



# Experimental and theoretical study of some aromatic molecules: results and challenges

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## The objects:

### *Organic compounds*

- acenaphthene
- naphthalene, anthracene
- rubrene
- *tris*(pentafluorophenyl)(phenylethyl)silane
- flexible *bis*-arenes: Ph-OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O-Ph<sub>f</sub>,  
Naph-OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O-Ph<sub>f</sub>, Anthr-OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O-Ph<sub>f</sub>

### *Organometallic compounds*

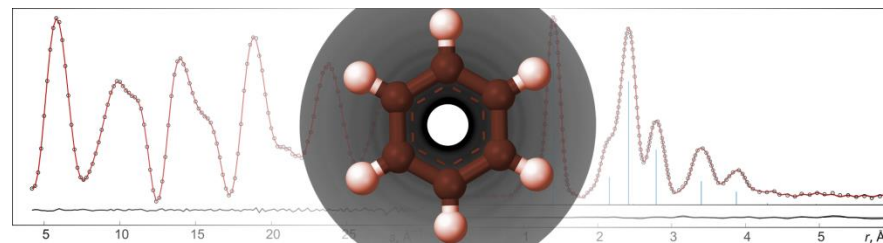
- perfluoro-*ortho*-phenylene mercury
- gold(I) dithiocarboxylate complex

# The methods:



Gas-phase electron diffraction/  
mass-spectrometry,  
EMR-100/APDM-1, Ivanovo  
(Prof. Dr. Georgiy V. Girichev,  
Prof. Dr. Sergey A. Shlykov,  
Dr. Vjacheslav M. Petrov)  
**EXPERIMENT**

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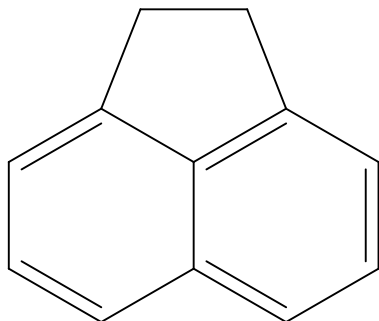


UNEX program (Dr. Yury V. Vishnevskiy)  
**REFINEMENT OF THE EXPERIMENTAL  
GED DATA**

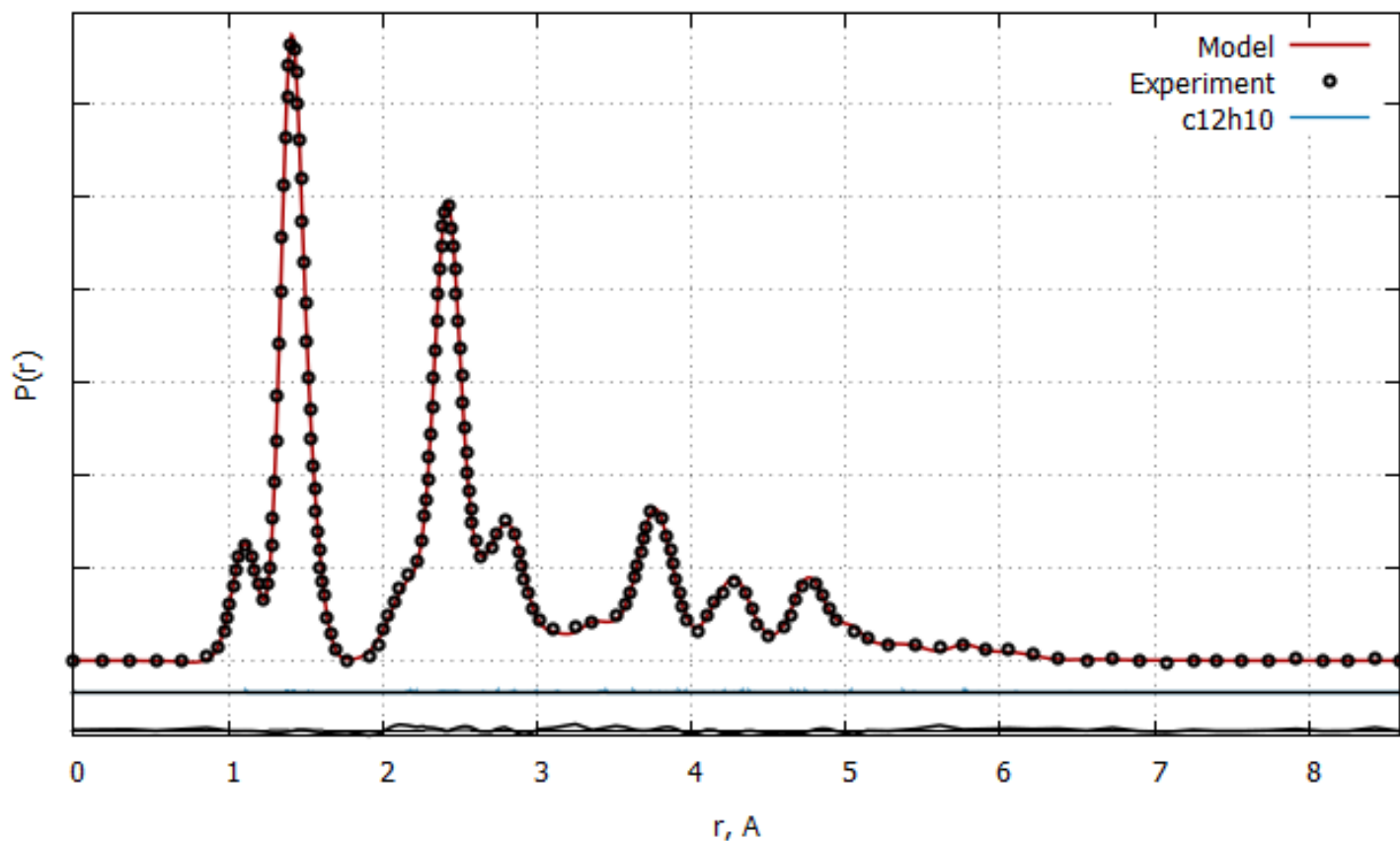
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**QUANTUM-CHEMICAL CALCULATIONS,**  
including:  
➤ **Natural Bond Orbital** analysis (NBO)  
➤ **Quantum Theory of Atoms In Molecules**  
(QTAIM)

# Acenaphthene

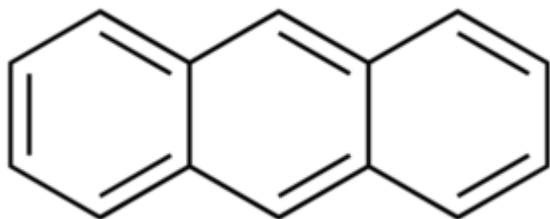


The first case of the **complete** refinement of GED experimental data from Ivanovo with use of UNEX program.

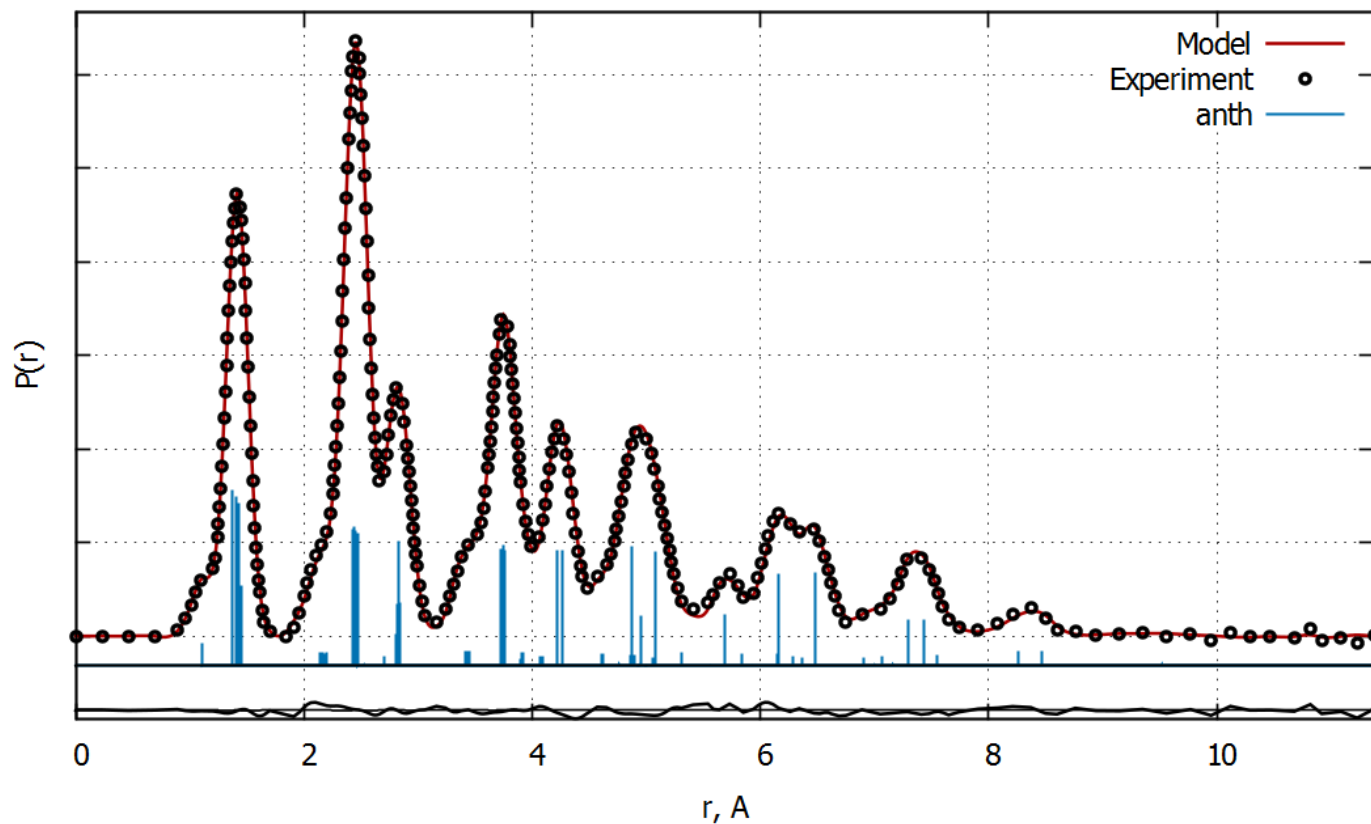


- $R_f = 3.92\%$  (GED)
- $R_f = 3.86\%$  (GED+MW)

# Anthracene

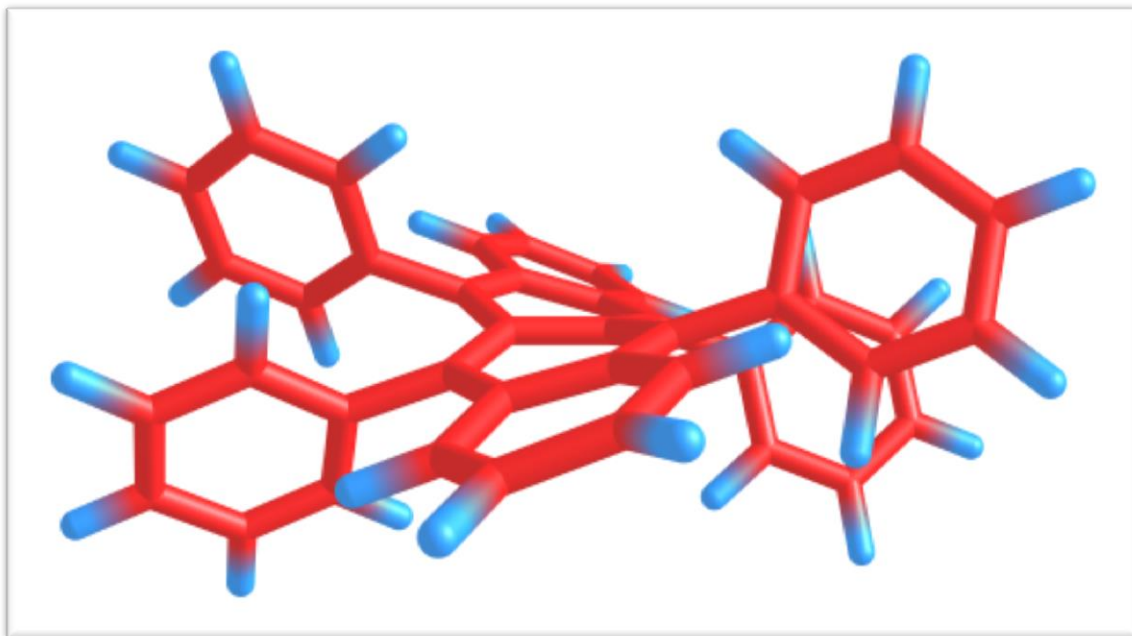


Very simple molecule, but challenging for the previous GED studies...



- $R_f = 4.36 \%$  (GED)

# Rubrene

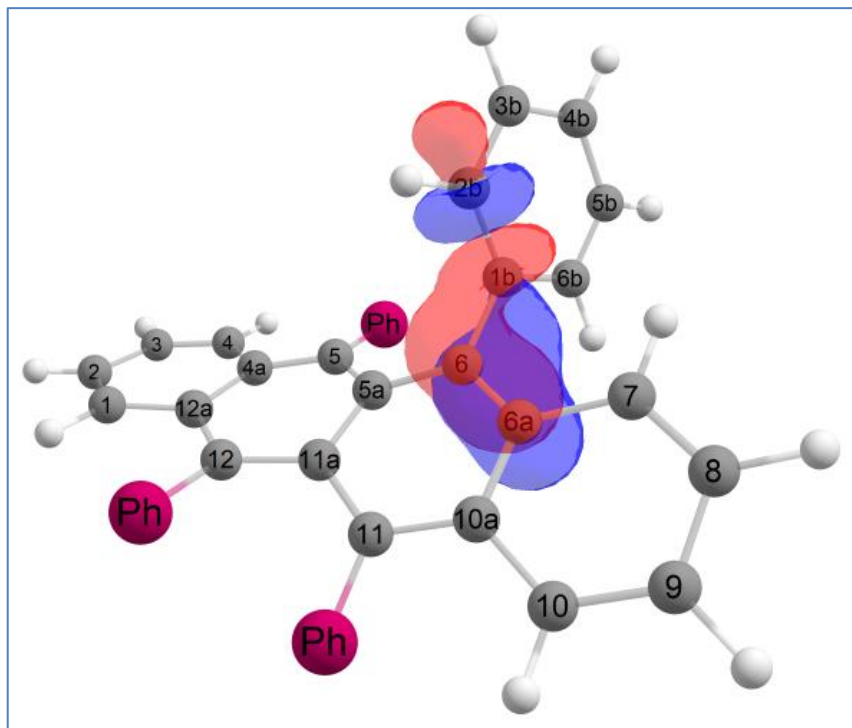


Equilibrium structure is *twist*-distorted

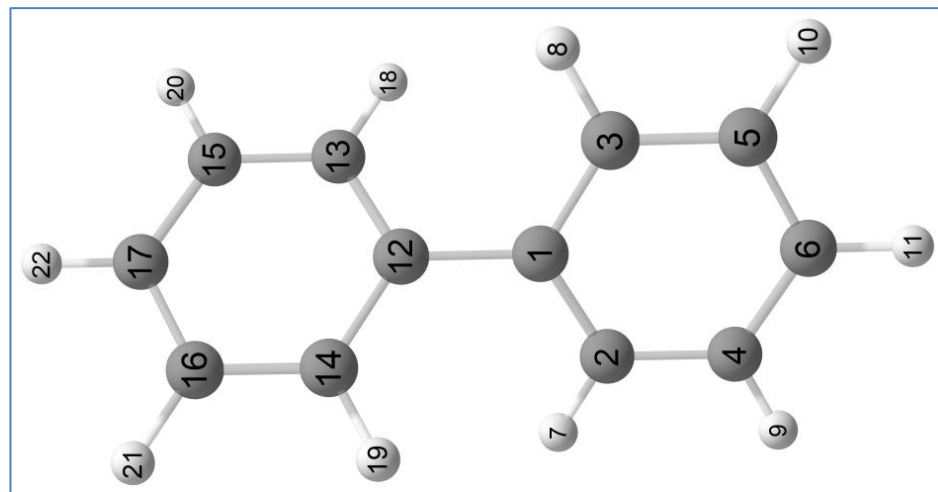
@ B3LYP/cc-pVTZ

| Structure                         | D <sub>2h</sub> | C <sub>2h</sub> | D <sub>2</sub> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| $\Delta E$ , kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> | 28.3            | 16.3            | 0.0            |
| # of imaginary frequencies        | 2               | 1               | 0              |

# NBO-analysis and comparison with Ph-Ph:

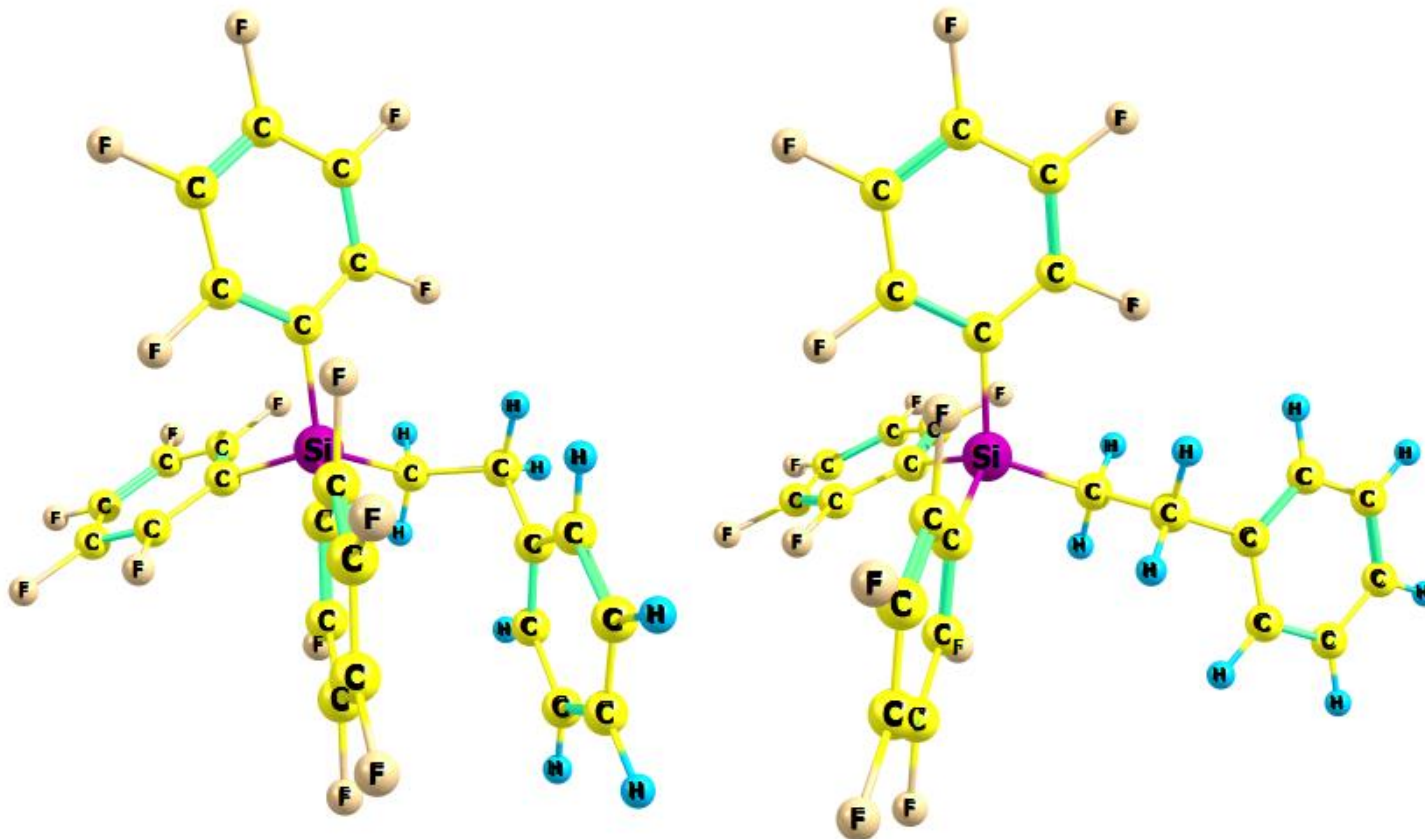


$$E^{(2)}_{\text{sum}} = 25.6 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$$



| Ph-Ph   |           |             |            |
|---|-----------|-------------|------------|
| $\tau / ^\circ$                               | $0^\circ$ | $40^\circ$  | $90^\circ$ |
| $E^{(2)}_{\text{sum}} / \text{kcal mol}^{-1}$ | 42.4      | <b>34.6</b> | 22.1       |
| $\Delta E / \text{kcal mol}^{-1}$             | 10.2      | <b>0.0</b>  | 9.3        |

# *tris*(pentafluorophenyl)(phenylethyl)silane



A

B

$\Delta E$ , kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

0

9.2

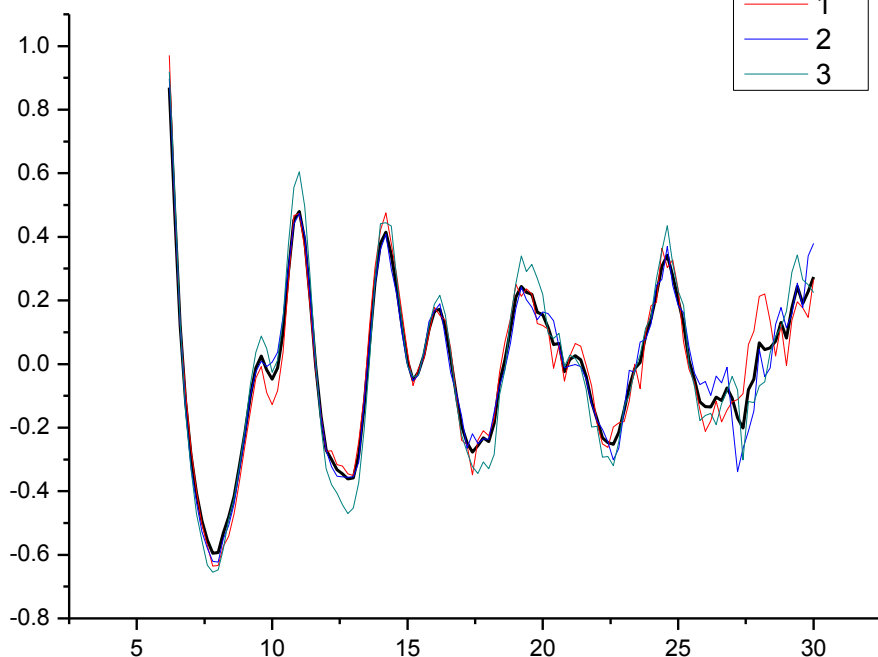
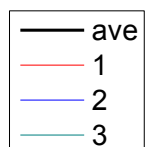
@ PBE0-D3/cc-pVTZ



# *tris*(pentafluorophenyl)(phenylethyl)silane

GED experiment, Bielefeld

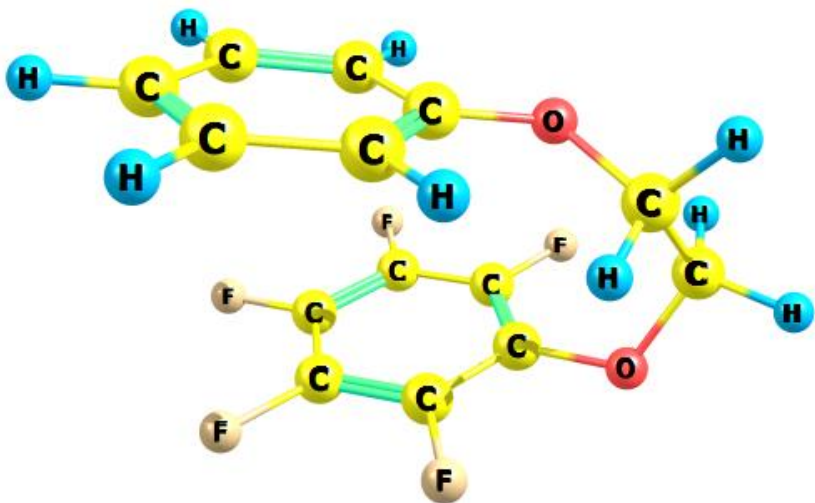
|                          | Long distance | Medium distance |
|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| $R_{f, \text{exp}} / \%$ | 3.5           | 16.6            |



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will be remeasured

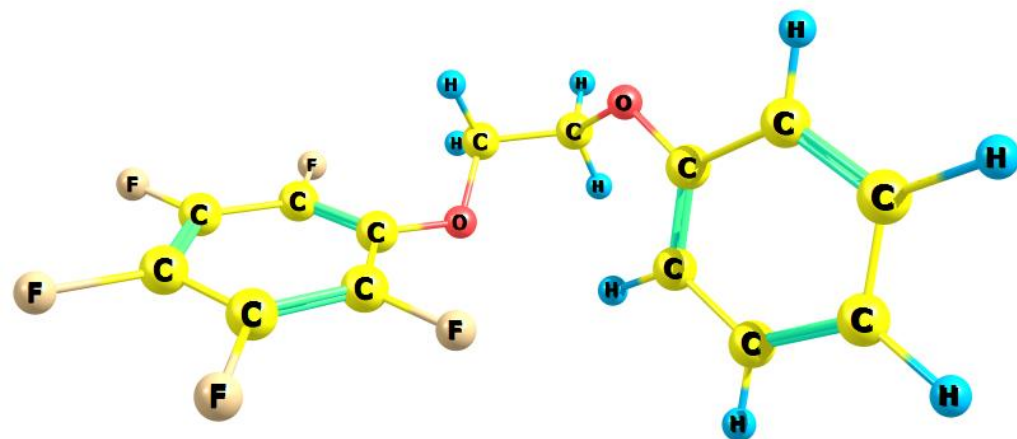
3 sM(s) curves differ significantly from one another and the average curve

# 1-(pentafluorophenoxy)-2-(phenoxy)ethane (Ph-OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O-Ph<sub>f</sub>)



A

0



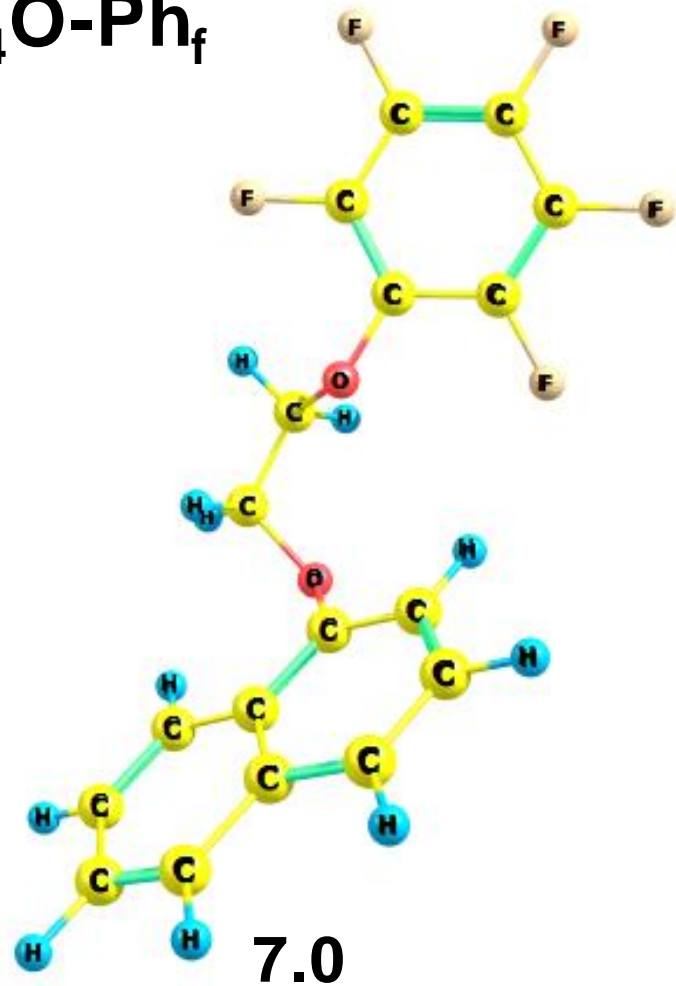
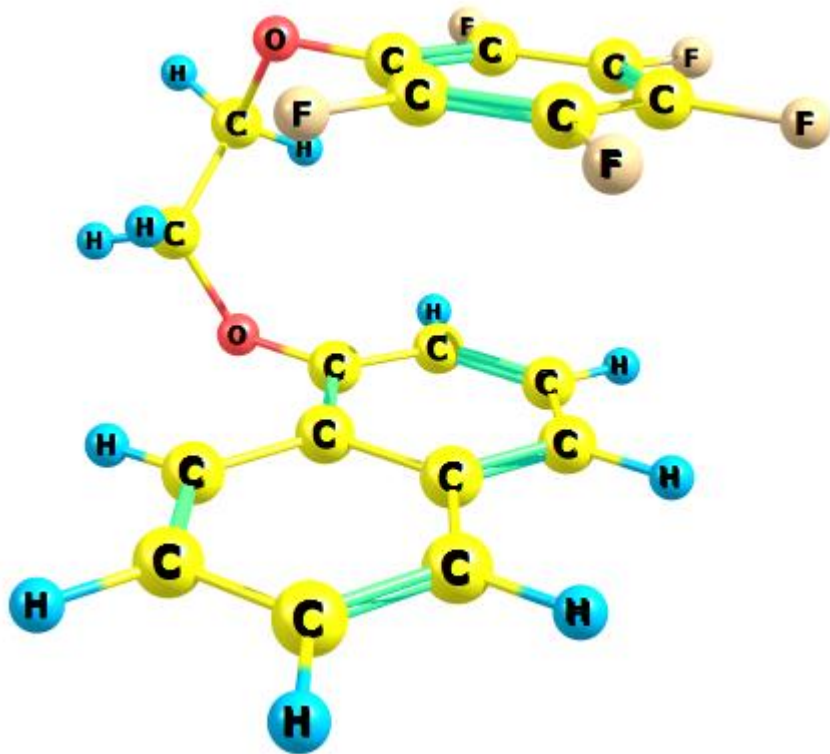
B

9.2

$\Delta E, \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$

@ PBE0-D3/cc-pVTZ

# Naph-OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O-Ph<sub>f</sub>



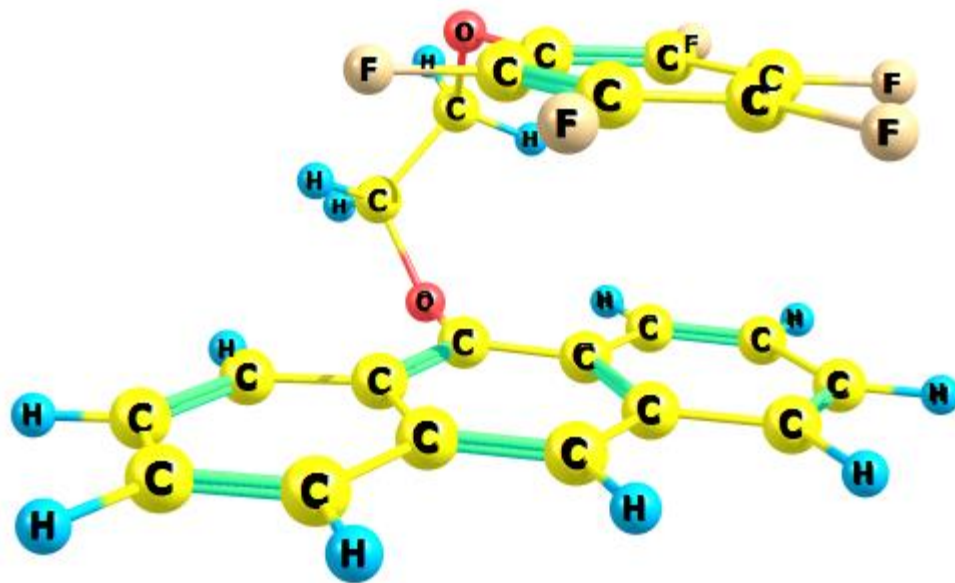
$\Delta E$ , kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>

0

7.0

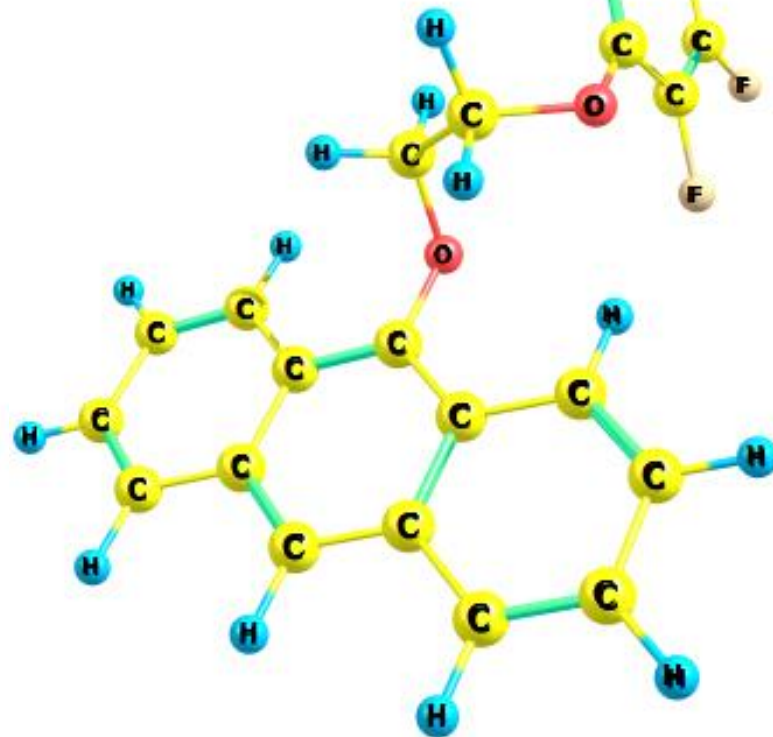
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# Anthr-OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O-Ph<sub>f</sub>



$\Delta E, \text{kJ mol}^{-1}$

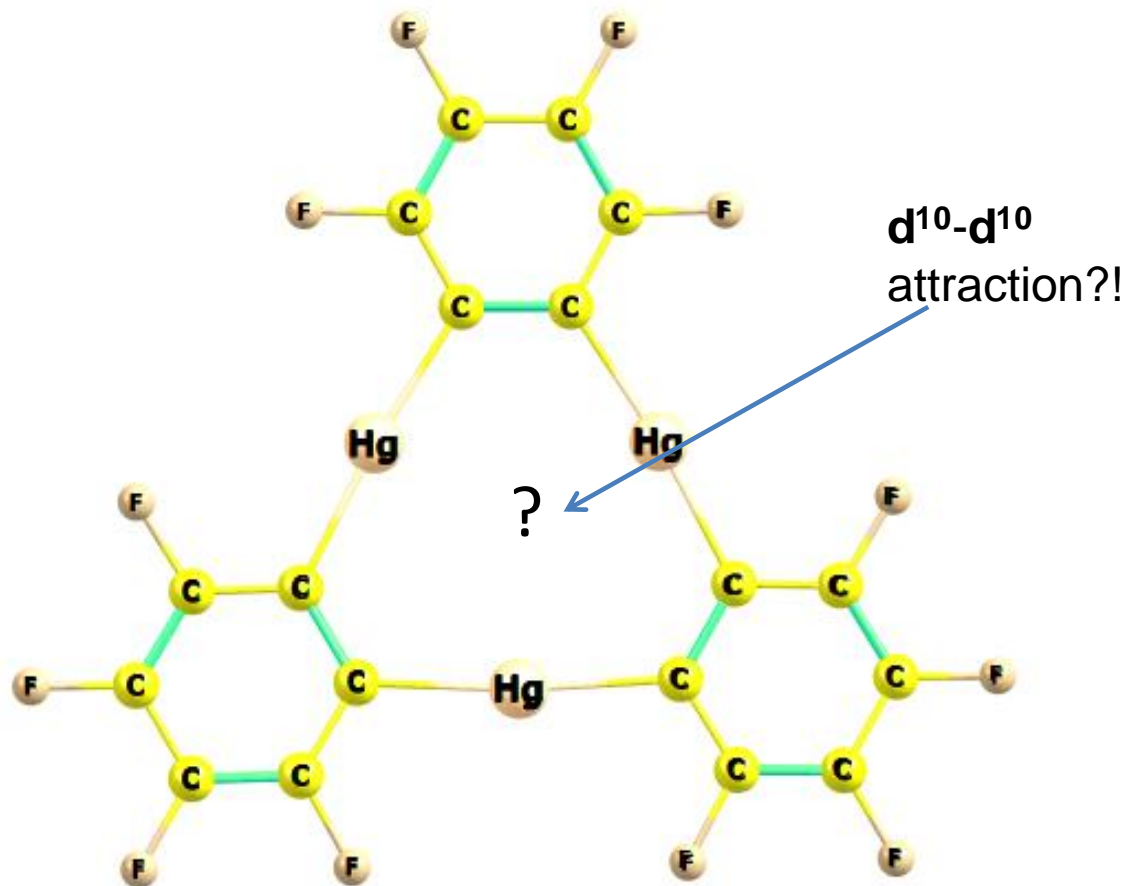
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13.1

@ PBE0-D3/cc-pVTZ

# (perfluoro-*ortho*-phenylene) mercury



- Quantum chemistry:  
NO
- AIM:  
NO
- GED:  
???

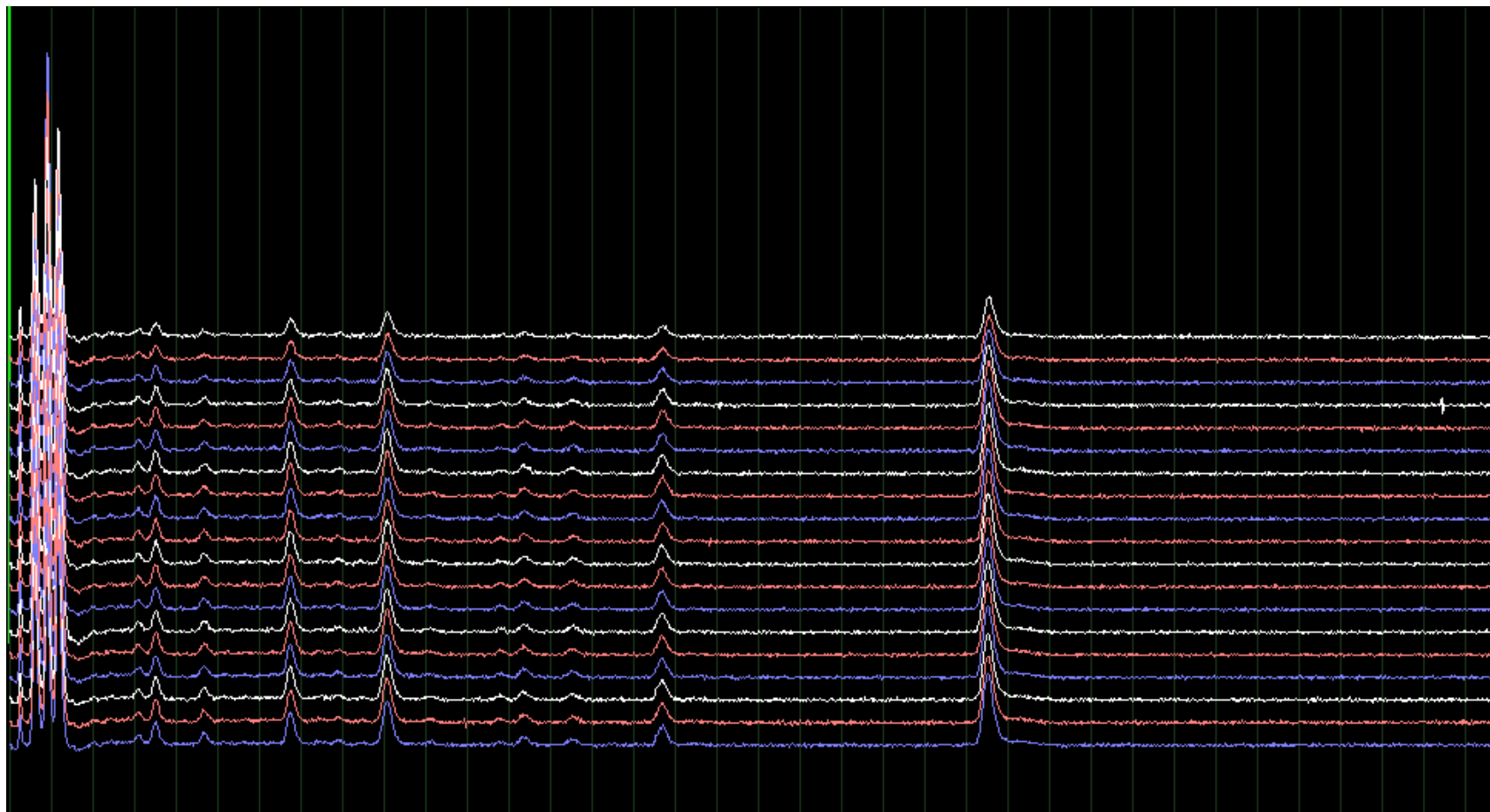
## Problems of the GED refinement:

|  | Long distance | Short distance |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| $R_{f, \text{exp}} / \%$ (photometric treatment) | 25.7          | 54.6           |
| $R_{f, \text{exp}} / \%$ (scanner treatment)     | 13.8          | 15.1           |

these very large values make  
a successful refinement impossible  
from the beginning...

What is the reason of these disagreements within the sets of the  
experimental data?

# Vapor composition during the GED/MS experiment

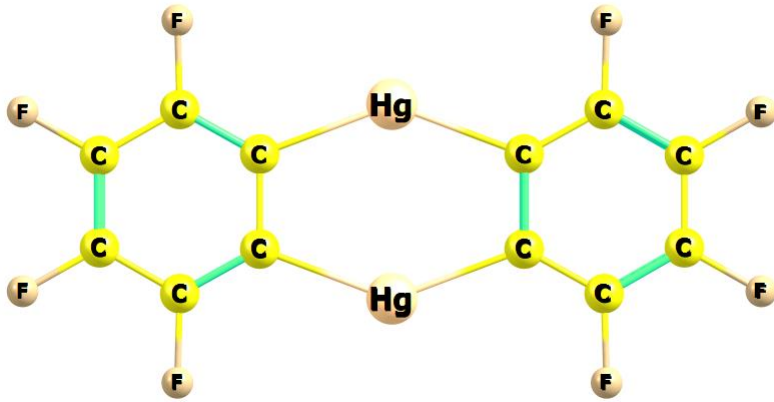


Mass-spectrum is highly reproducible

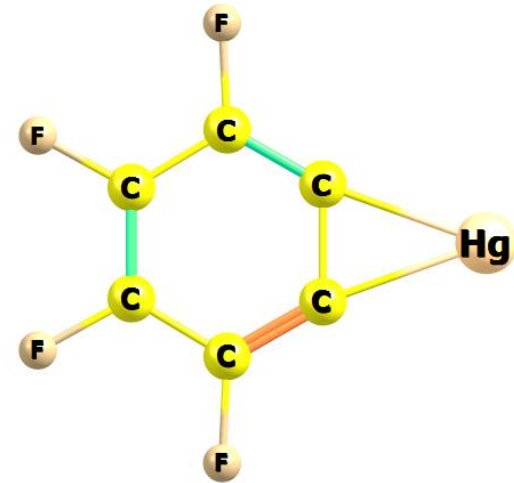
Any products of thermal decomposition  
in the vapor?



incompleteness of the model



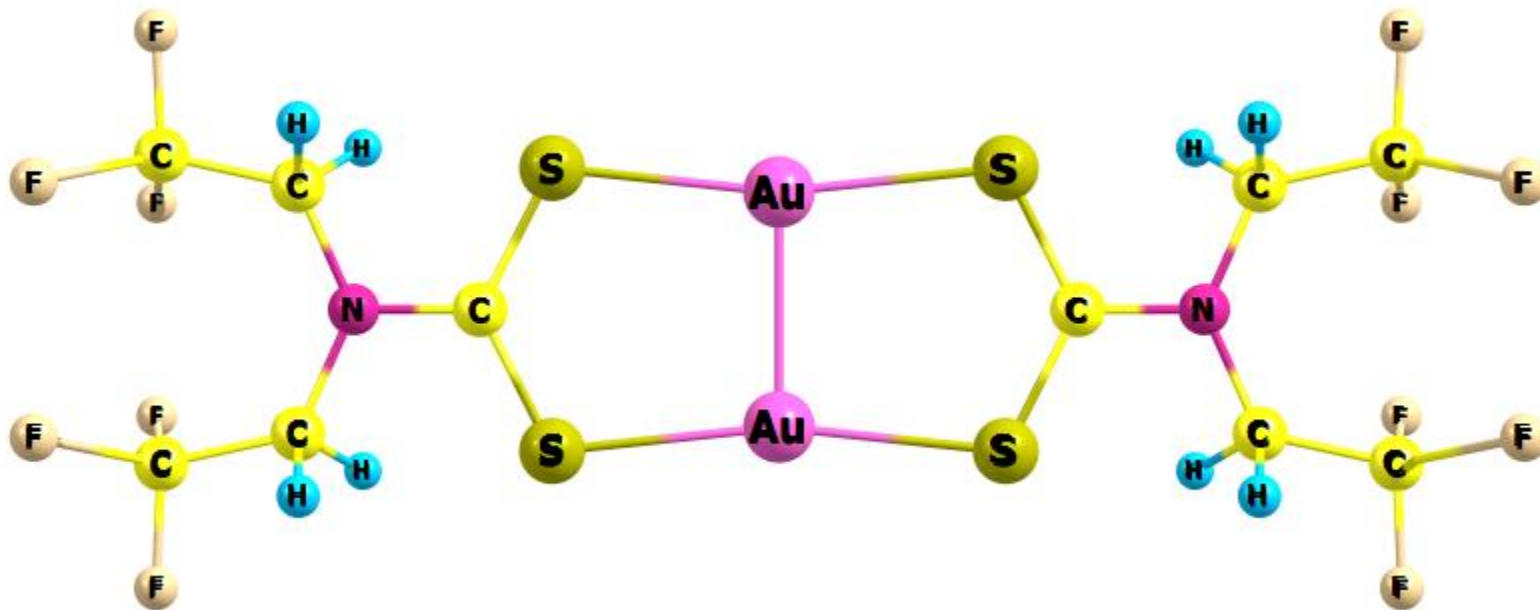
Or



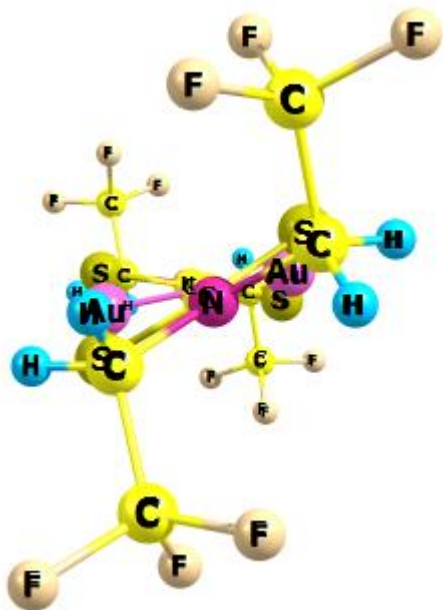
including of these species to the model  
did not result in improvement of the  $R_f$



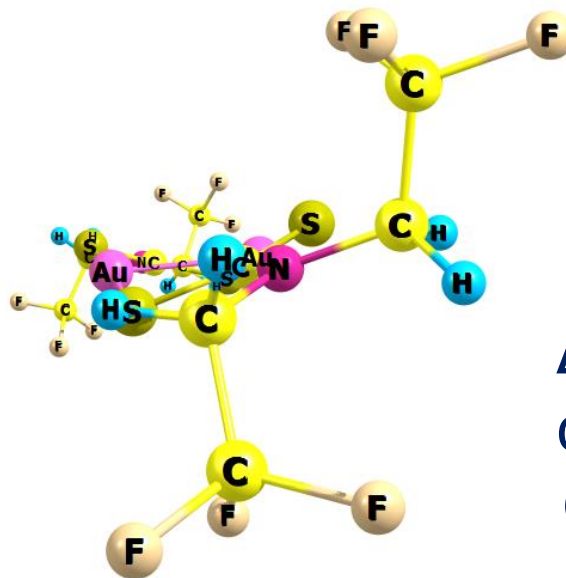
# Gold(I) dithiocarboxylate complex



Another promising candidate for  $d^{10}$ - $d^{10}$  attraction in the gas phase

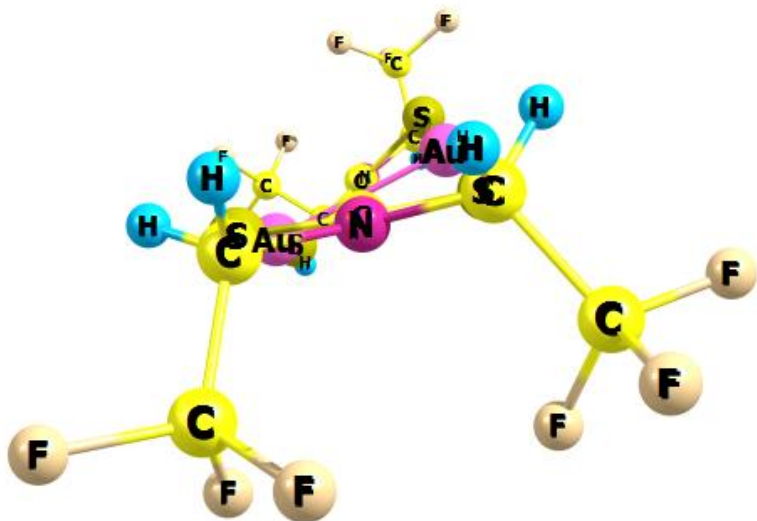


1)  $D_2$  (0 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>; 36 %)

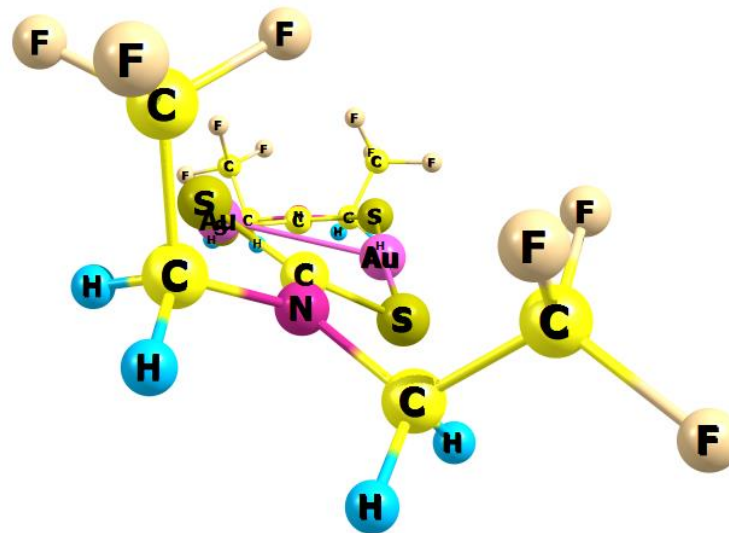


2)  $C_2$  (0.54 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>; 64 %)

$\Delta E$  and  
conformer ratio  
@ 453 K



3)  $C_2$  (7.87 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>; 0 %)



4)  $C_2$  (8.00 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>; 0 %)

| Molecule(s)   | What has been done                        | Current state  |
|---|---|--|
| Acenaphthene  | GED, GED+MW, QC (+NBO), MS                | manuscript in preparation                                      |
| Naphthalene, anthracene   | GED (Ivanovo), QC (+NBO)                  | GED+MW refinement in progress...; GED (Bielefeld) is to follow |
| Rubrene   | QC (+NBO)                                 | GED/MS (Ivanovo) and GED (Bielefeld?!) is to follow            |
| <i>tris</i> (pentafluorophenyl) (phenylethyl)silane   | QC, preliminary treatment of the GED data | GED (Bielefeld, MD) is to follow                               |
| Ph-OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O-Ph <sub>f</sub> ;<br>Naph-OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O-Ph <sub>f</sub> ;<br>Anthr-OC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> -Ph <sub>f</sub> | QC  | GED (Ivanovo) is to follow                                     |

| Molecule(s)                                | What has been done                        | Current state   |
|--|---|---|
| perfluoro- <i>ortho</i> -phenylene mercury | GED/MS (failed), QC (+AIM)                | MS study at different $U_{\text{ion}}$ is to follow...      |
| Gold (I) dithiocarboxylate                 | GED (Bielefeld), QC (preliminary results) | GED refinement of the 2-conformer mixture is in progress... |

**Thank you for your attention!**