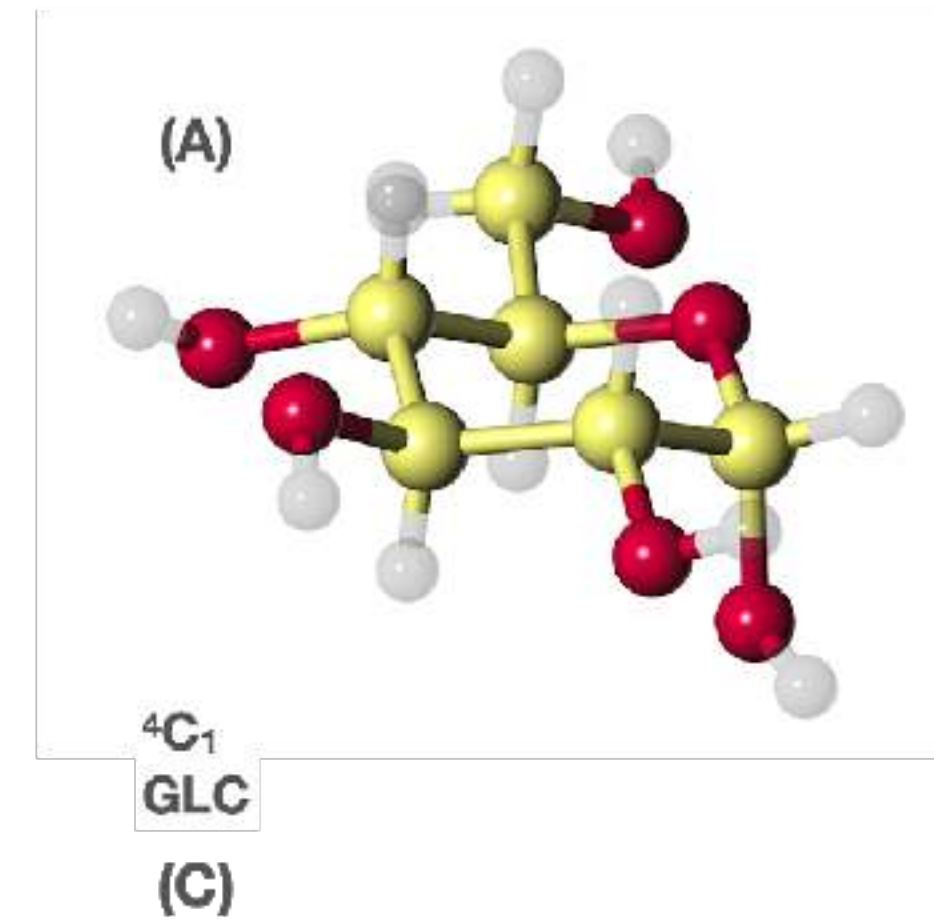
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# Our new restraint dictionaries *understand* ring conformation

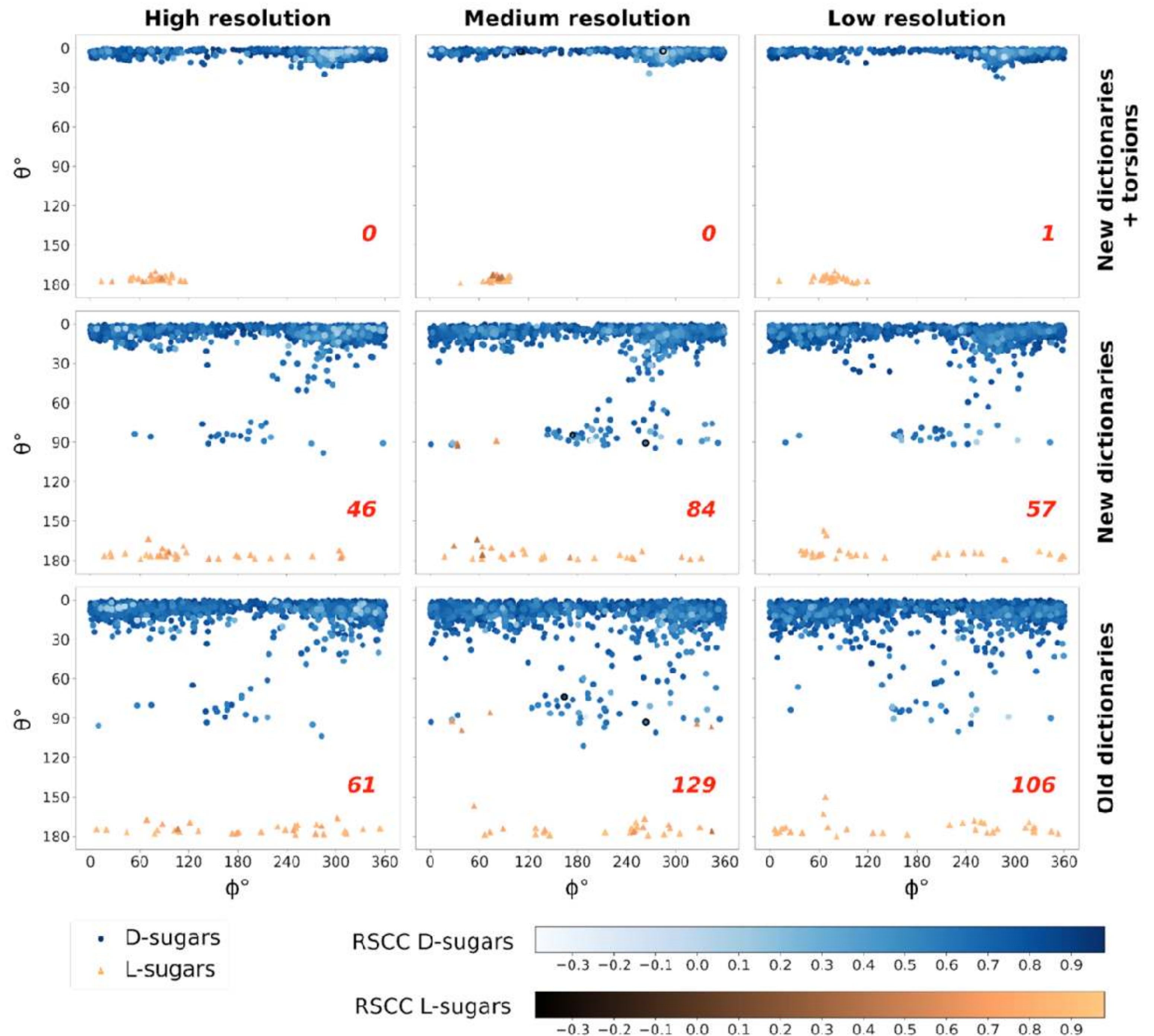
Patched \_chem\_comp\_tor section of a restraint dictionary separating **ring torsion angles** from the **rest**, as specified by **four atoms**, **target value**, **uncertainty** and **periodicity**

|     |         |    |    |    |     |             |      |   |
|-----|---------|----|----|----|-----|-------------|------|---|
| NAG | ring_1  | C5 | O5 | C1 | C2  | -59.675385  | 3.0  | 1 |
| NAG | ring_2  | O5 | C1 | C2 | C3  | 53.650513   | 3.0  | 1 |
| NAG | ring_3  | C1 | C2 | C3 | C4  | -52.014420  | 3.0  | 1 |
| NAG | ring_4  | C2 | C3 | C4 | C5  | 54.096725   | 3.0  | 1 |
| NAG | ring_5  | C3 | C4 | C5 | O5  | -56.921230  | 3.0  | 1 |
| NAG | ring_6  | C4 | C5 | O5 | C1  | 61.200516   | 3.0  | 1 |
| NAG | tors_1  | C8 | C7 | N2 | C2  | -175.114227 | 10.0 | 2 |
| NAG | tors_2  | N2 | C7 | C8 | H81 | -13.703261  | 10.0 | 6 |
| NAG | tors_3  | C5 | C6 | O6 | HO6 | -177.520996 | 10.0 | 3 |
| NAG | tors_4  | C4 | C5 | C6 | O6  | 61.135471   | 10.0 | 3 |
| NAG | tors_5  | C6 | C5 | O5 | C1  | -175.561295 | 10.0 | 3 |
| NAG | tors_6  | O4 | C4 | C5 | C6  | 63.707928   | 10.0 | 3 |
| NAG | tors_7  | C3 | C4 | O4 | HO4 | -61.268230  | 10.0 | 3 |
| NAG | tors_8  | O3 | C3 | C4 | O4  | -63.830528  | 10.0 | 3 |
| NAG | tors_9  | C2 | C3 | O3 | HO3 | -169.485916 | 10.0 | 3 |
| NAG | tors_10 | C7 | N2 | C2 | C1  | 124.894669  | 10.0 | 6 |
| NAG | tors_11 | N2 | C2 | C3 | O3  | 61.918137   | 10.0 | 3 |
| NAG | tors_12 | C2 | C1 | O1 | HO1 | 163.115189  | 10.0 | 3 |
| NAG | tors_13 | O1 | C1 | O5 | C5  | 179.557251  | 10.0 | 3 |
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No conformational distortions expected!



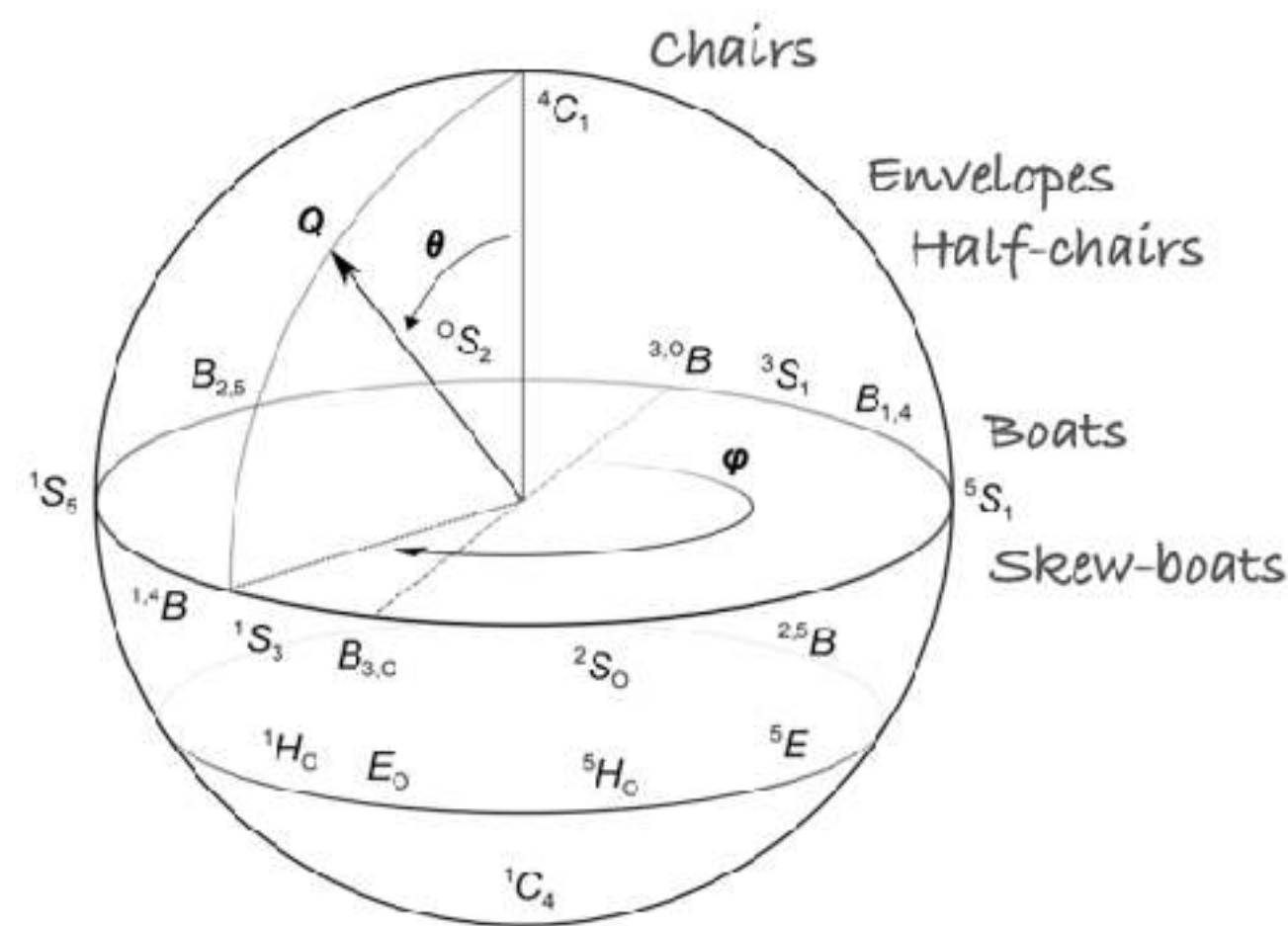




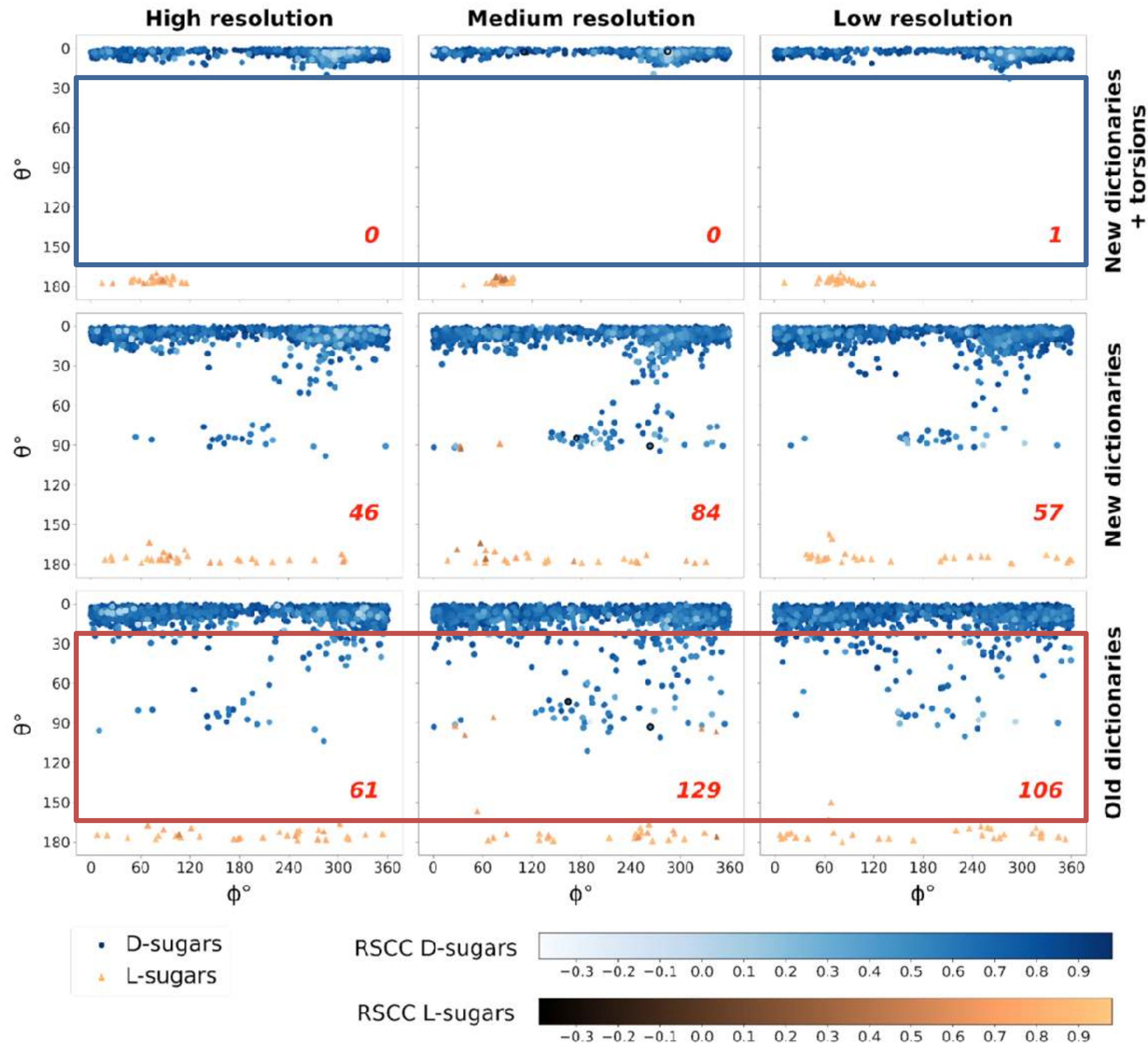


# Conformational restraints N-glycosylation

No conformational  
distortions expected!

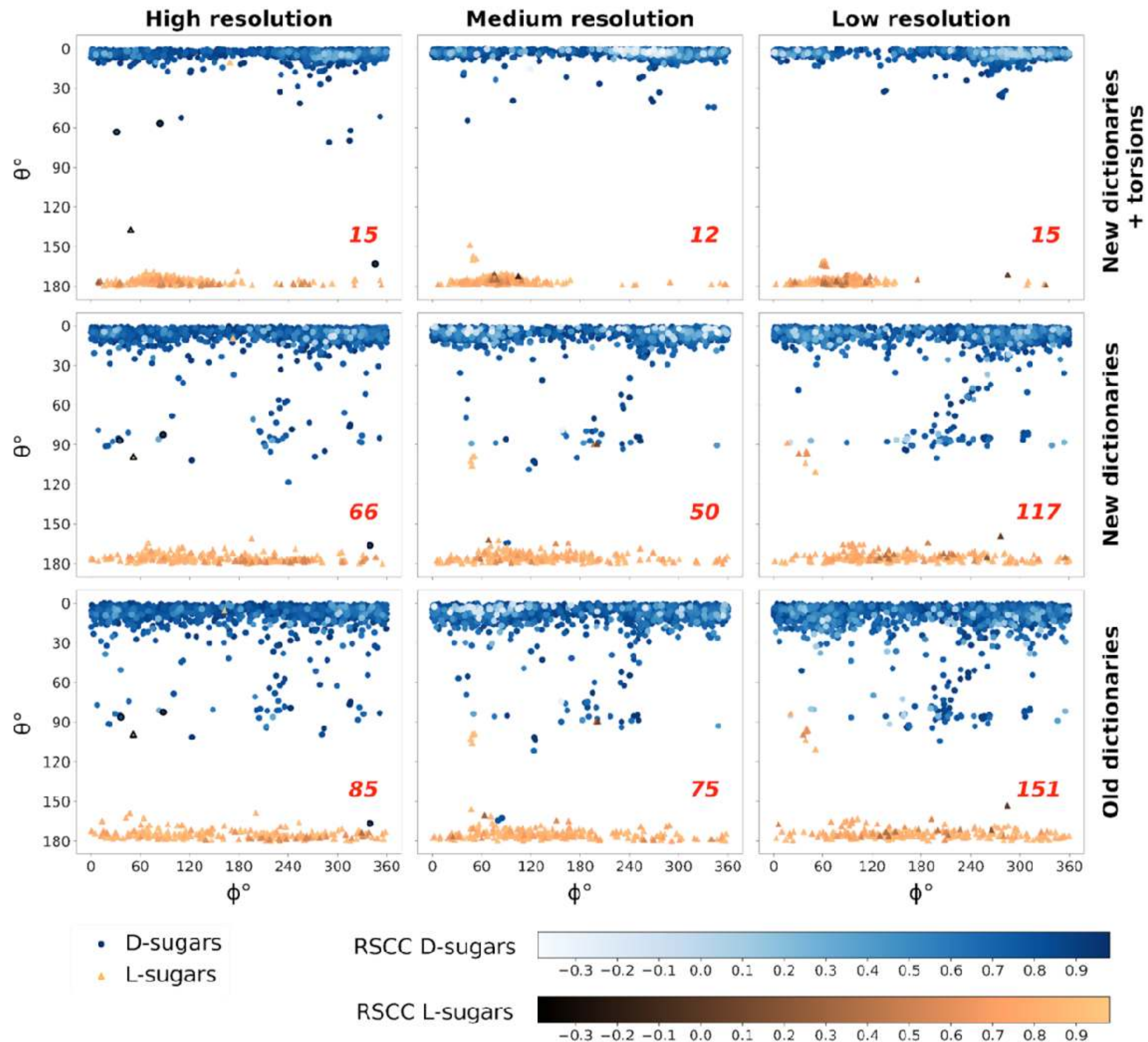


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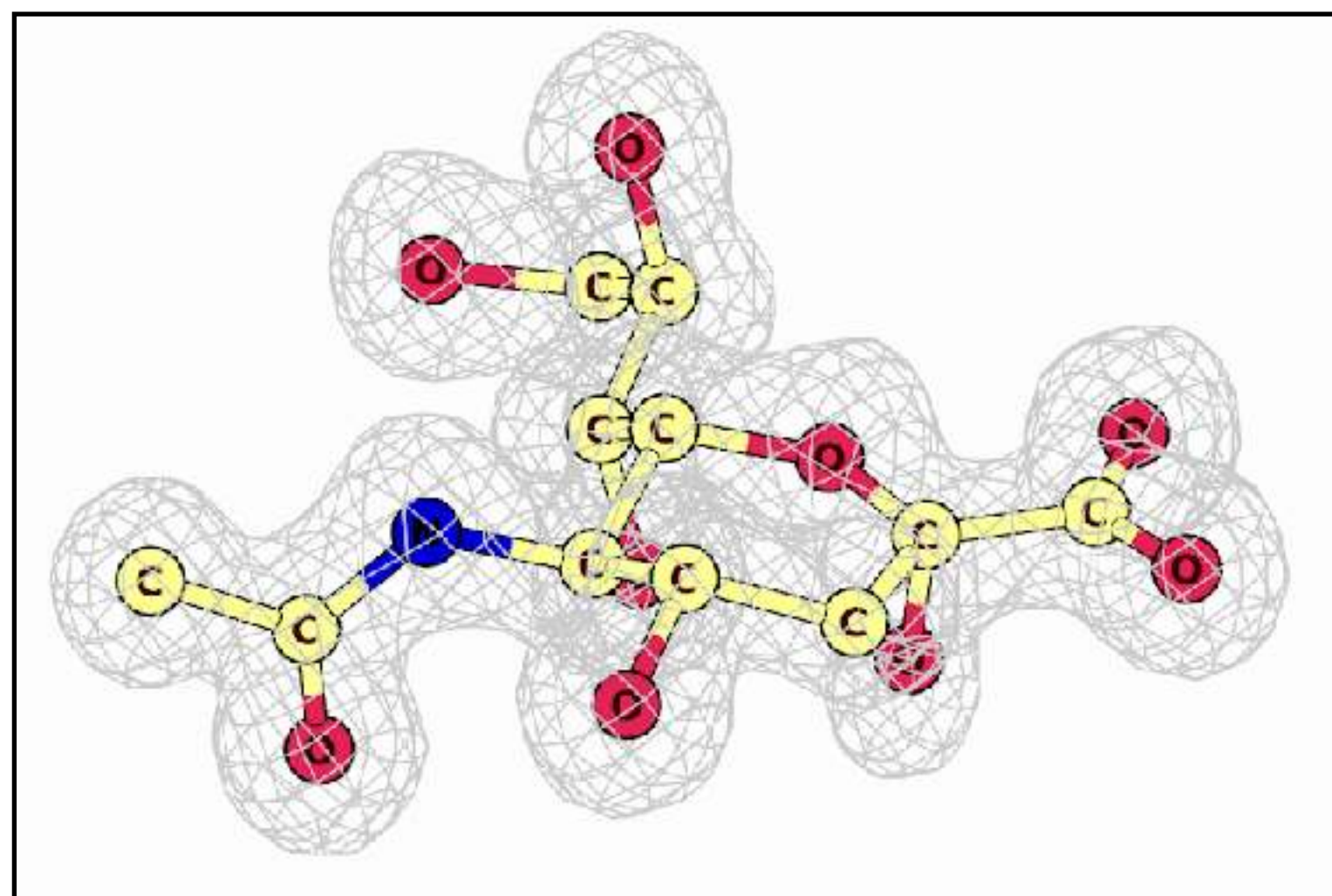
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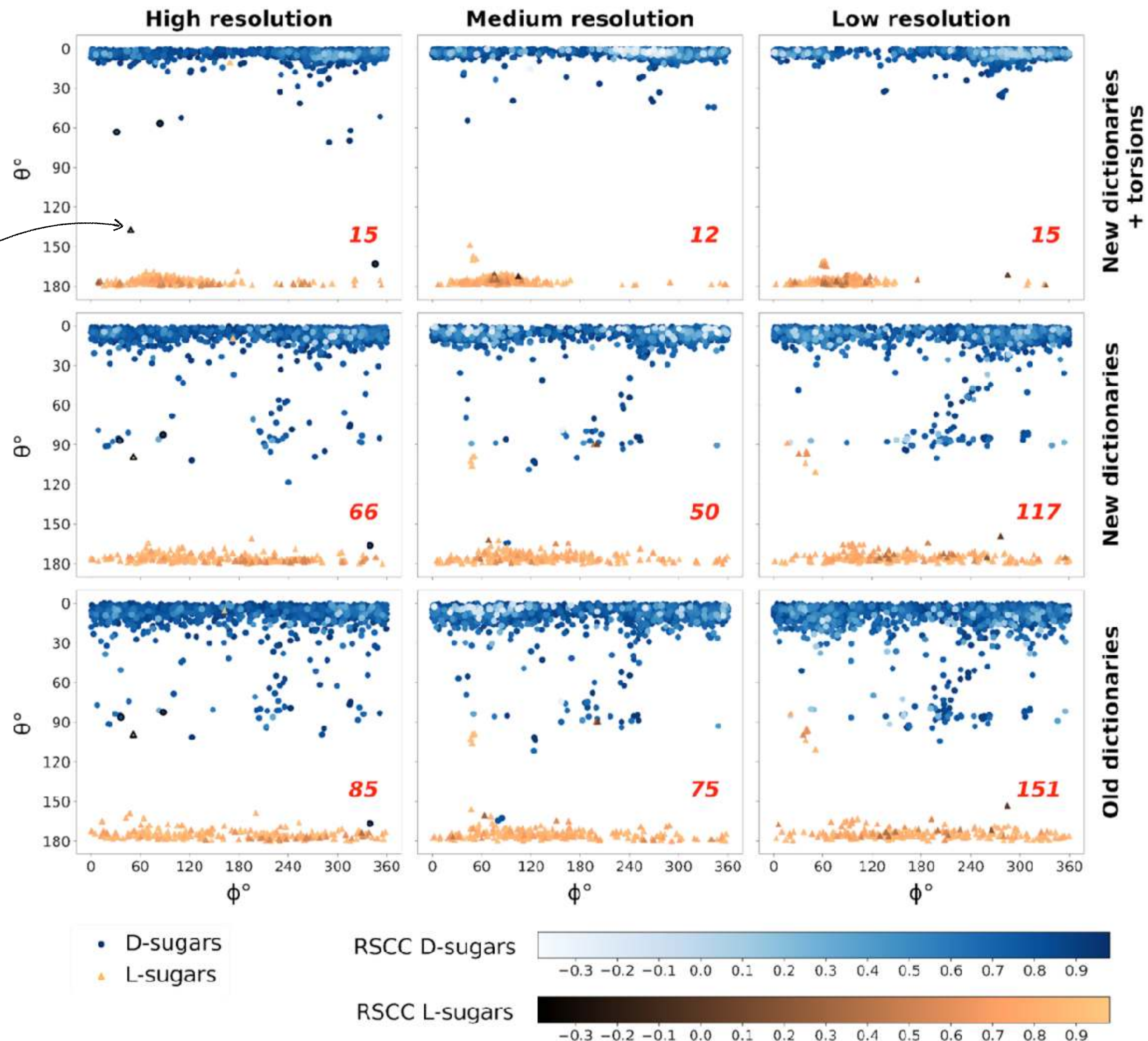


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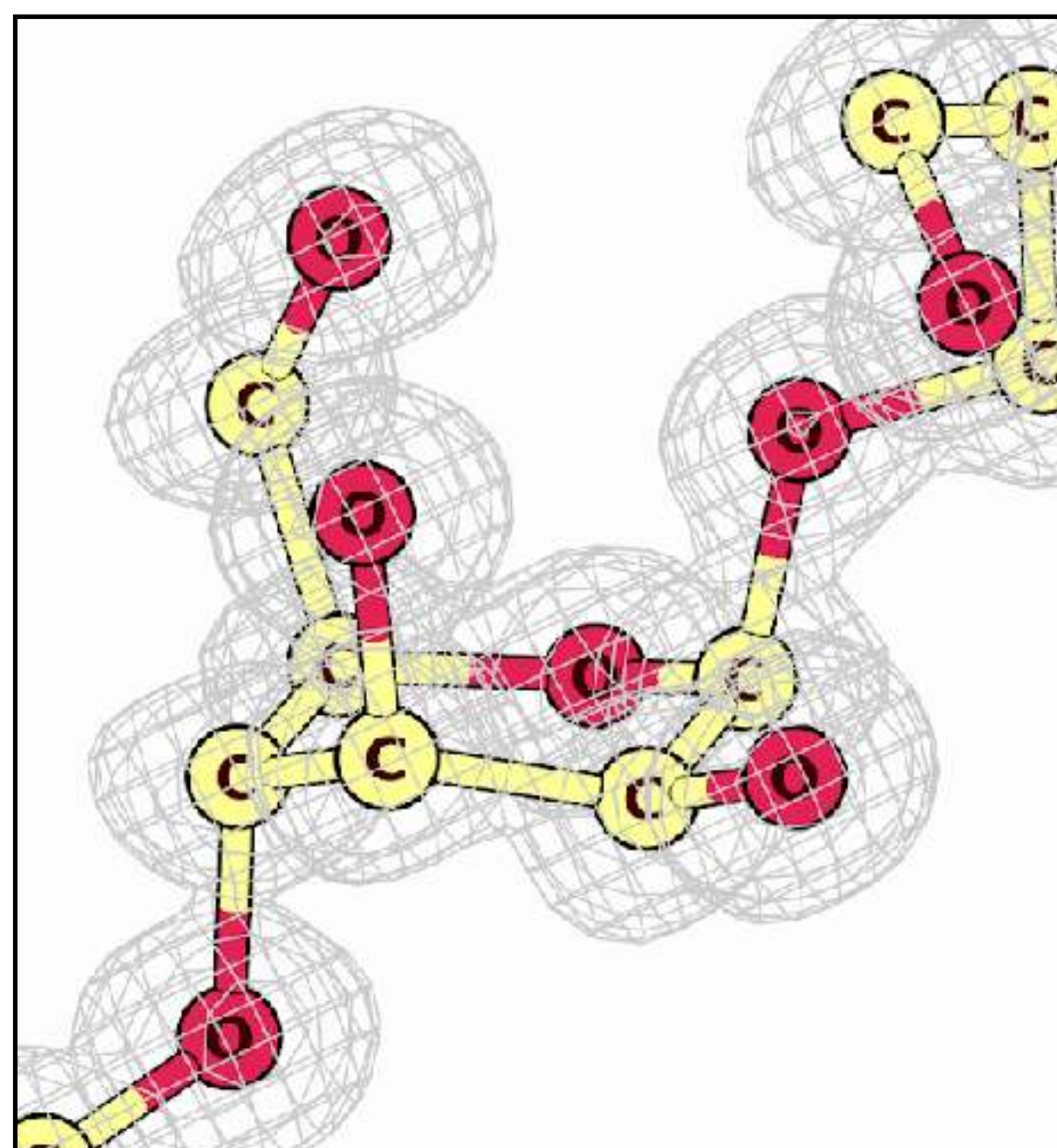
**6HG0 (SIA-A-522) in 4E**  
**1.30 Å resolution, RSCC=0.94**

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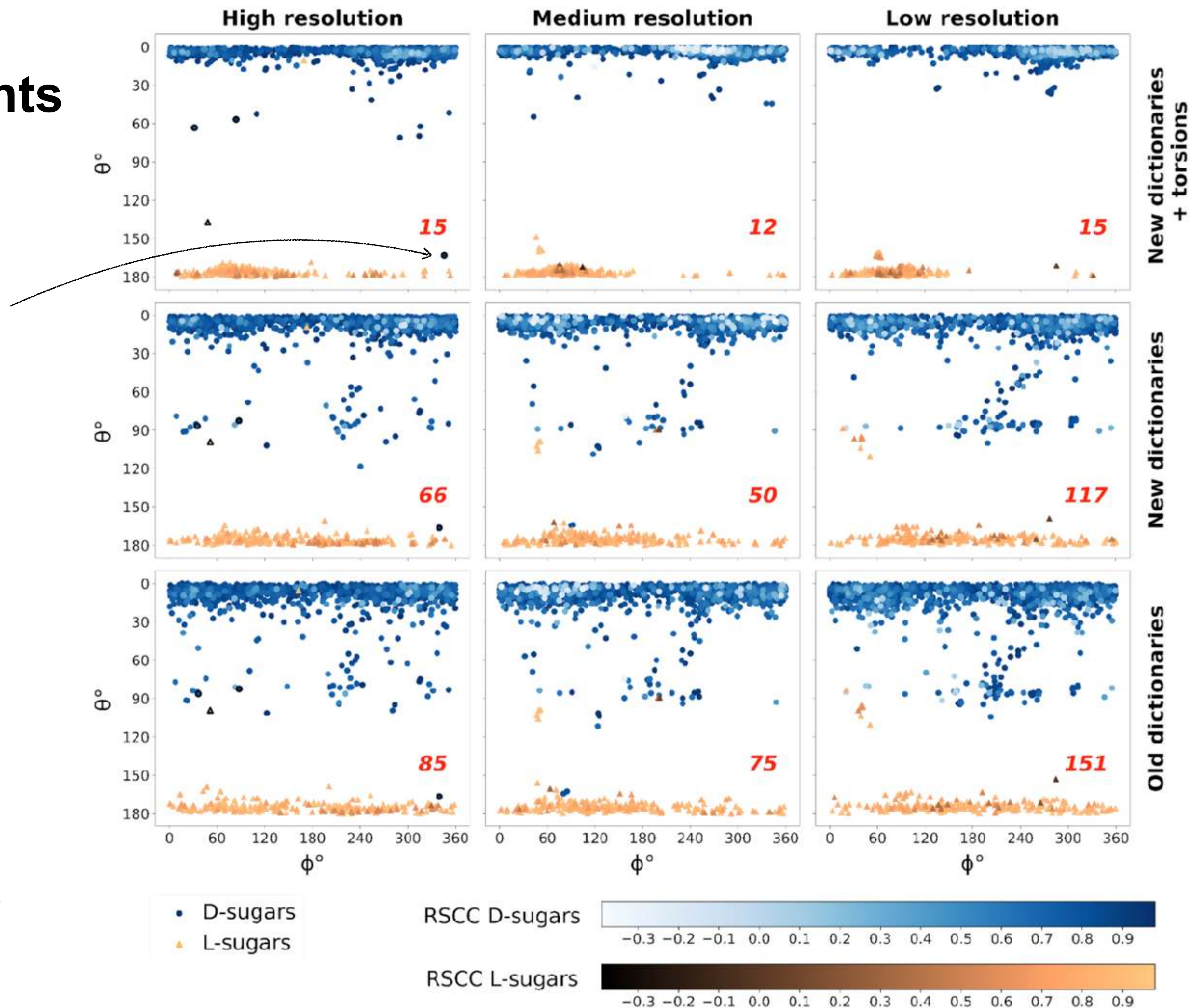


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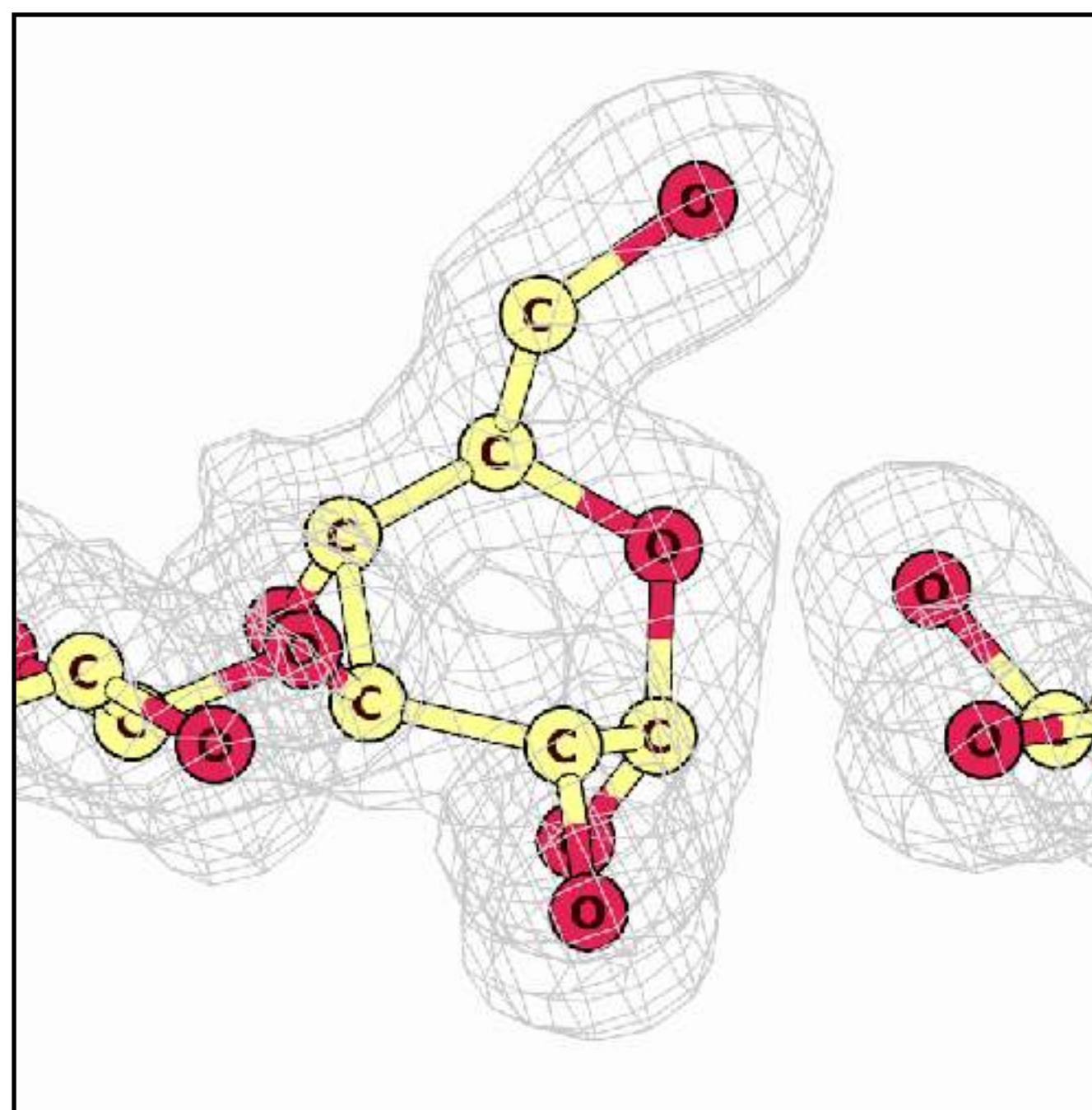
**5JUG (BMA-B-3) in  ${}^1C_4$**   
**0.95 Å resolution, RSCC=0.95**

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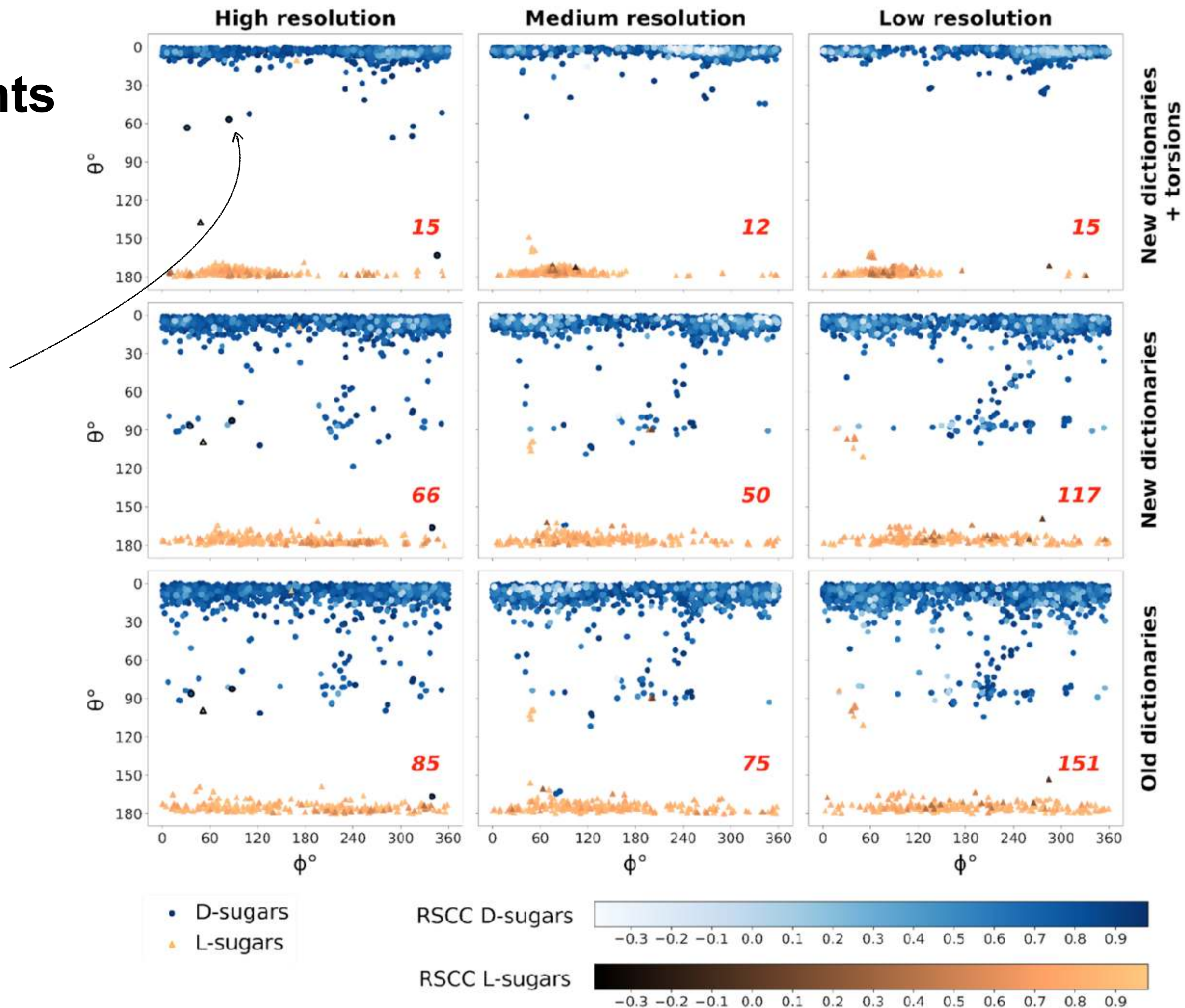


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**1.70 Å resolution, RSCC=0.96**

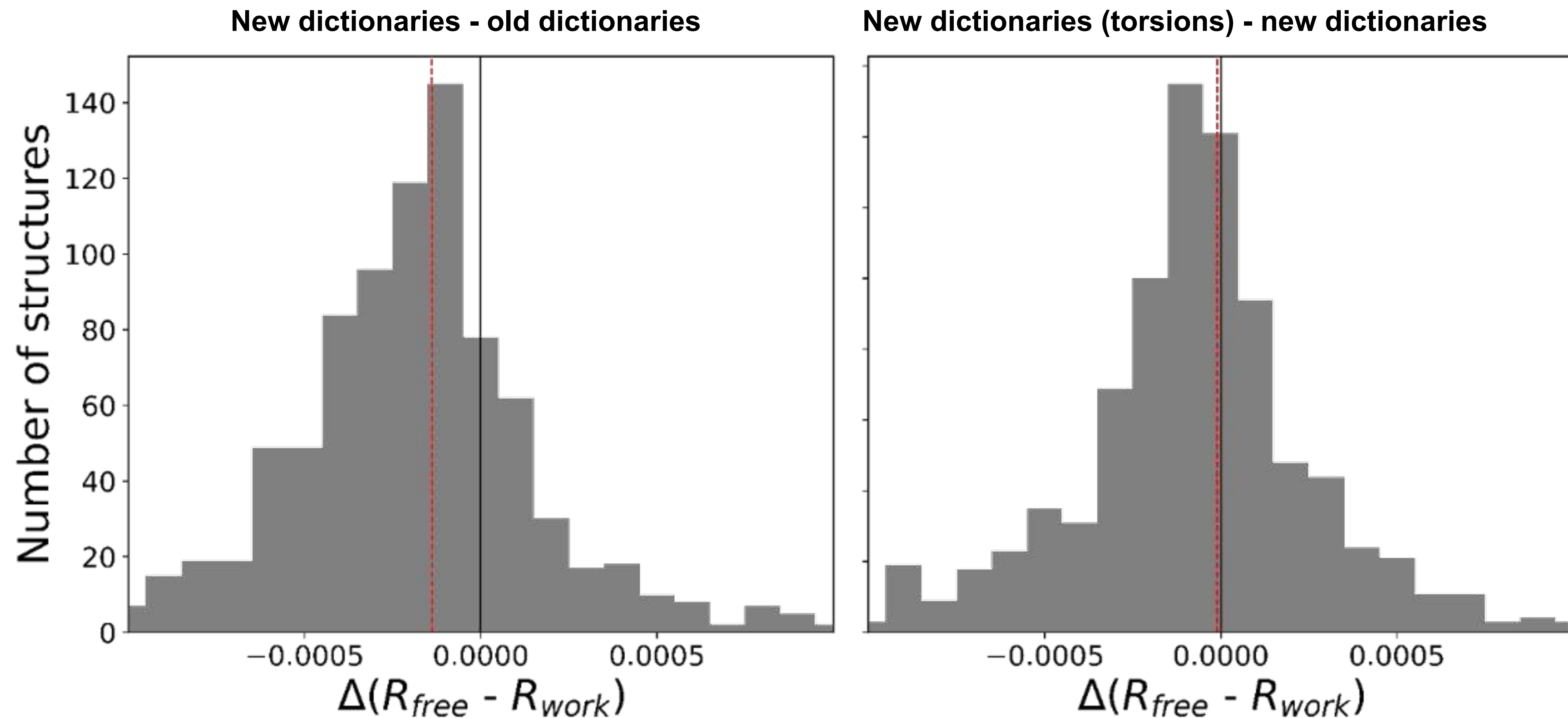
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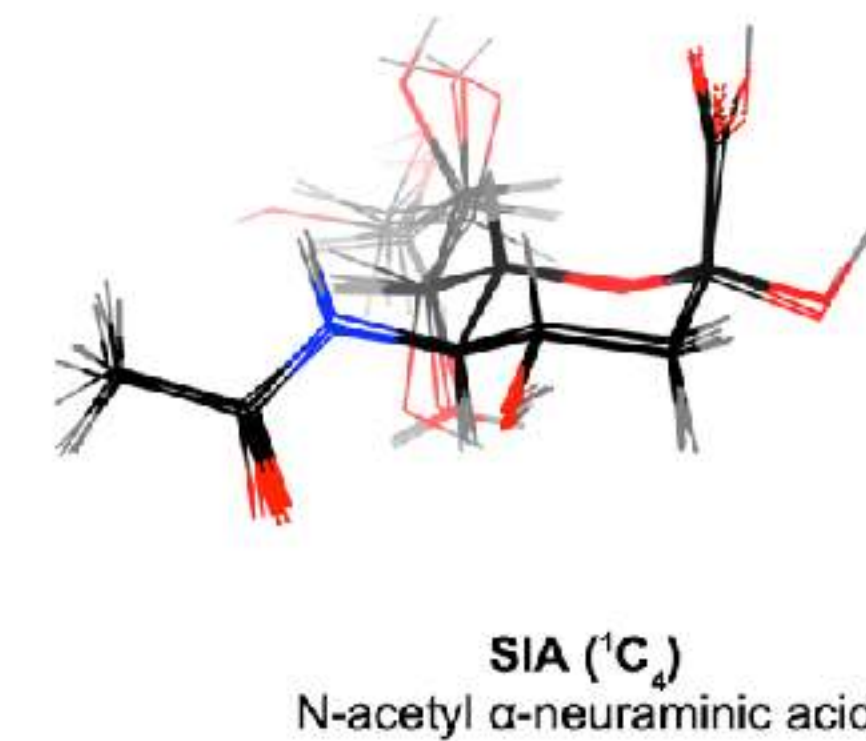
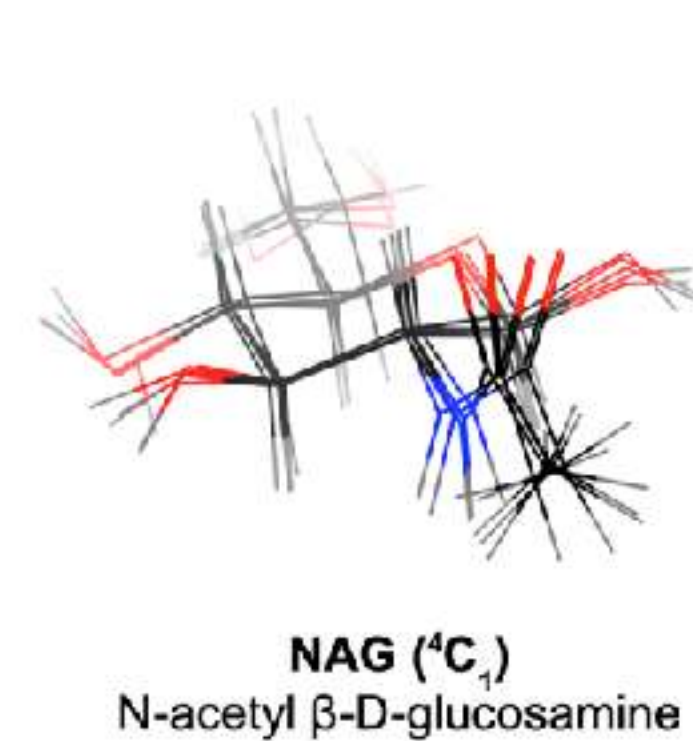
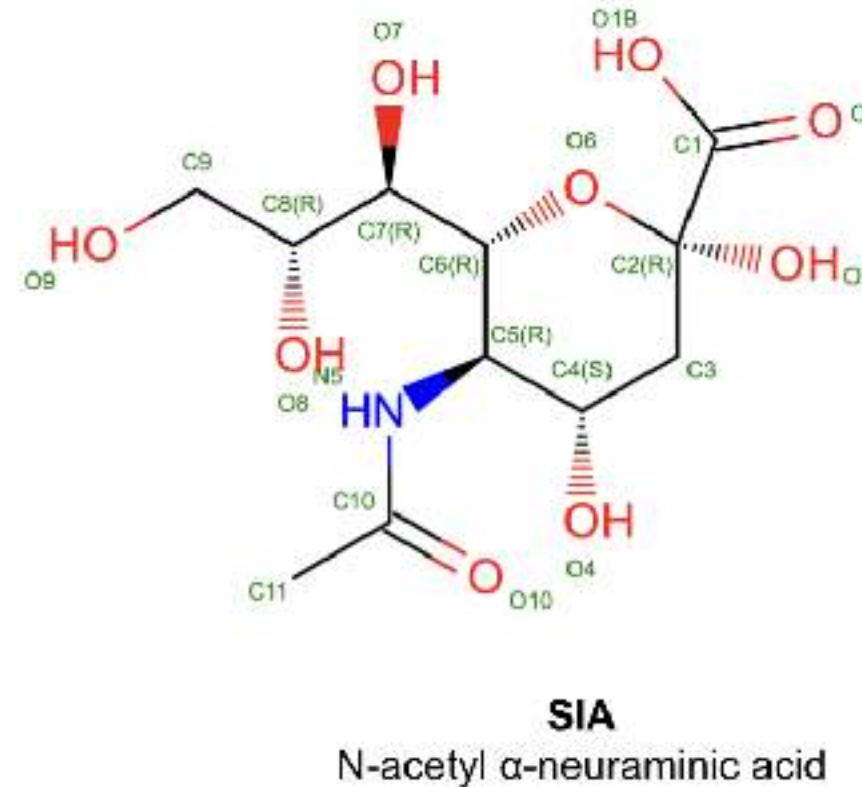
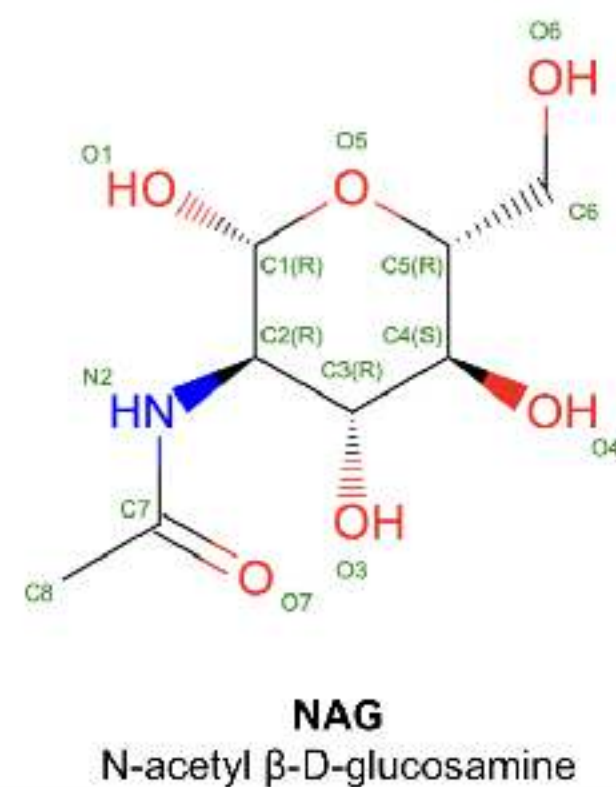
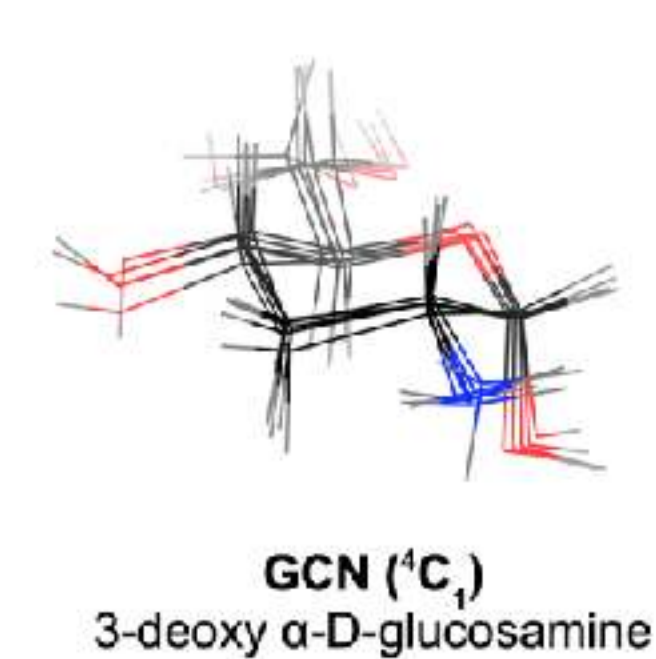
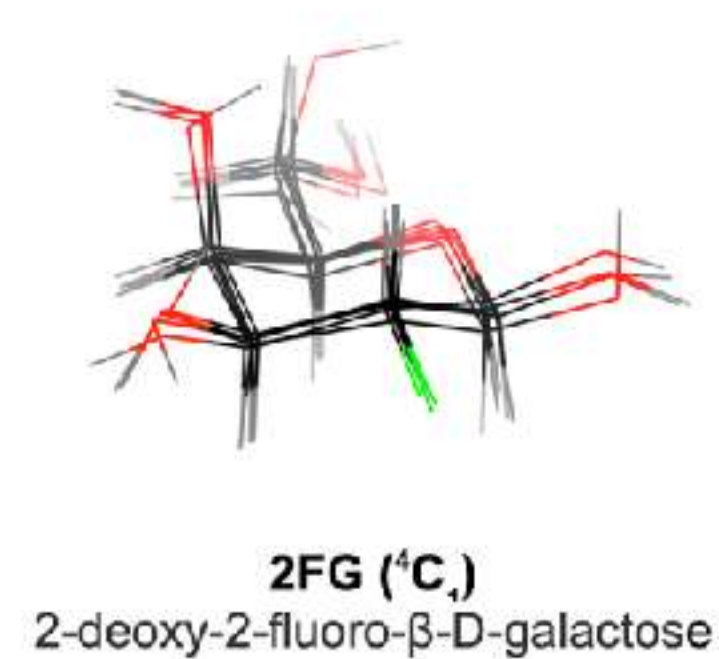
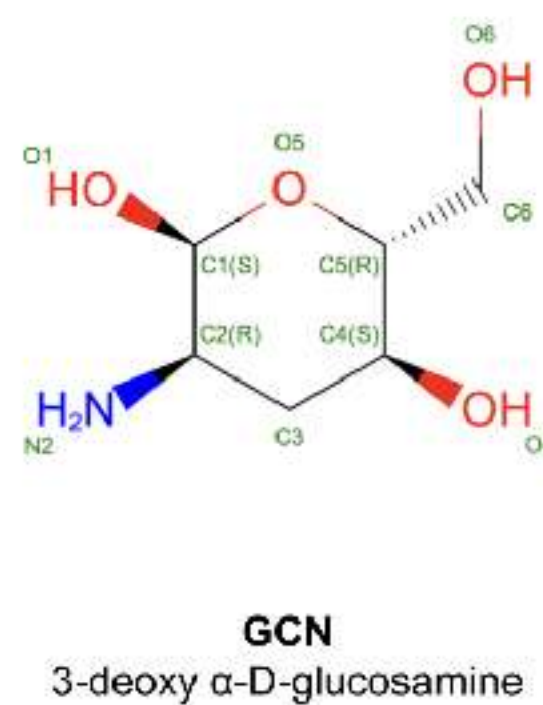
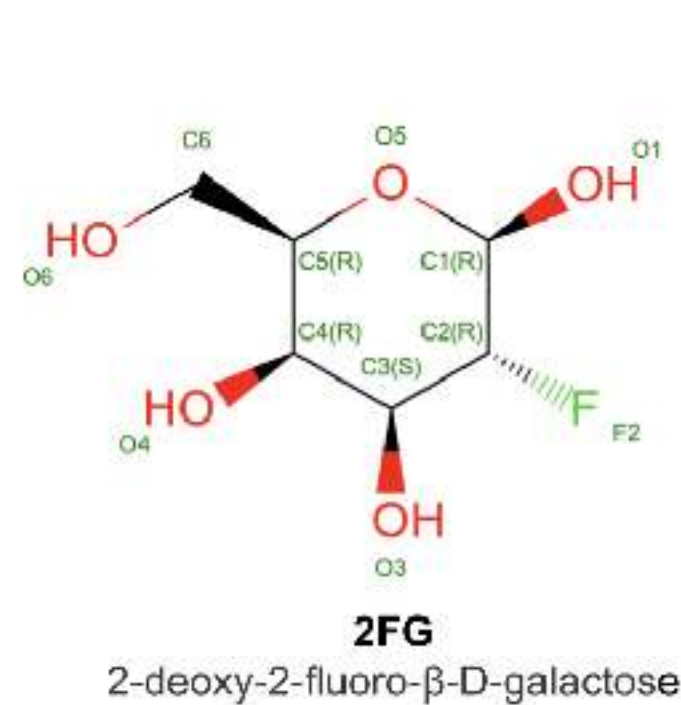
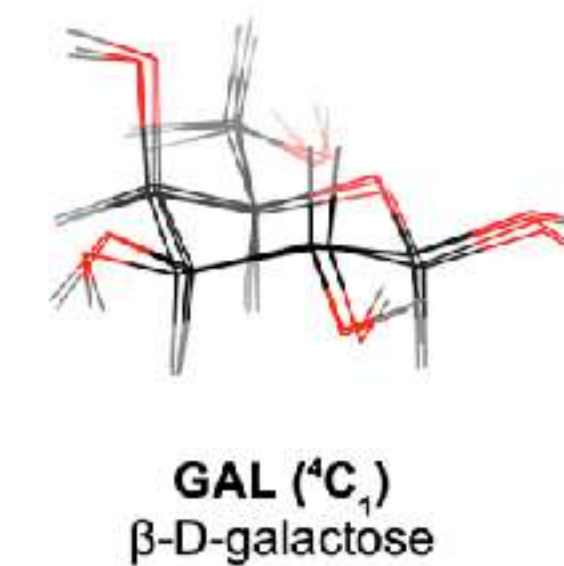
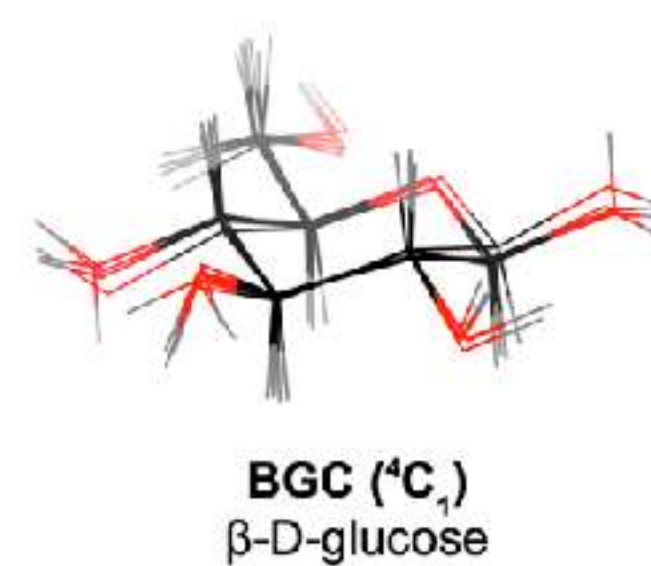
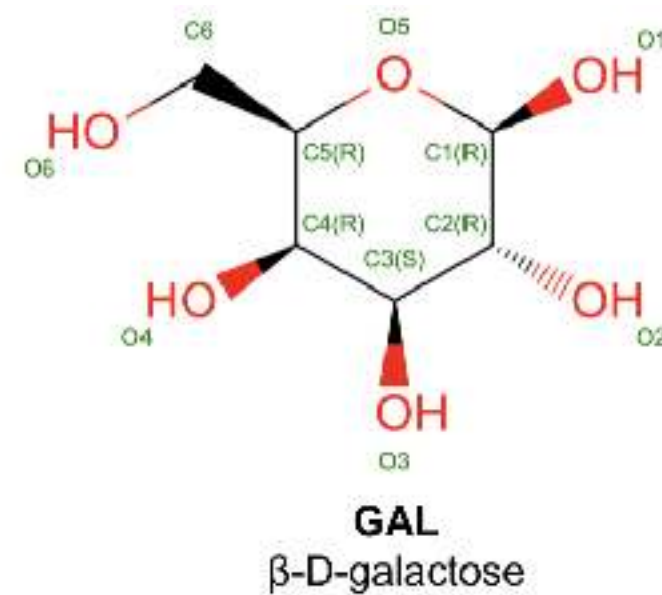
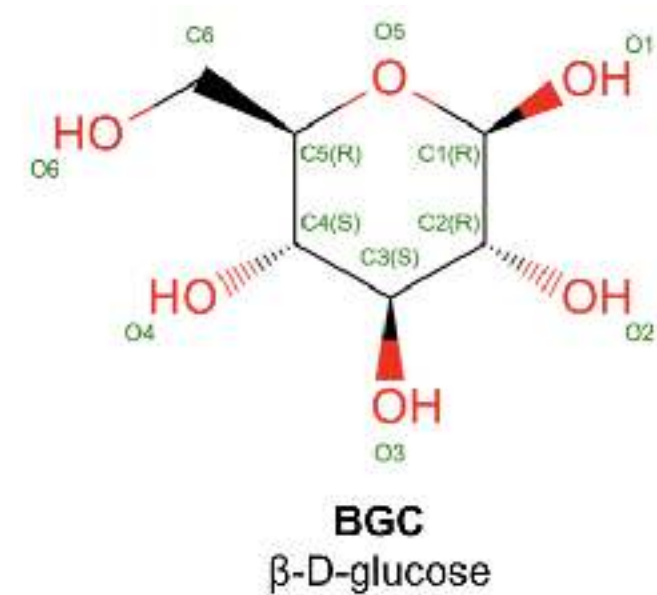
# New dictionaries with conformational restraints

Reduction in  $R_{\text{gap}}$  = less overfitting



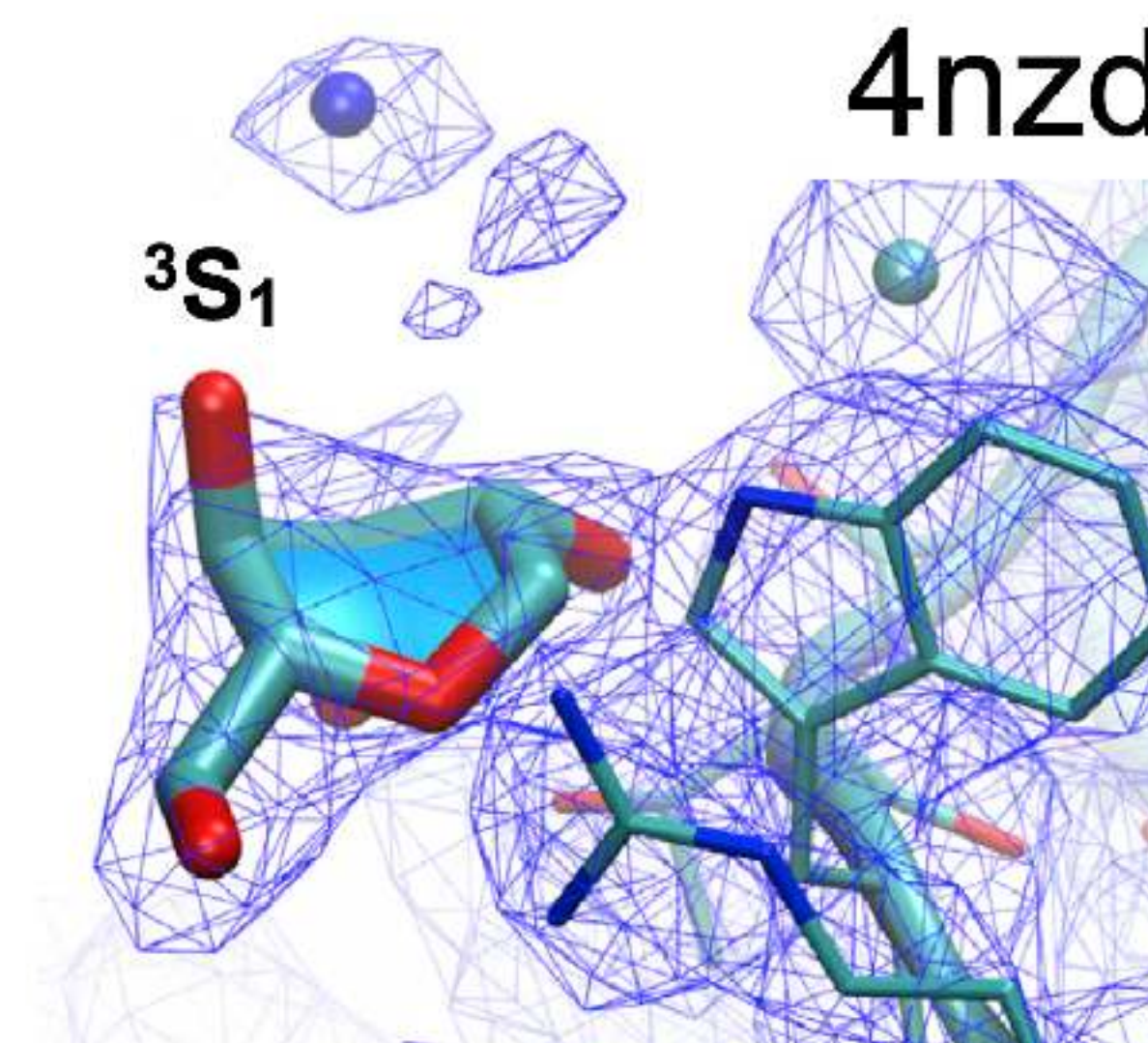
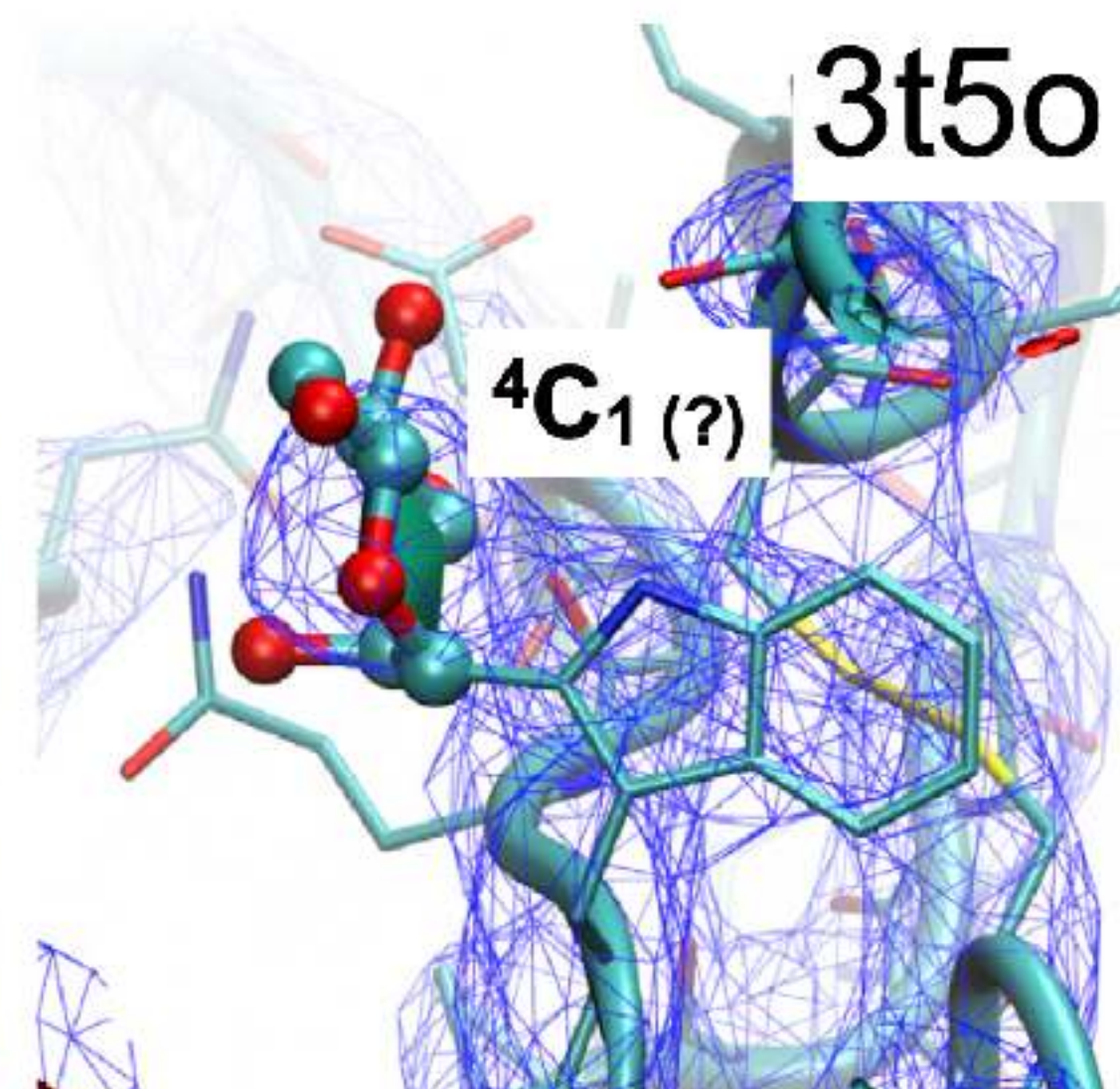
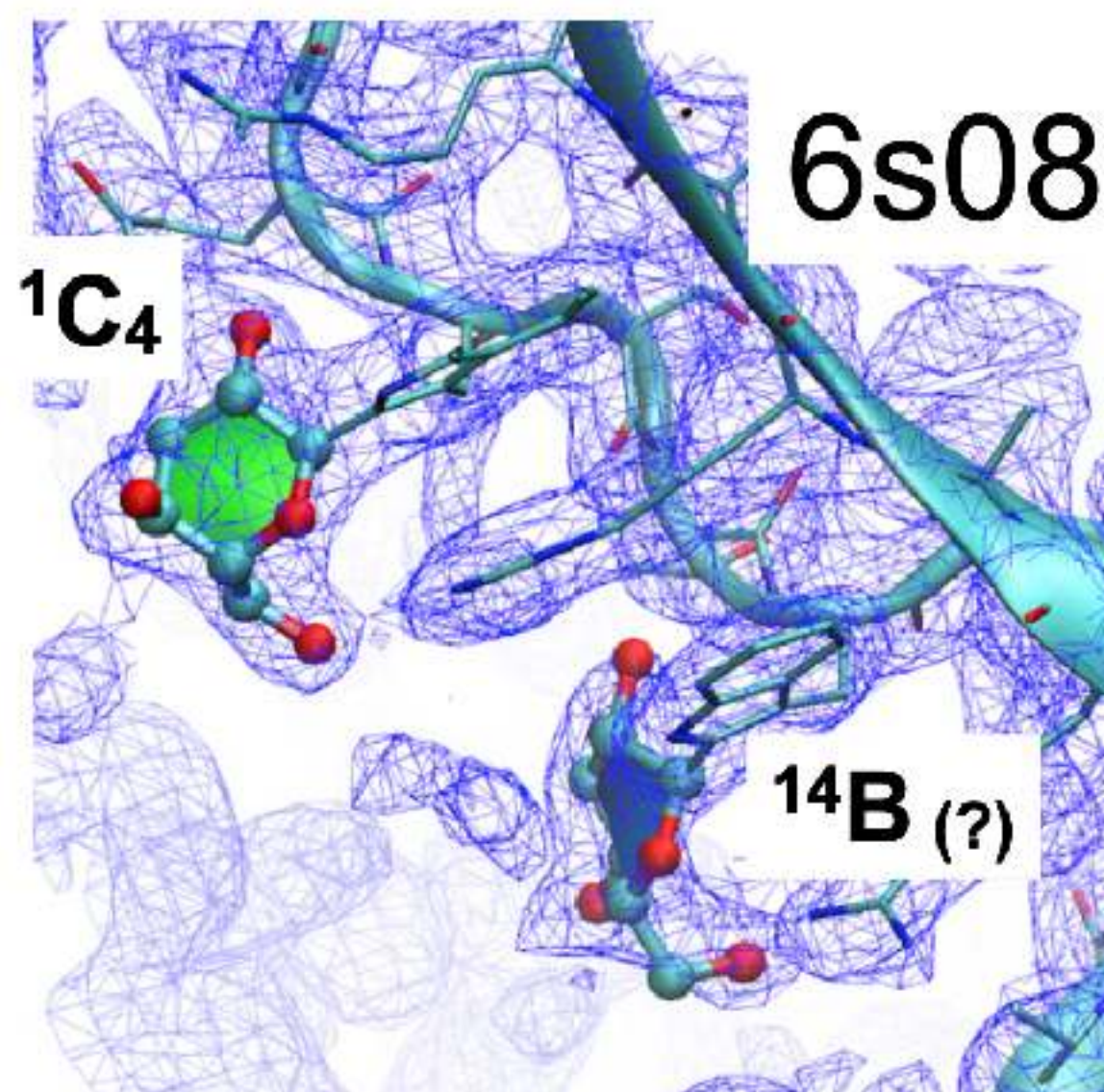
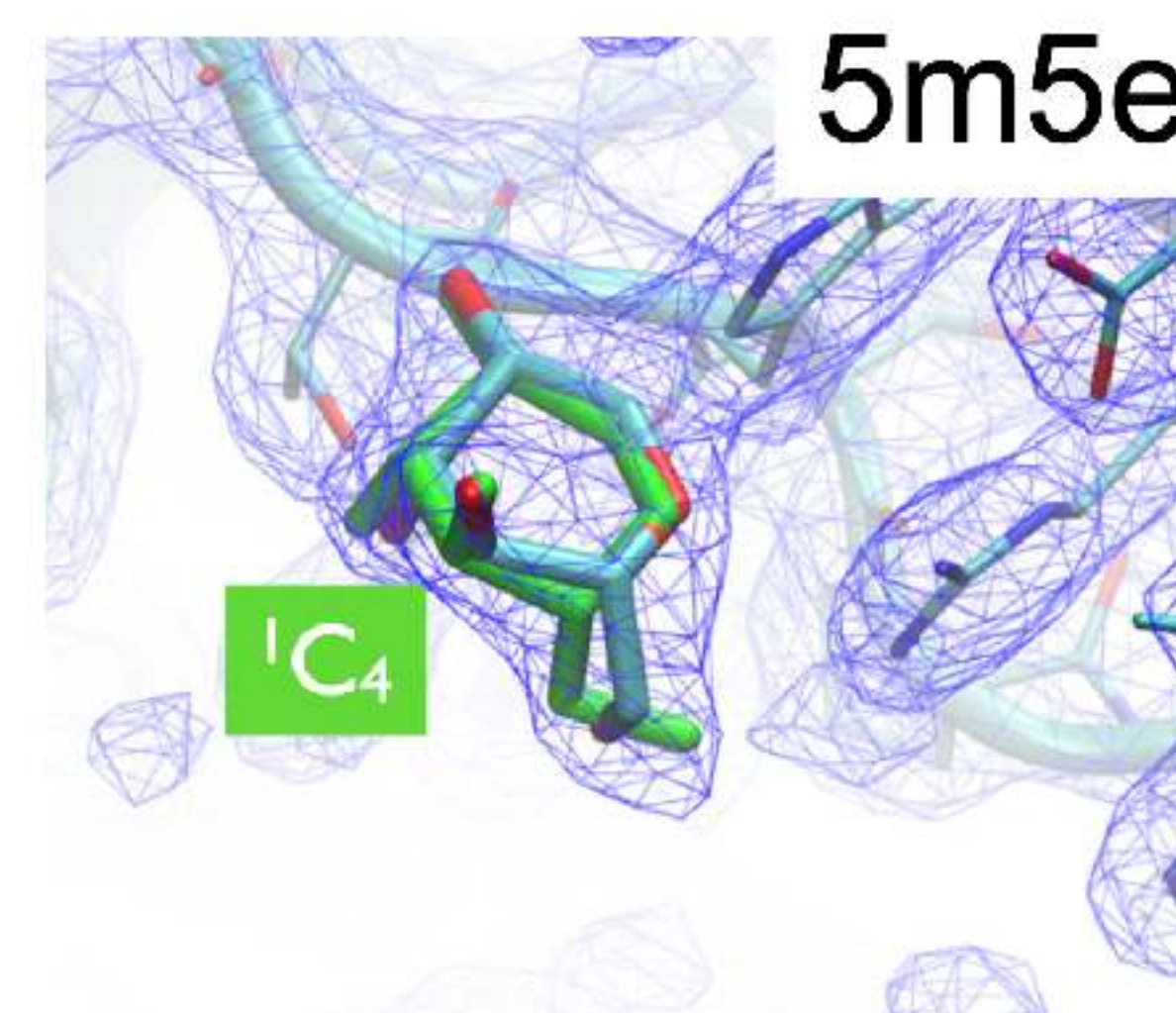
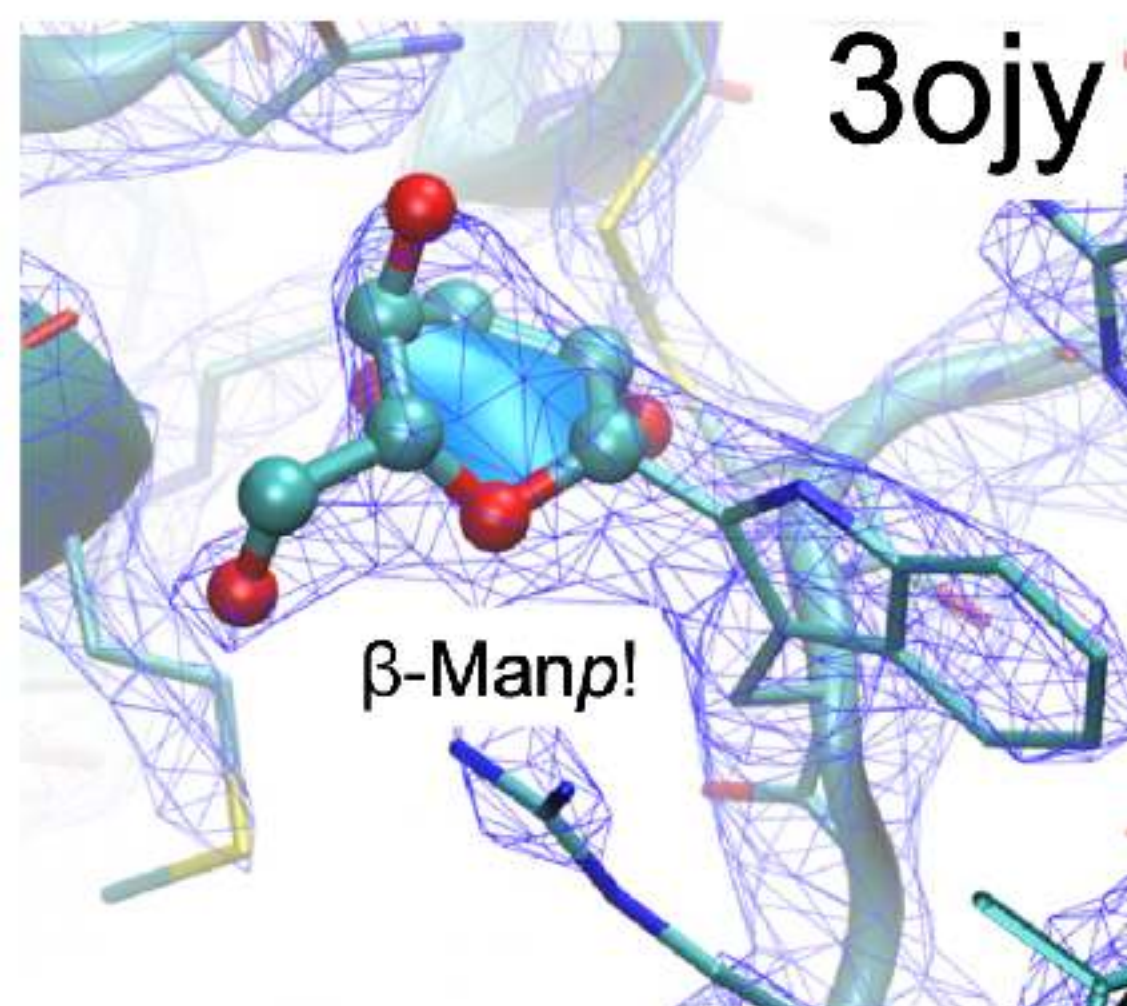
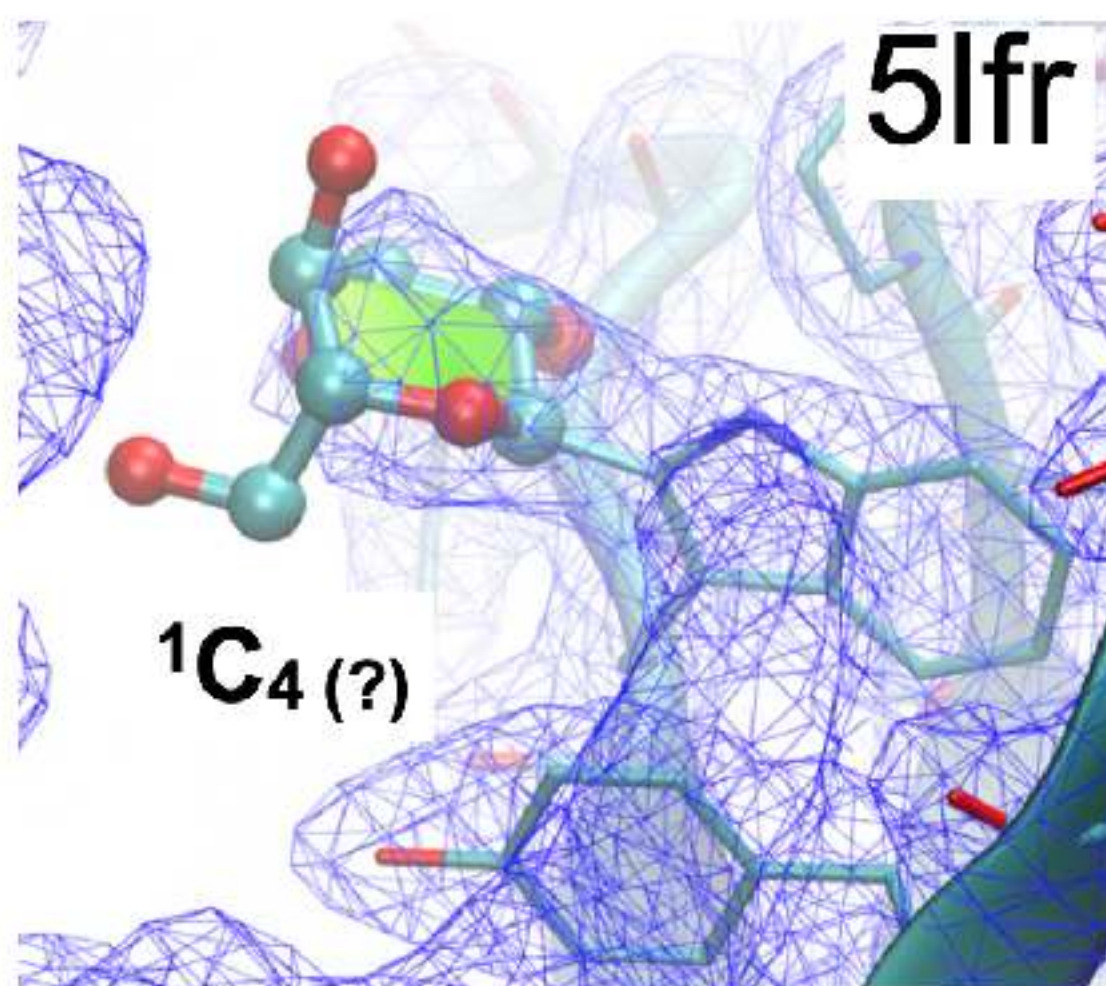


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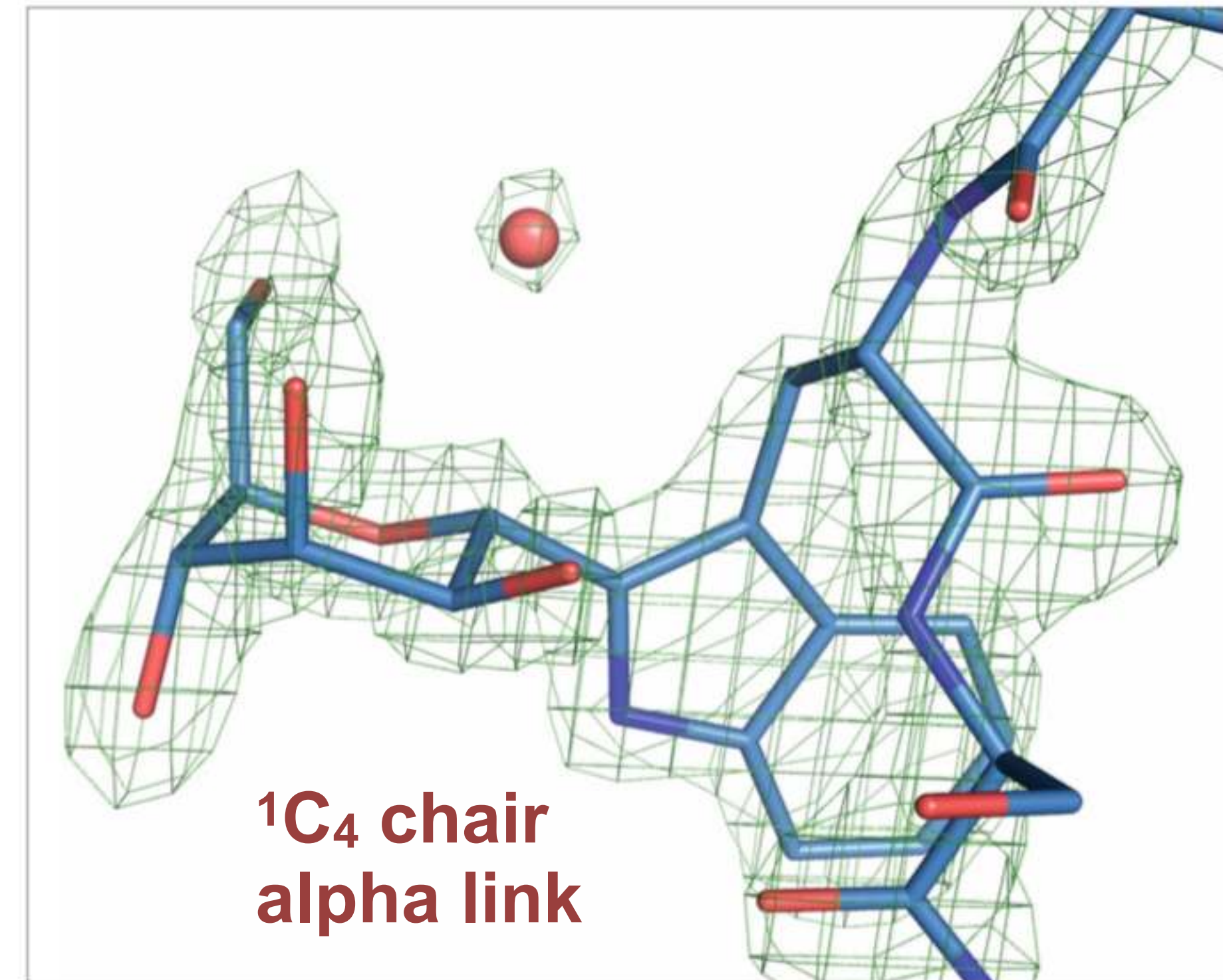
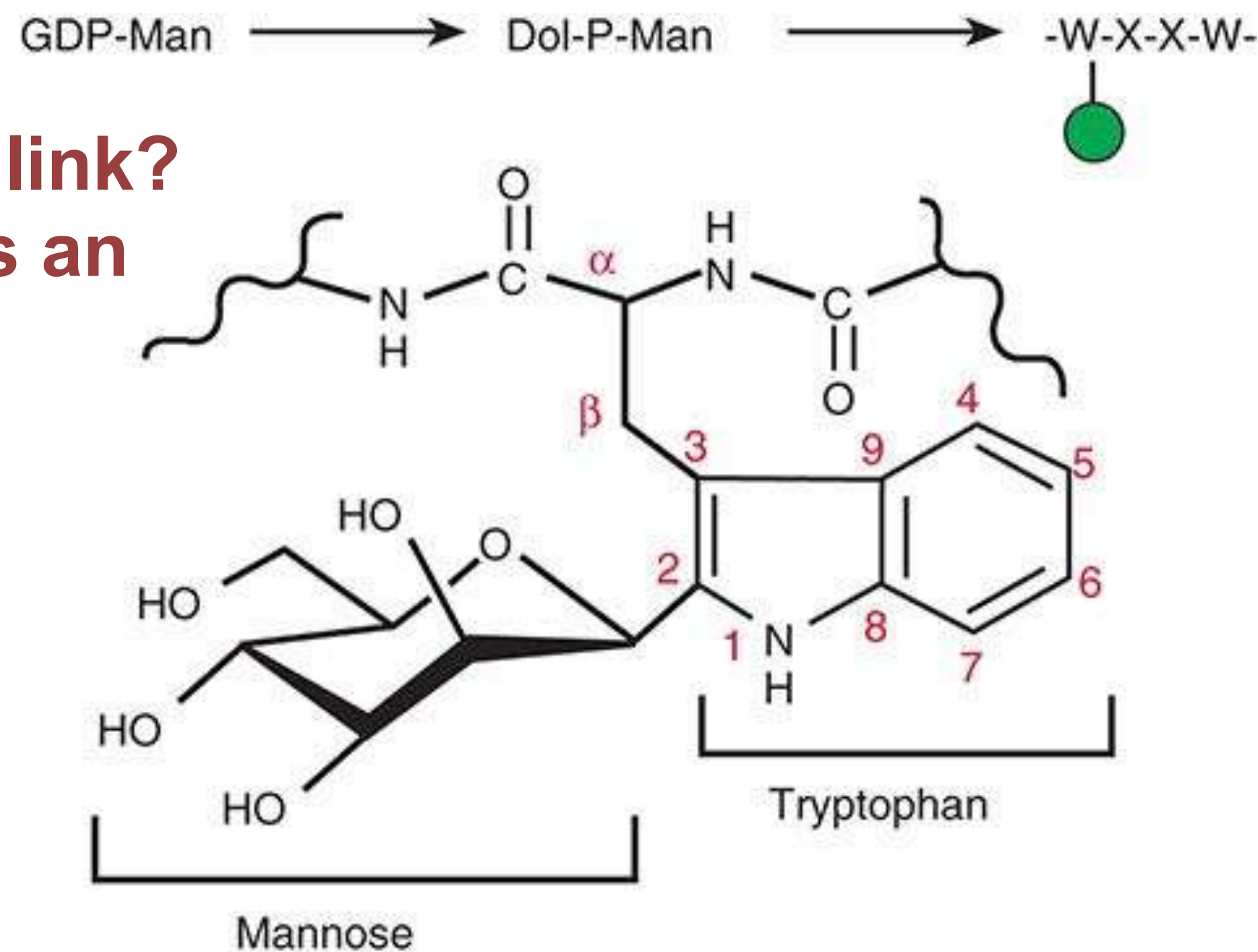
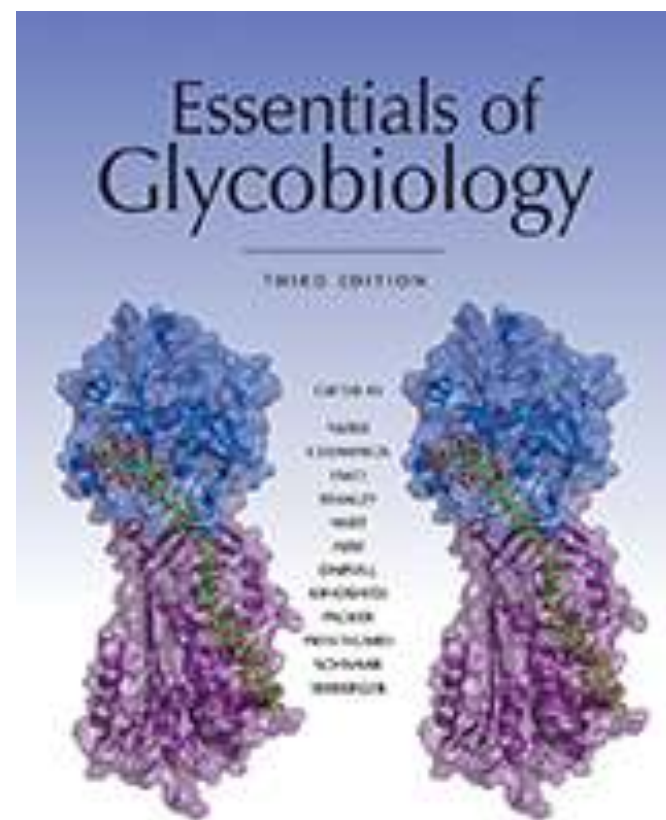
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**Enzyme makes an**  
**alpha link...**



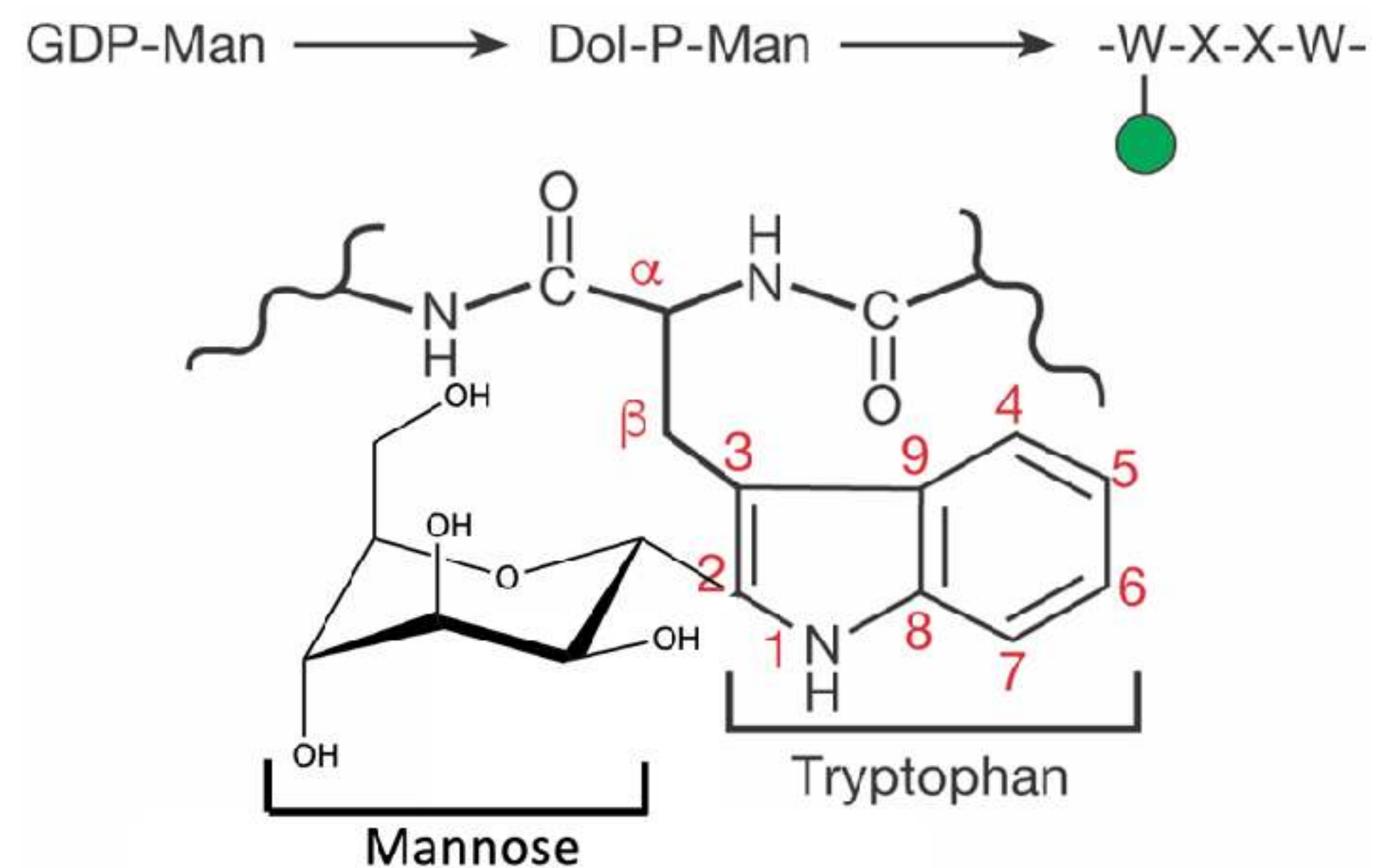
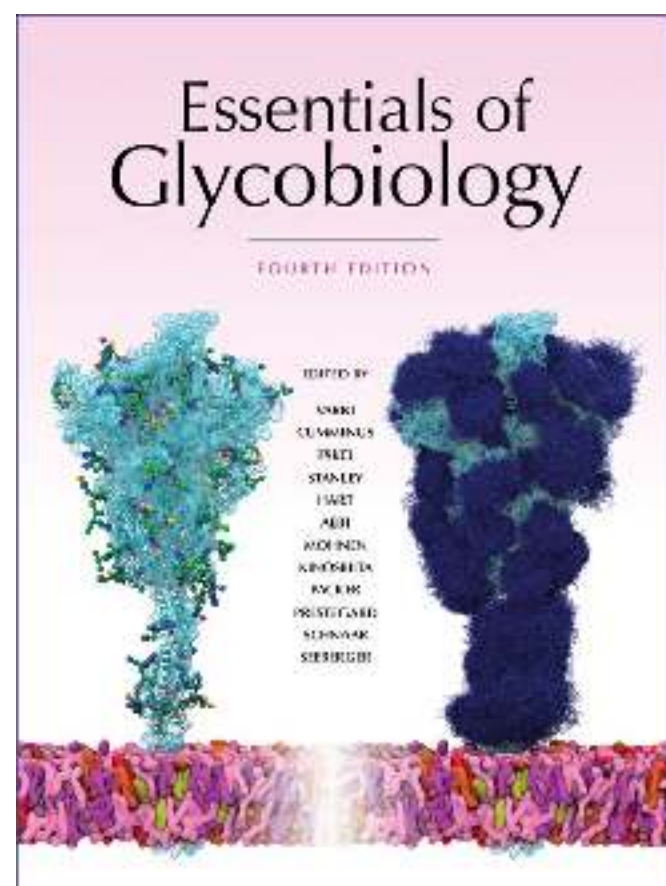
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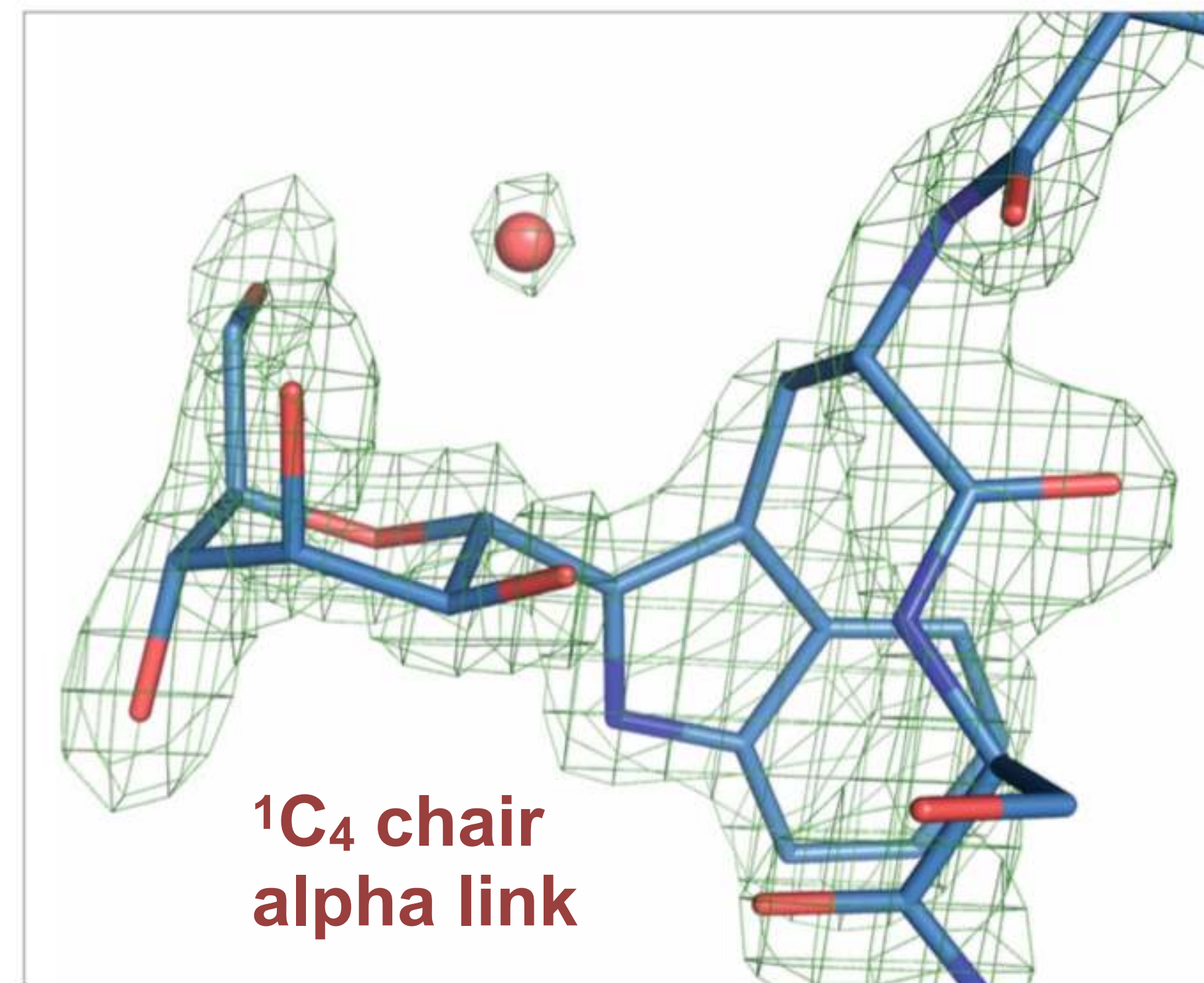


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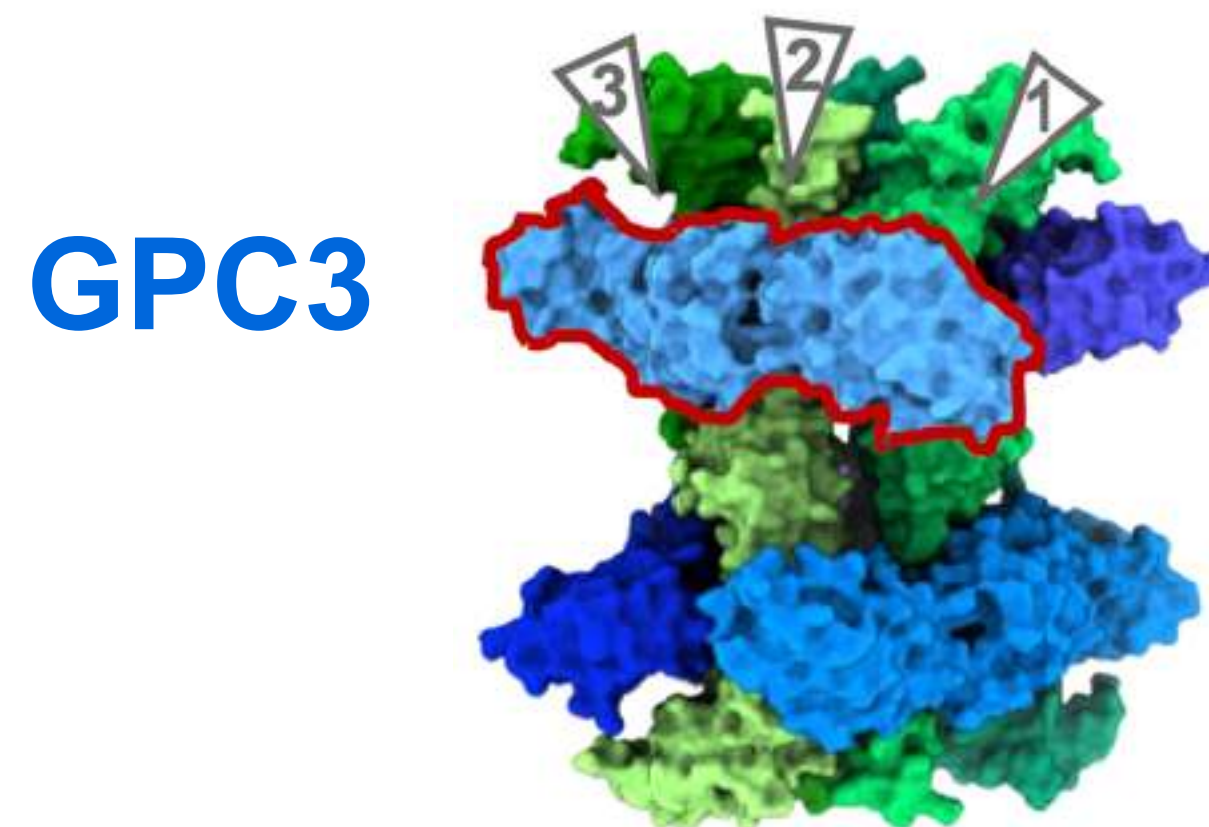
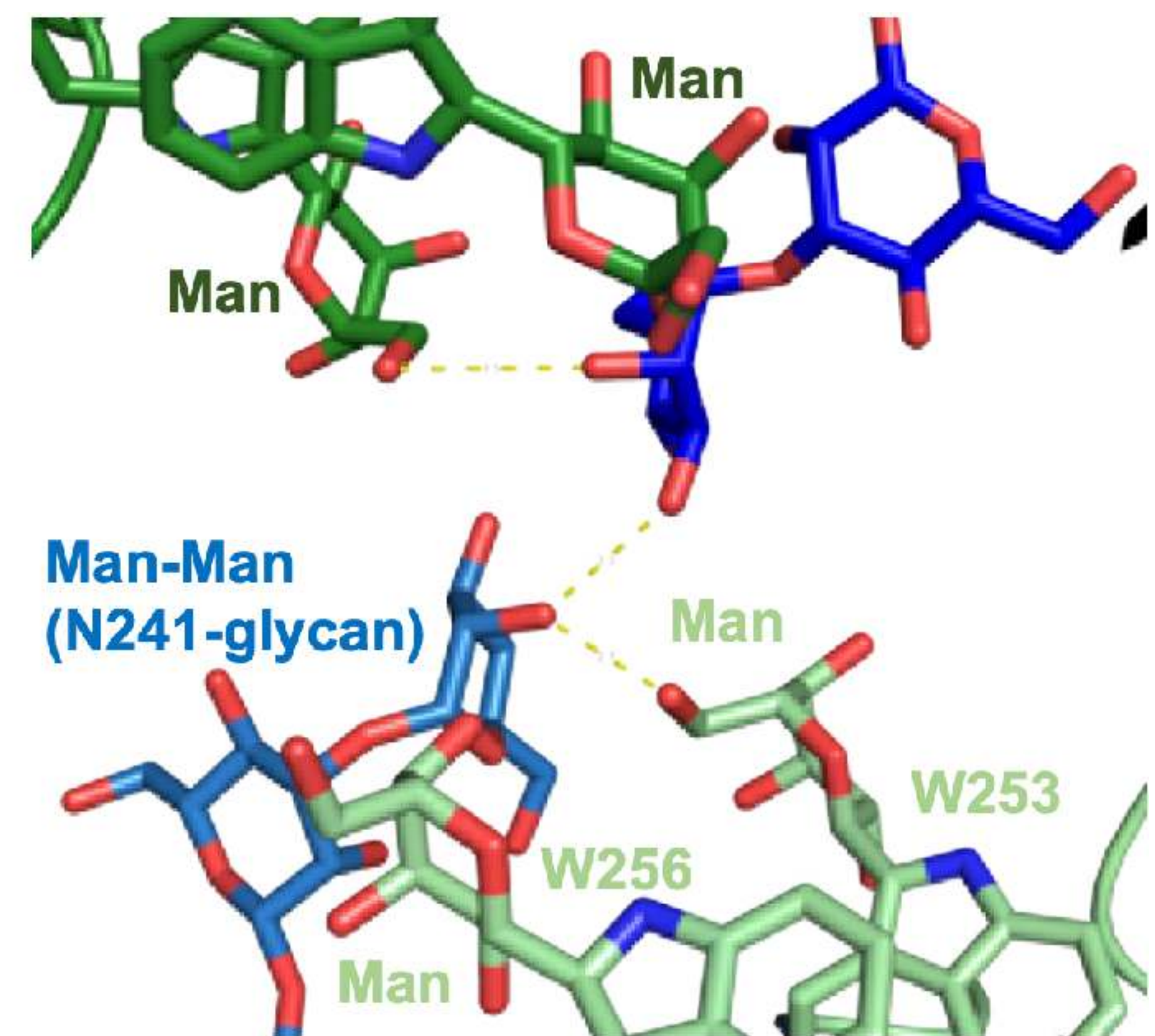
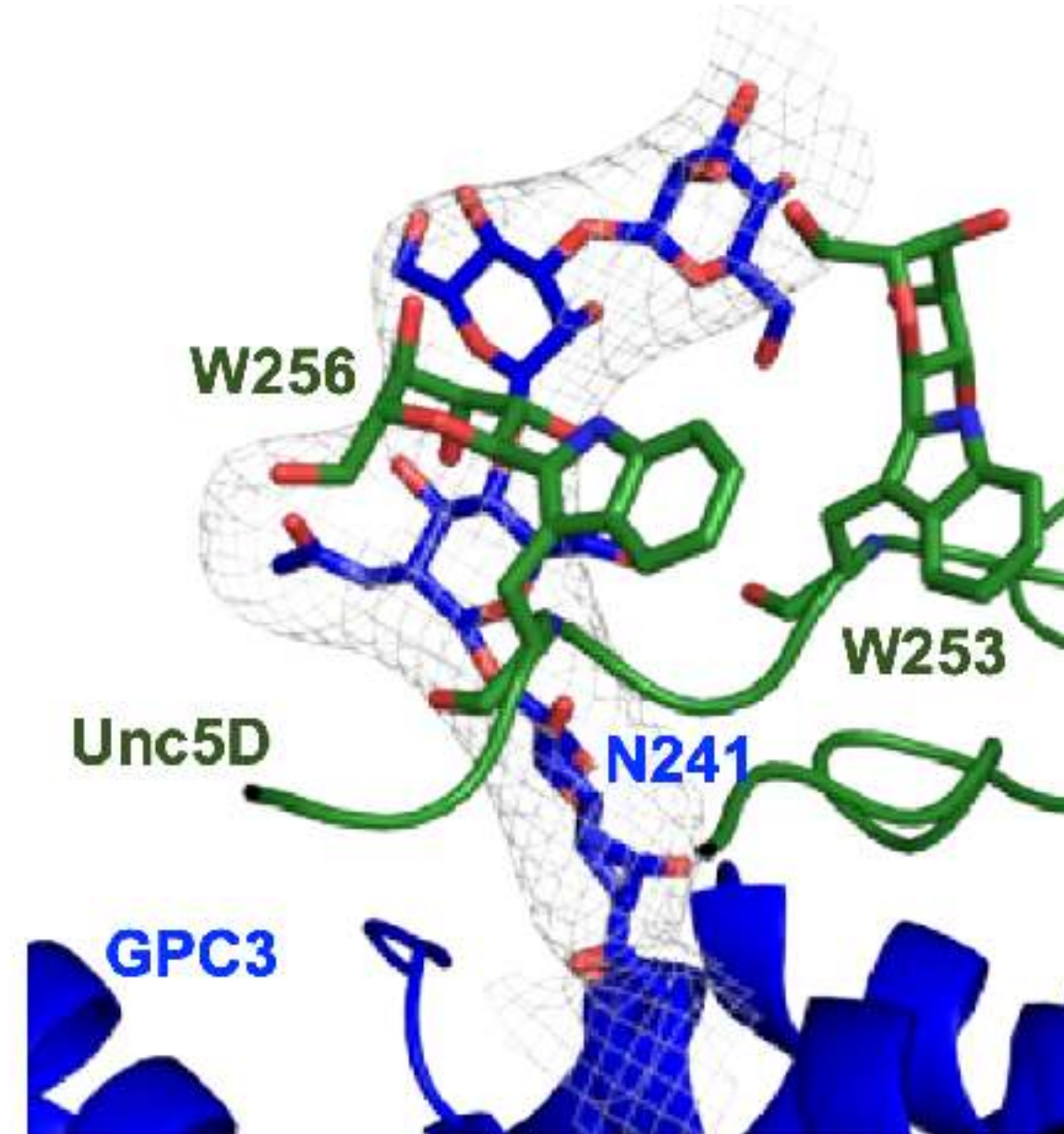
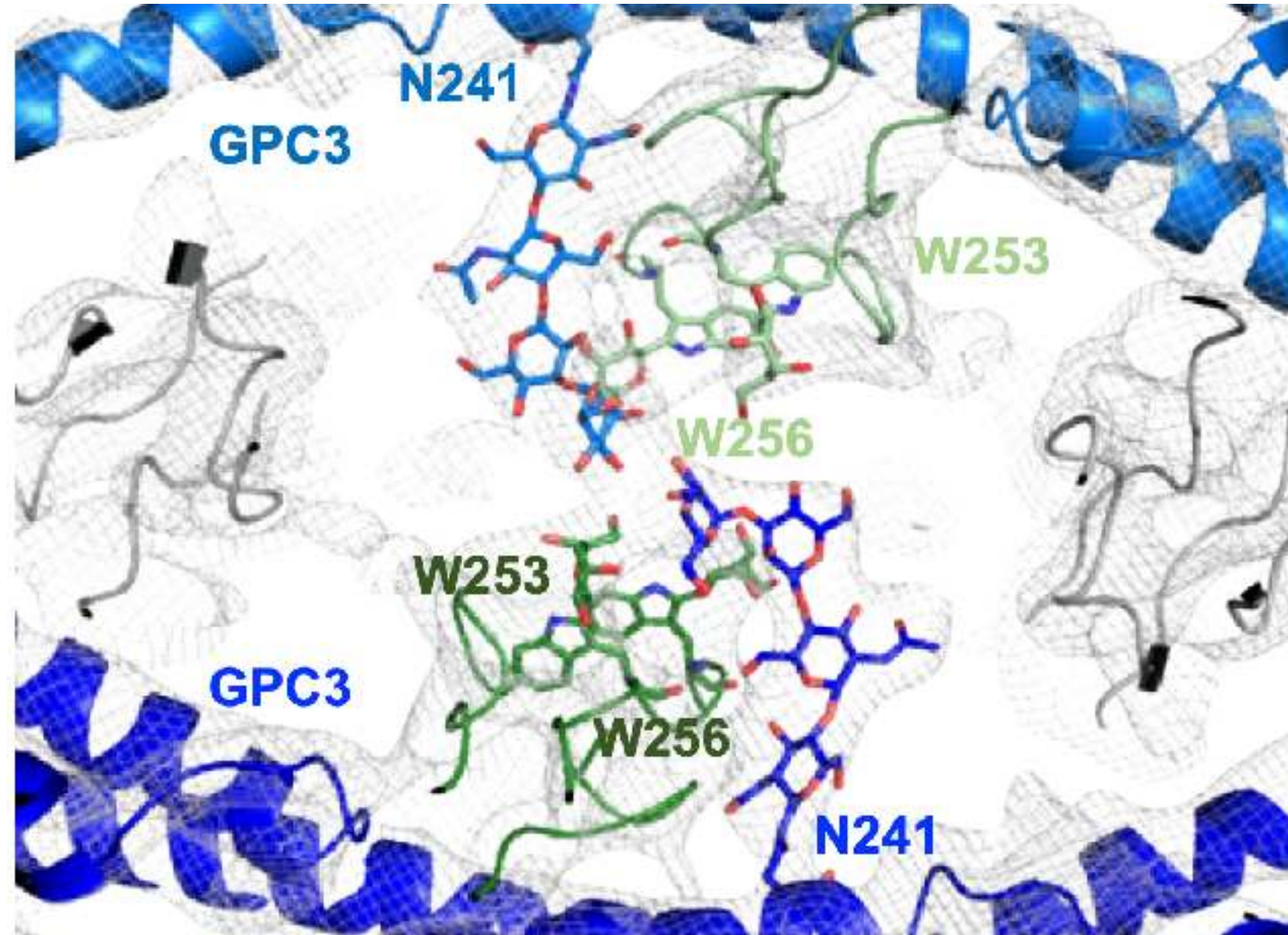
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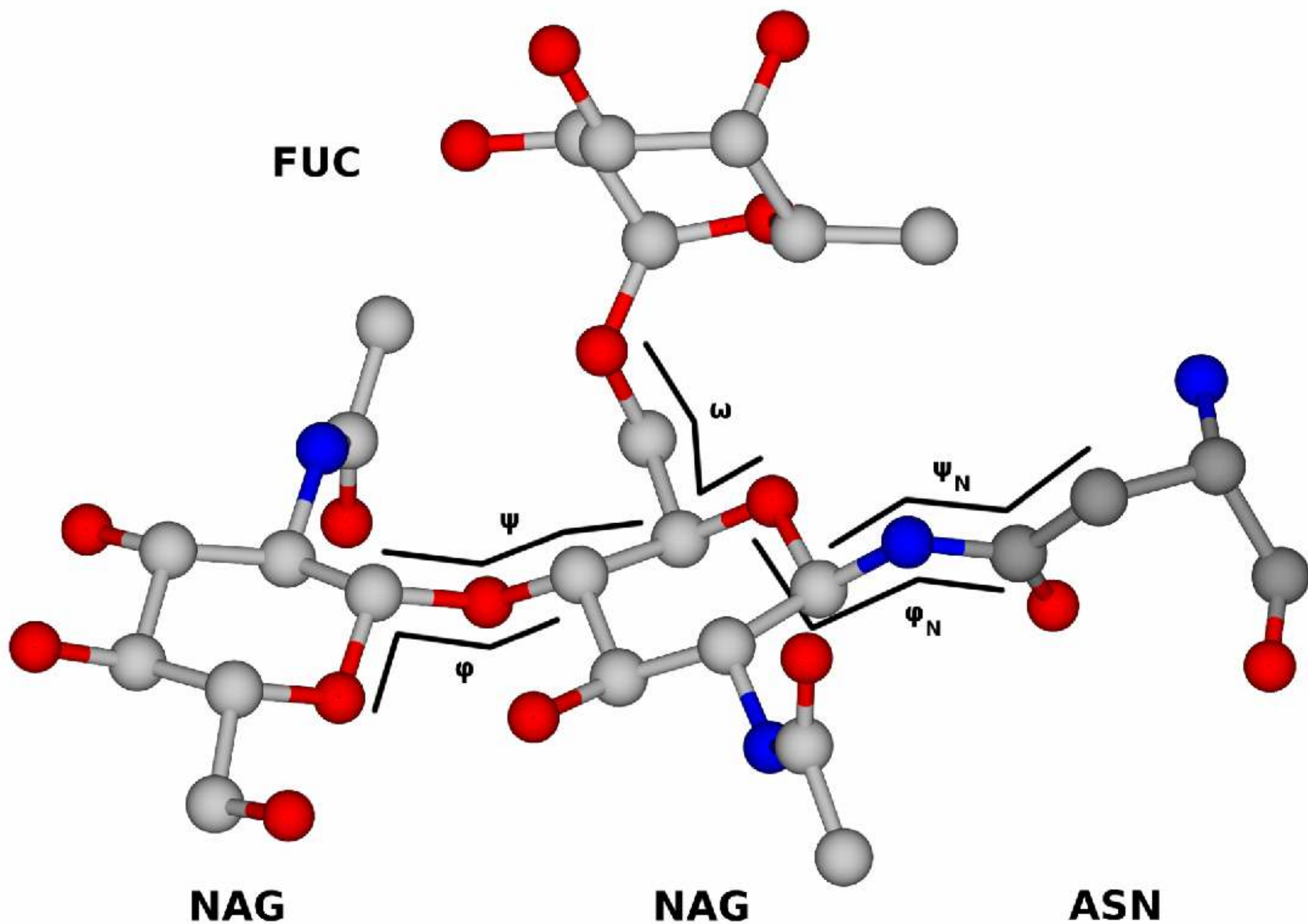
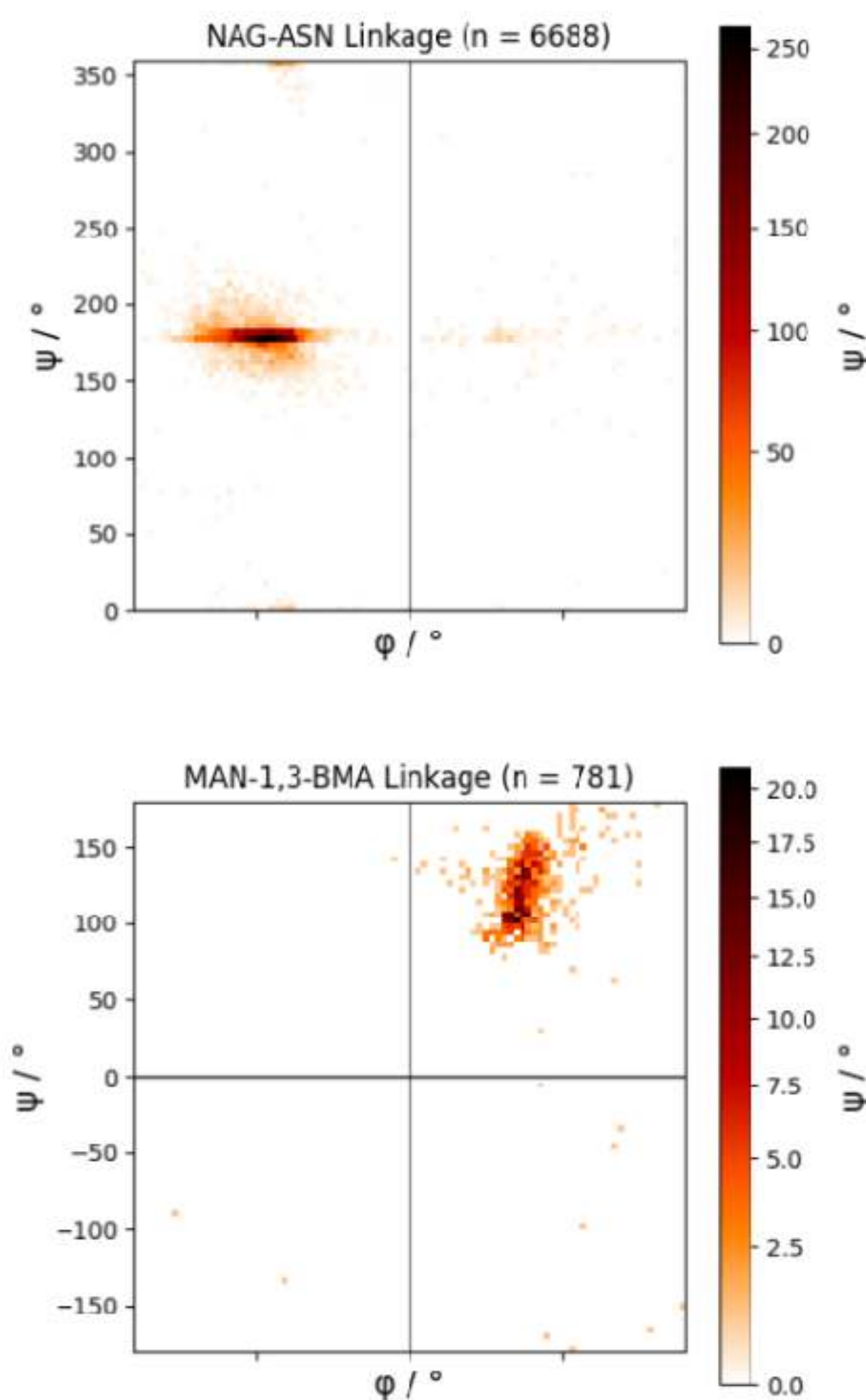


# Support for C-mannosylation (MKV)

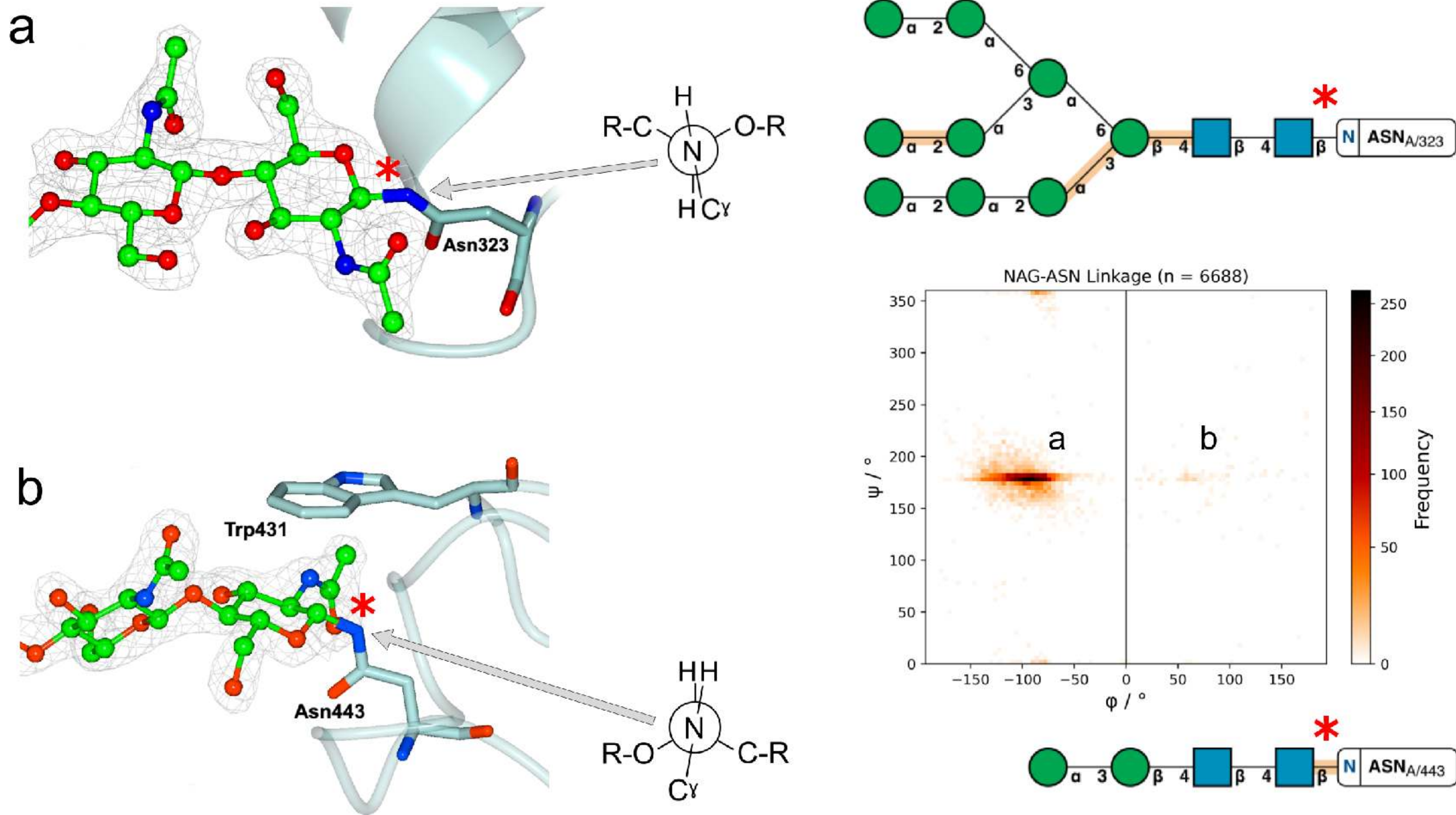
- **Privateer MKV (CCP4 8.0 via update)**
  - checks that mannopyranose ring is  ${}^1C_4$
  - makes sure linkage is alpha, shouts if it isn't
- For refinement at **low resolution with refmac5**
  - External torsion restraints for link and  ${}^1C_4$  conformation
  - Creates modified linkage dictionary to impose torsions for  ${}^1C_4$  conformation on the mannose



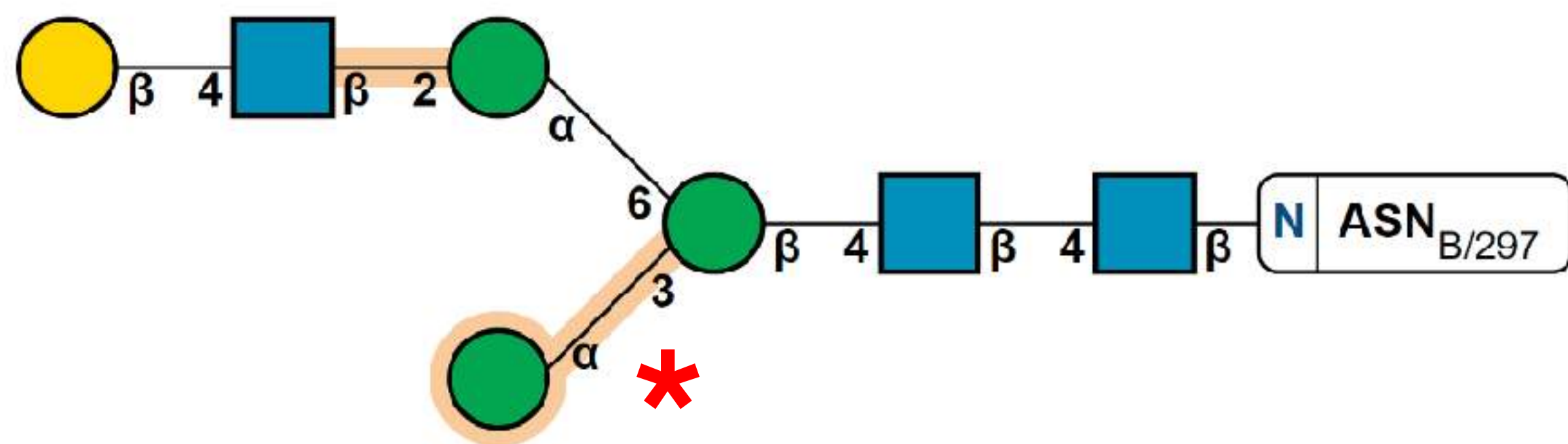
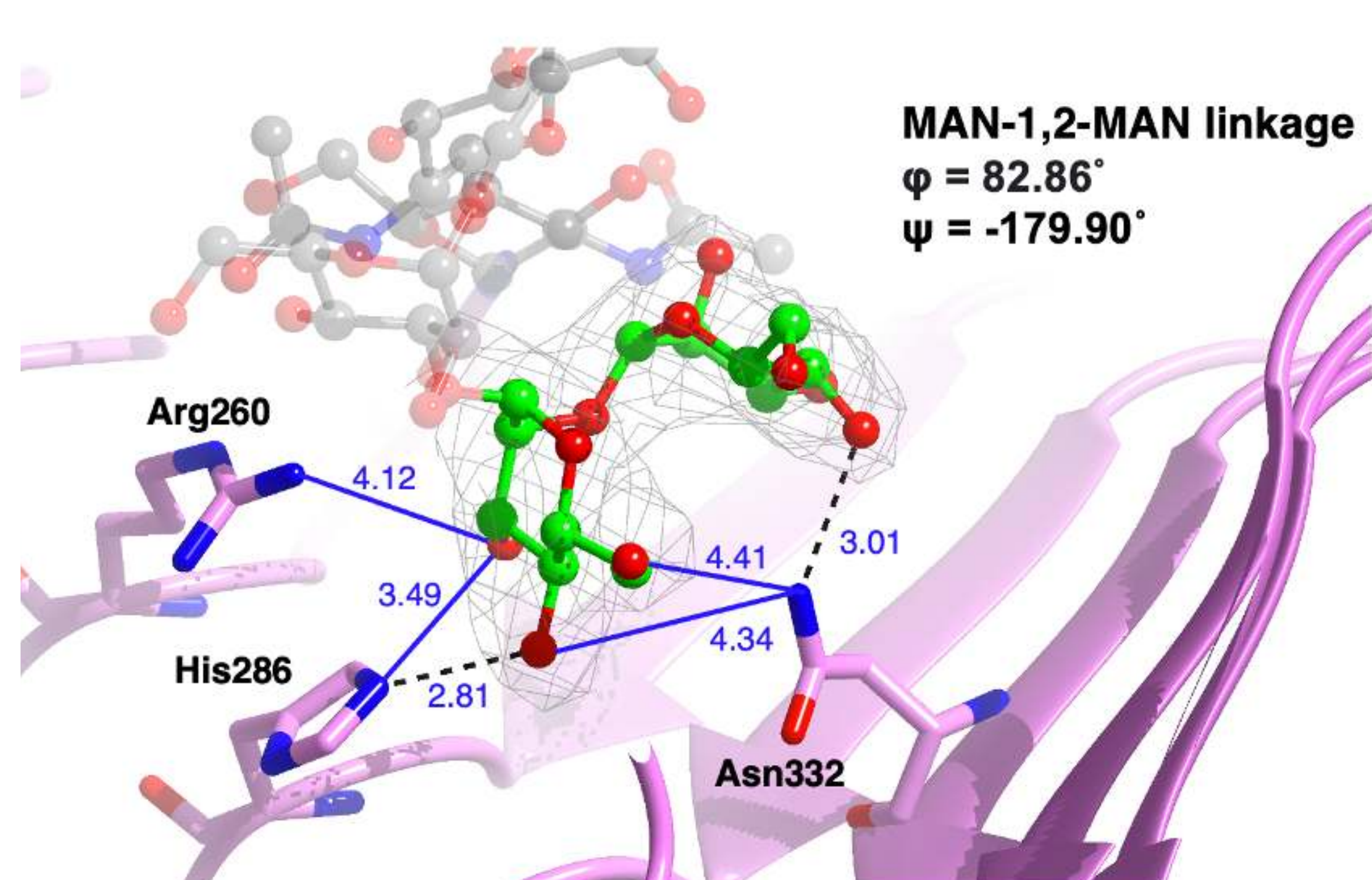
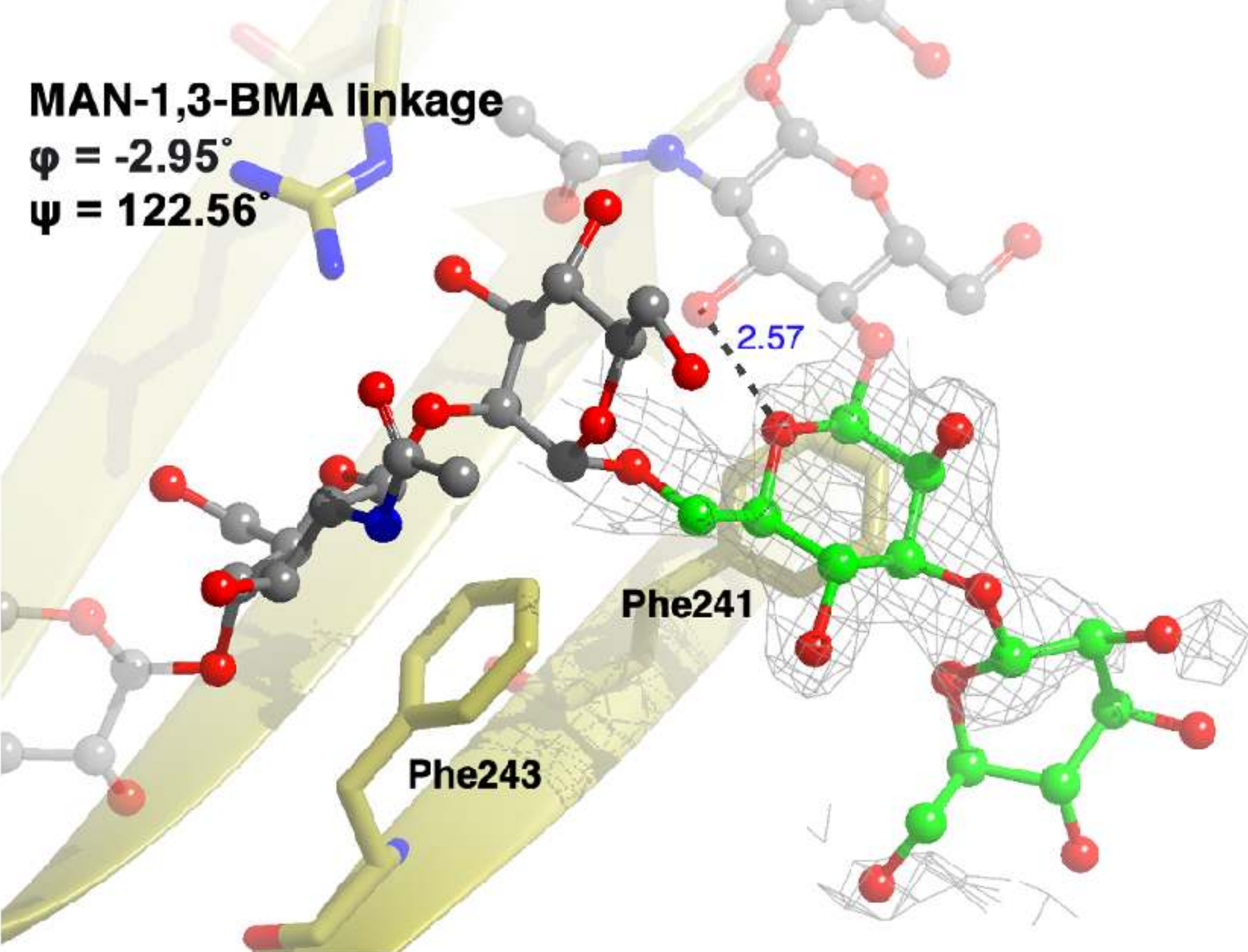
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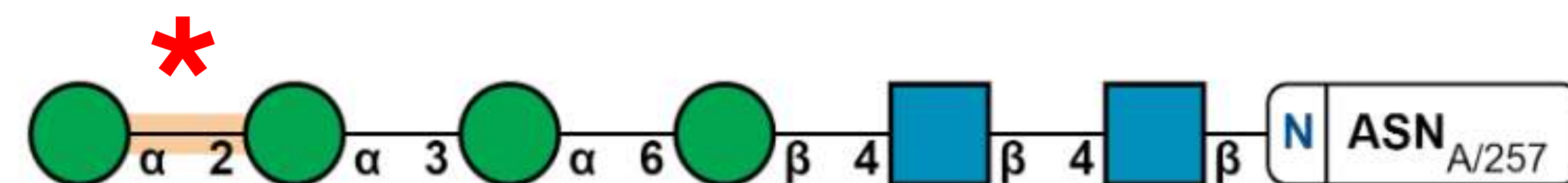








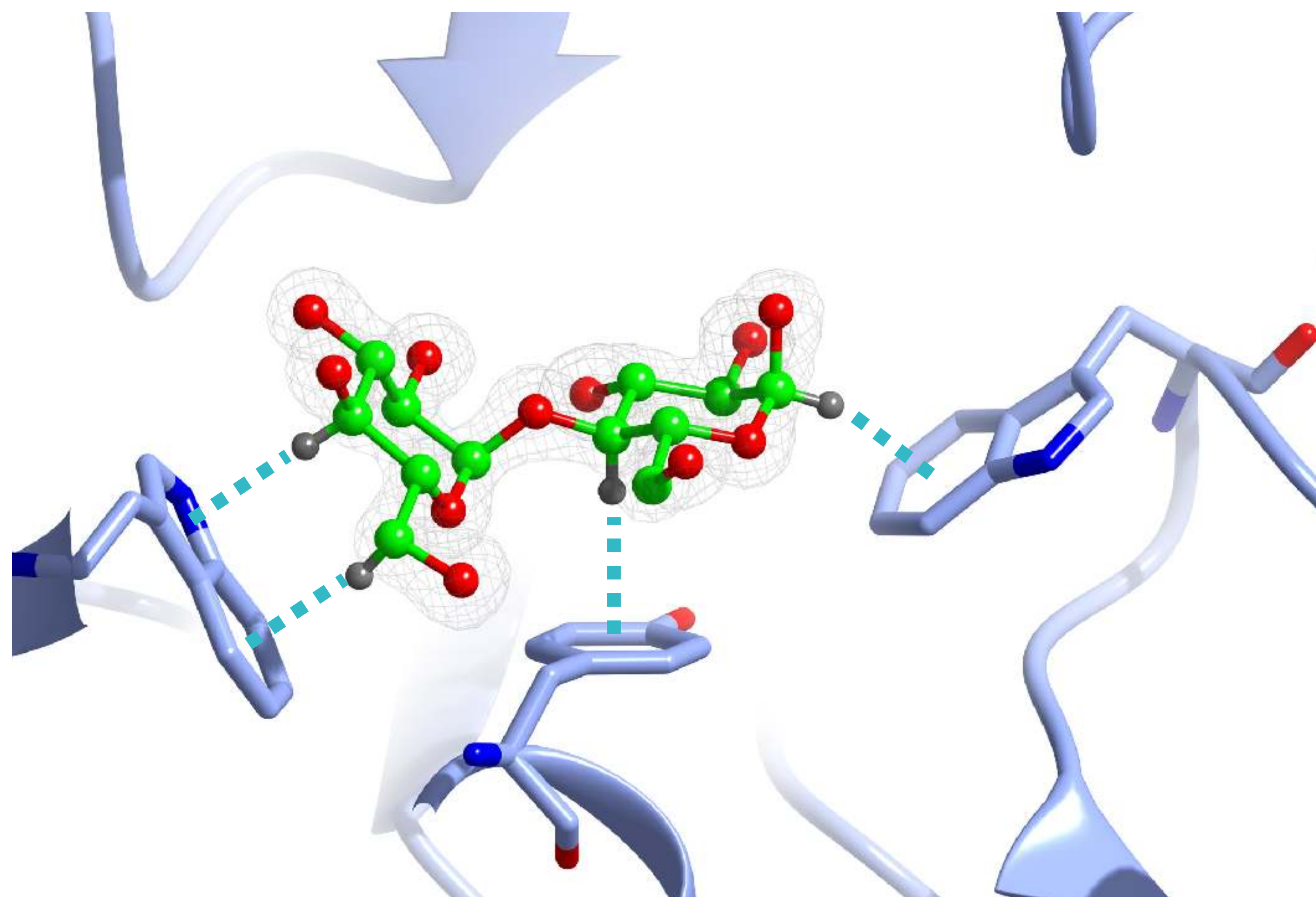
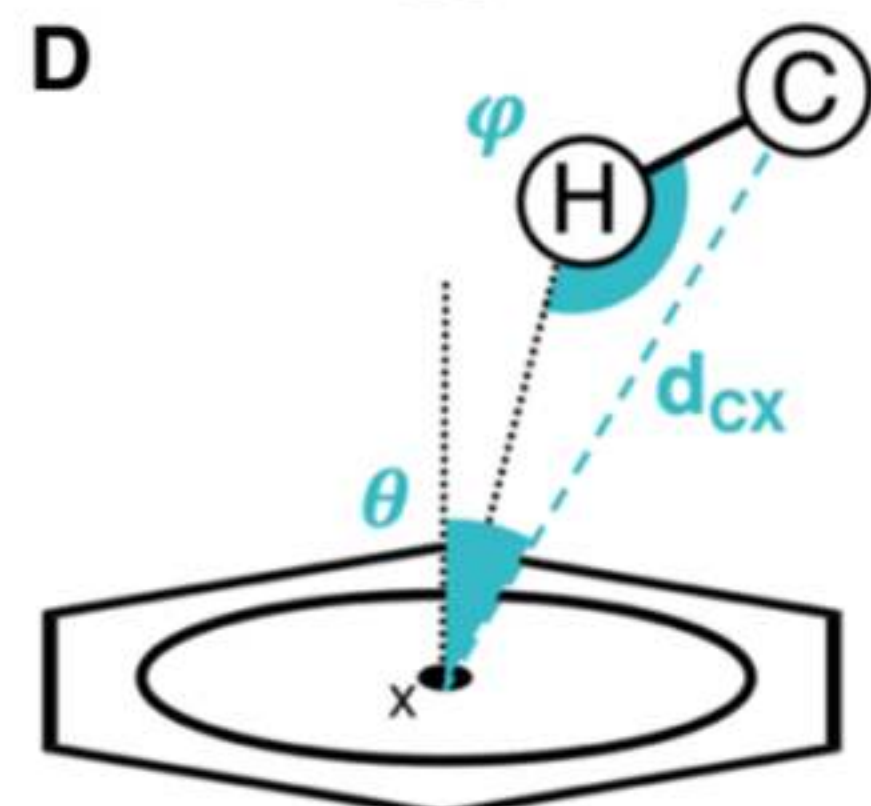
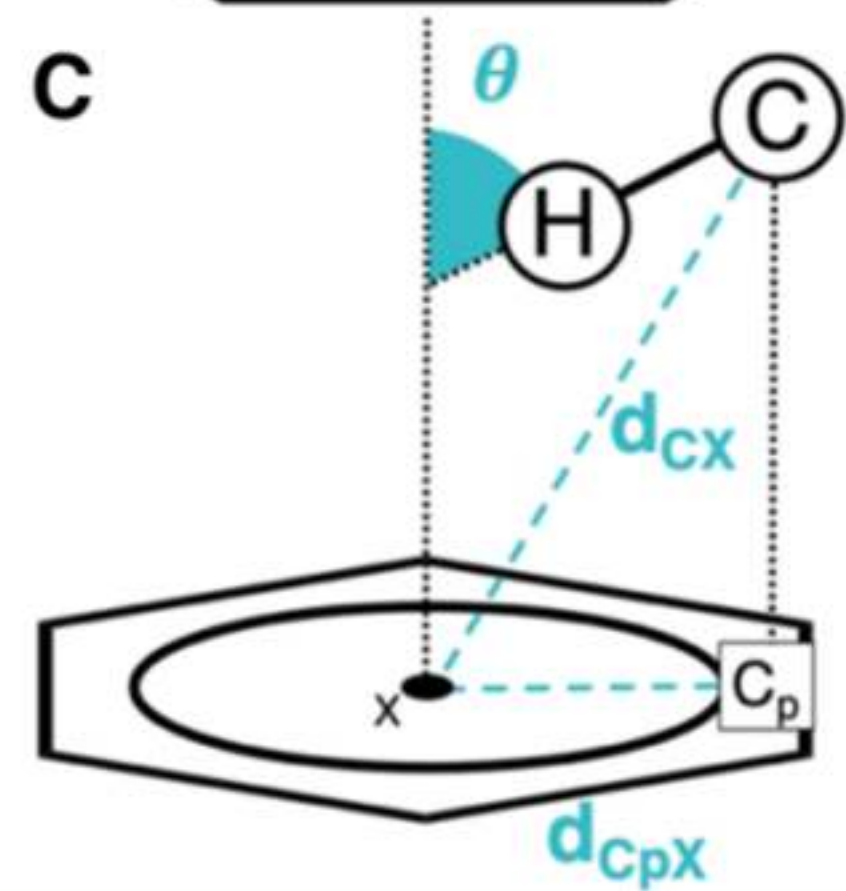
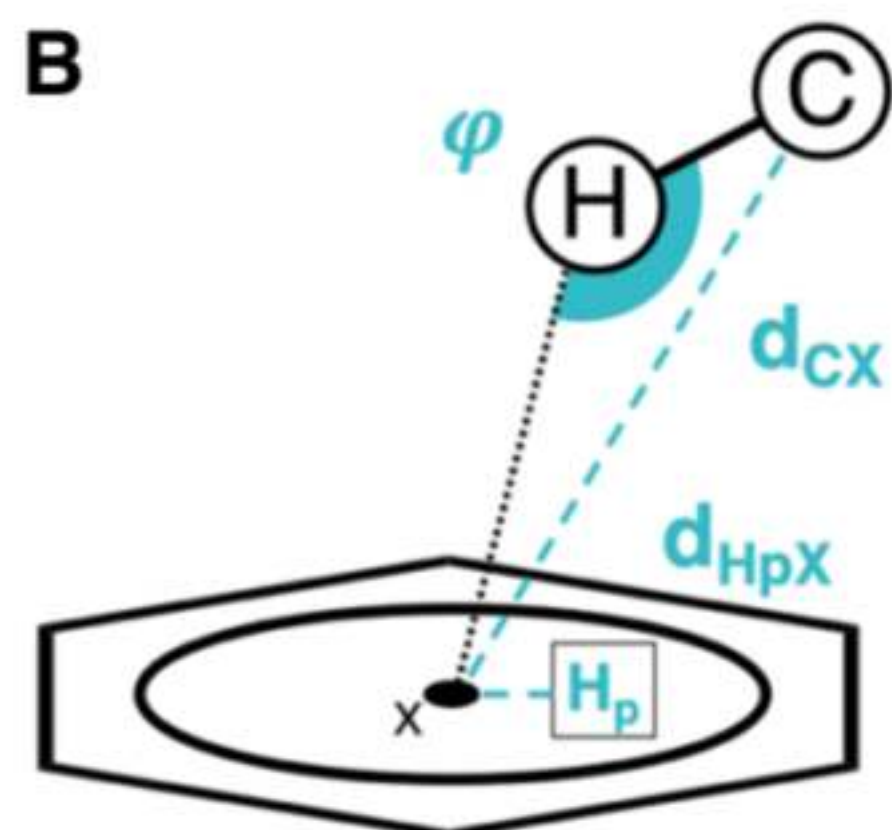
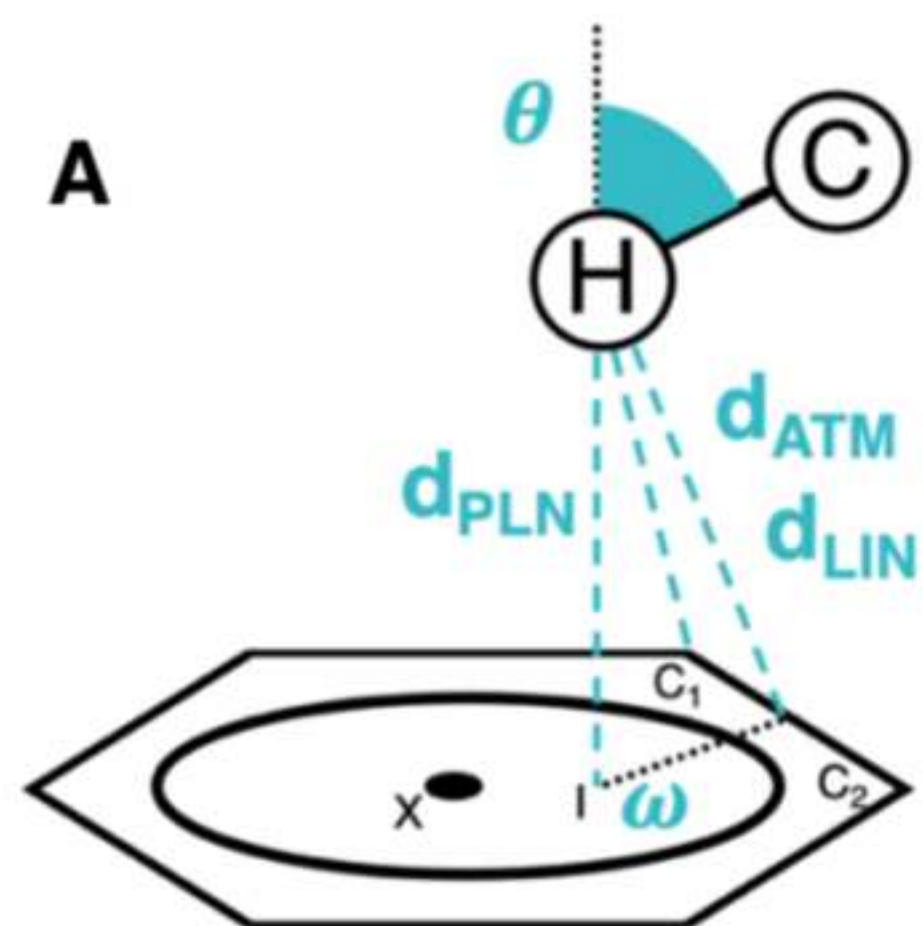
**Anomaly!**



**Well supported by map and interactions**



# Detection of HX-Pi interactions





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## Glycan Details

### Validation Report

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Glytoucan ID: **G42227JK**

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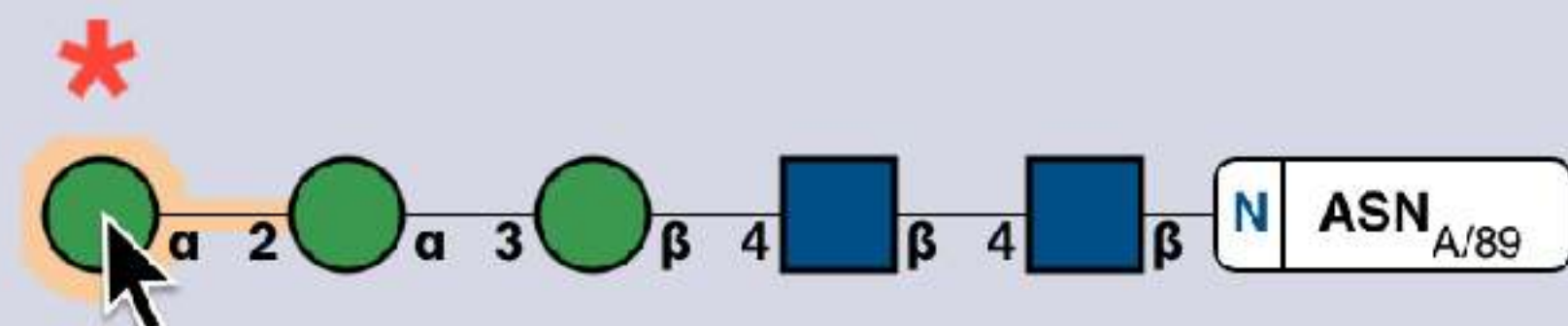
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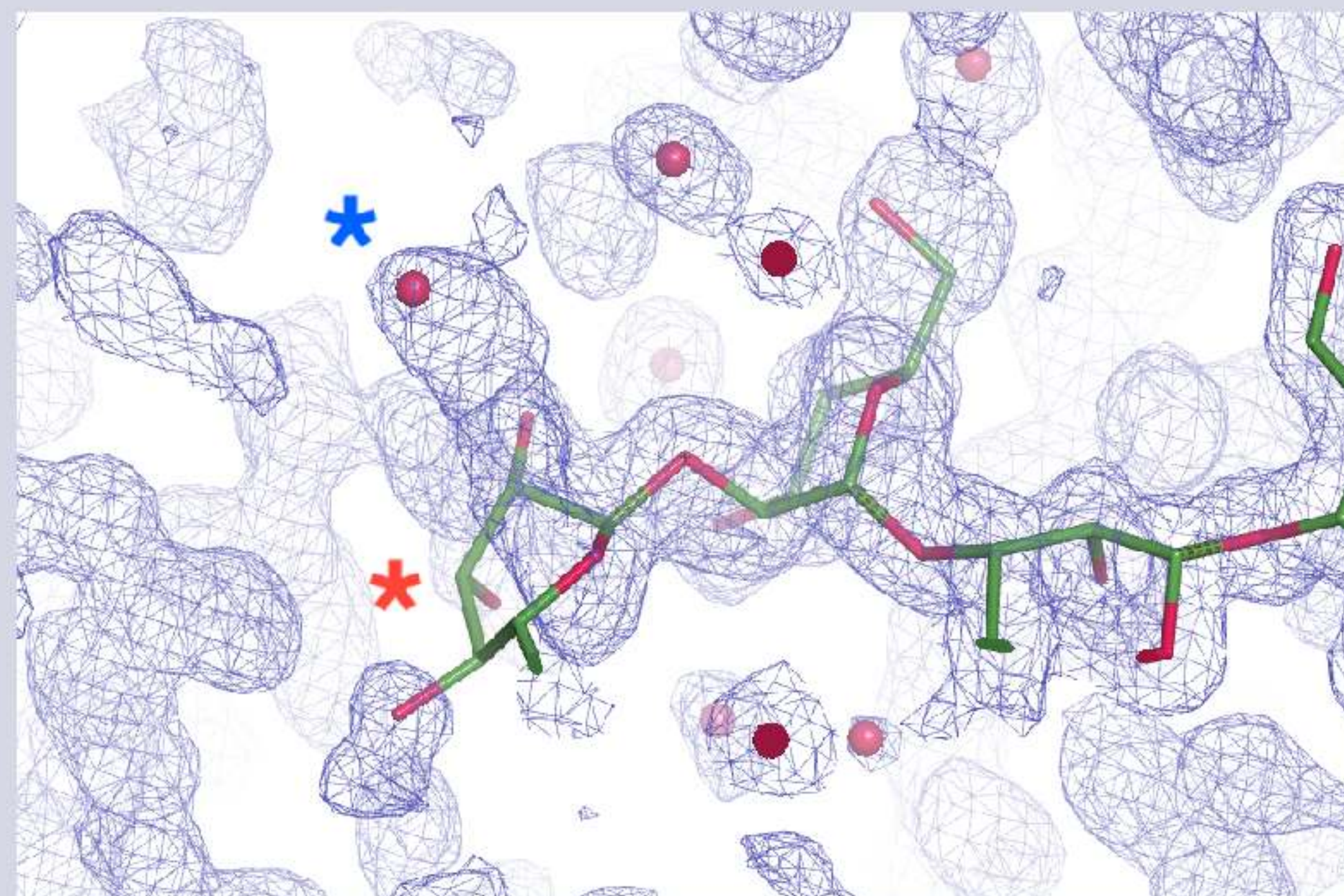
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VAN 5 in 1s5 conformation. Mean B-factor: 52.31. Detected type: alpha-D-aldopyranose. Detected issues: The sugar is in a high-energy conformation; a linkage to see a summary



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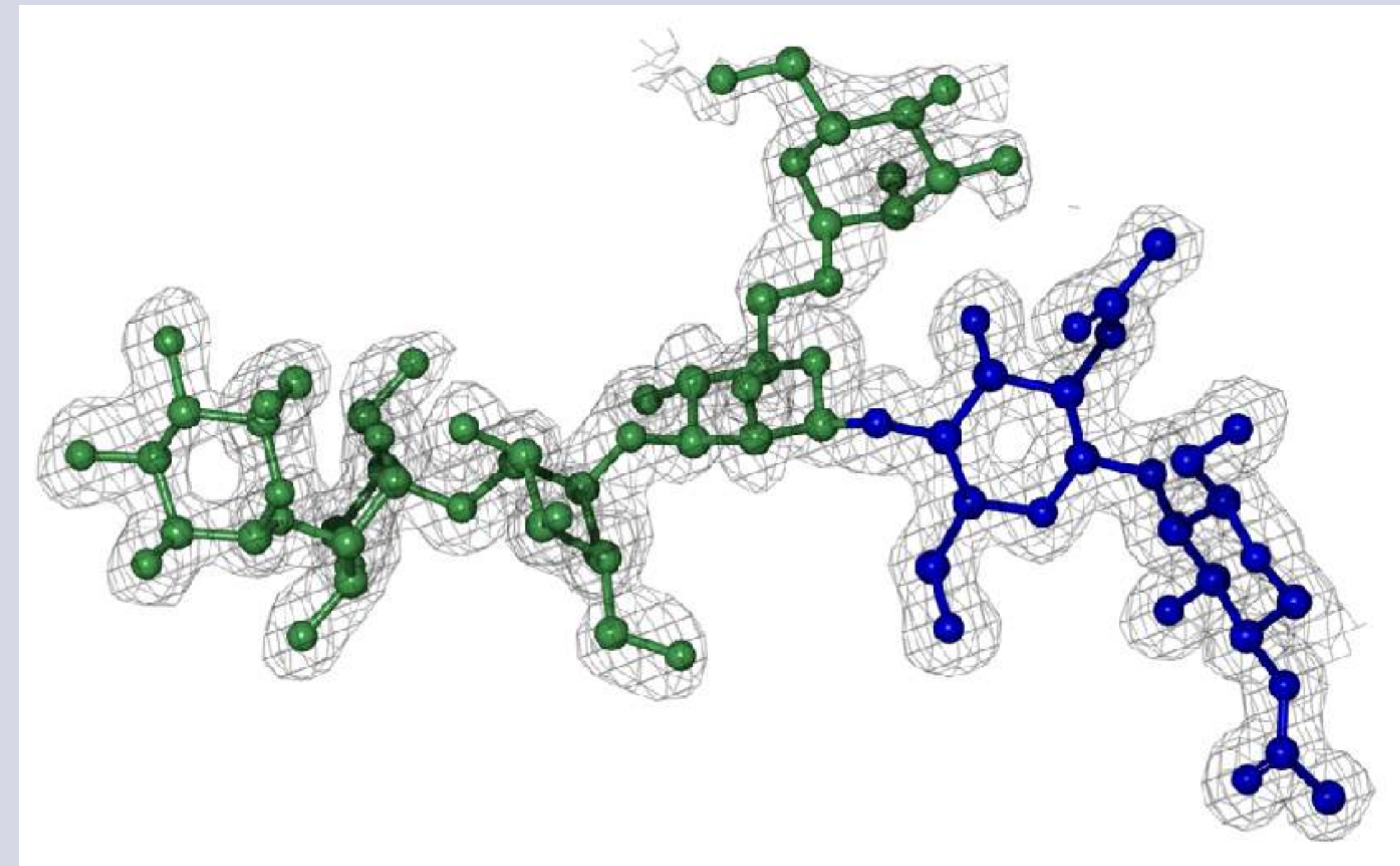
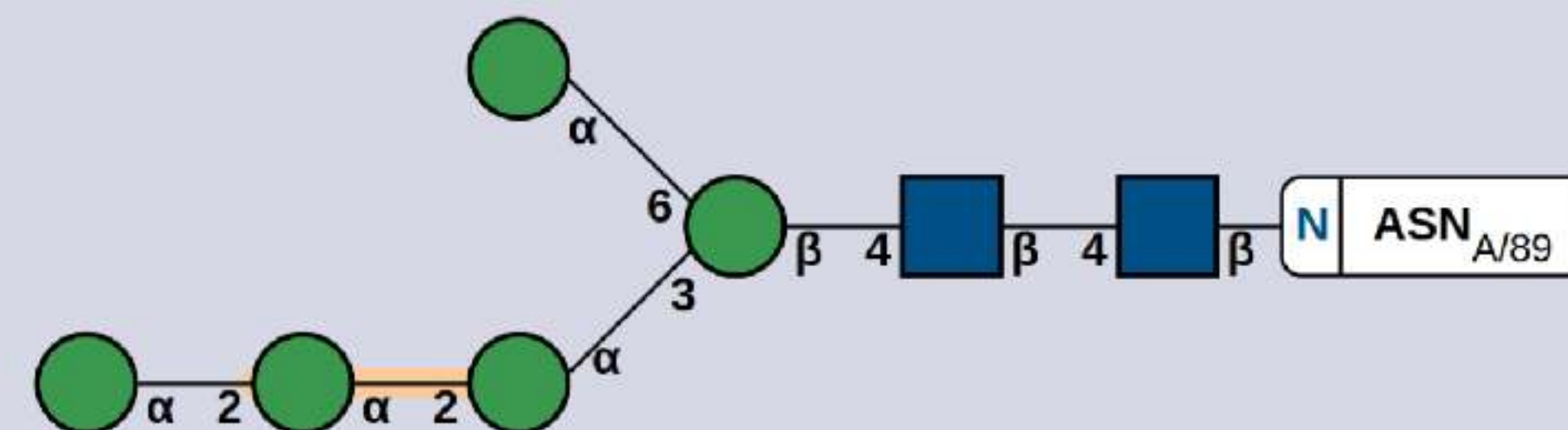
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# Conclusions

- **Glycan composition**

- Always make sure your glycans **match biosynthetic pathways**
- Privateer will check your glycans against glycomics data and suggest **alternatives** if there are inconsistencies

- **Ring conformation**

- High-energy puckers are **almost never true**
- These are usually the result of **modelling errors** or **refinement against poor density**, and need to be corrected

- **Glycosidic link torsions**

- Modelling errors may force links into surprising conformations
- Not all standout conformations are wrong – **check interactions!**





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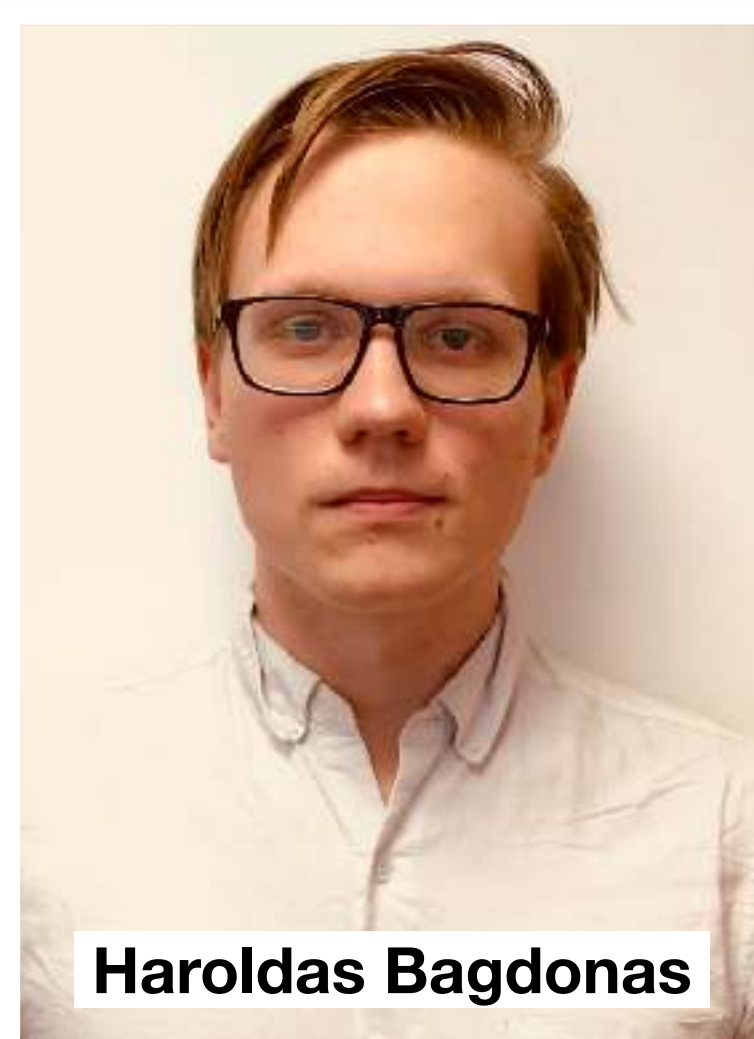
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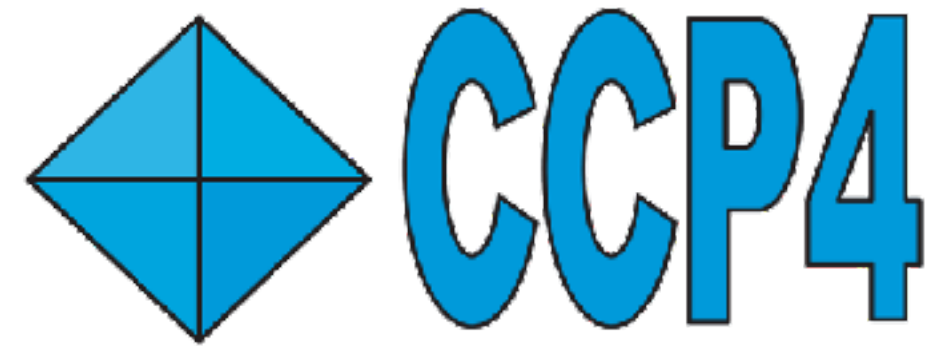
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