

# **Structural Chemistry of Hal-C(NO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>: GED vs. XRD**

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## Electron Diffraction Study of Gaseous $\text{CH}(\text{NO}_2)_3$ and $\text{CCl}(\text{NO}_2)_3$

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$$r_a(\text{Cl-C}) = 1.712(4) \text{ \AA}$$

$\text{CCl}_4$ : 1.767(2);       $\text{CCl}_3\text{NO}_2$ : 1.726(5);       $\text{CCl}_2(\text{NO}_2)_2$ : 1.757(8)

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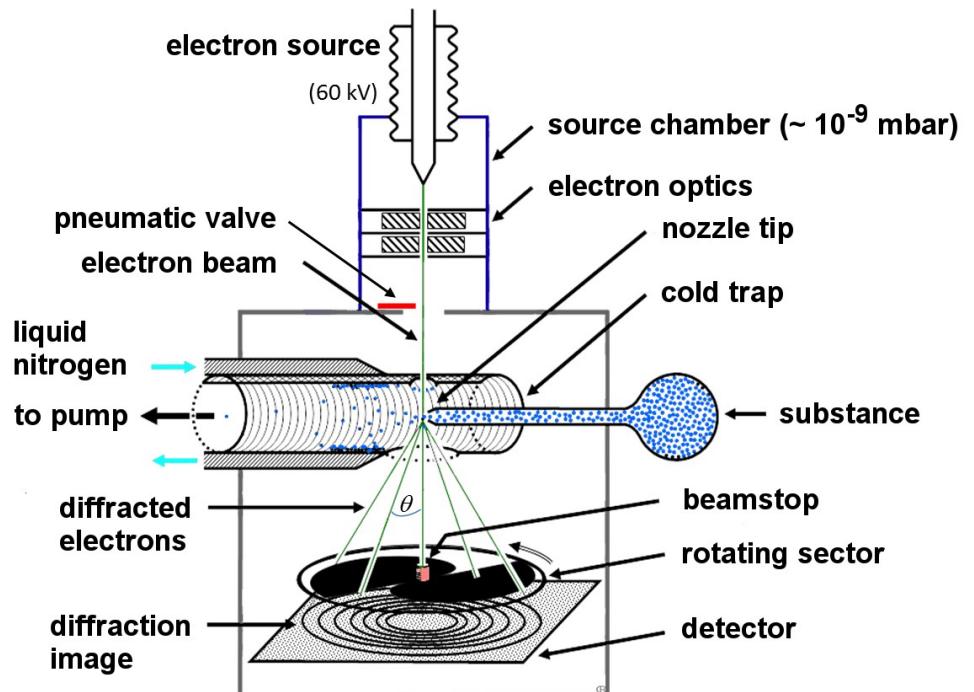
## Chlorotrinitromethane and its exceptionally short carbon-chlorine bond

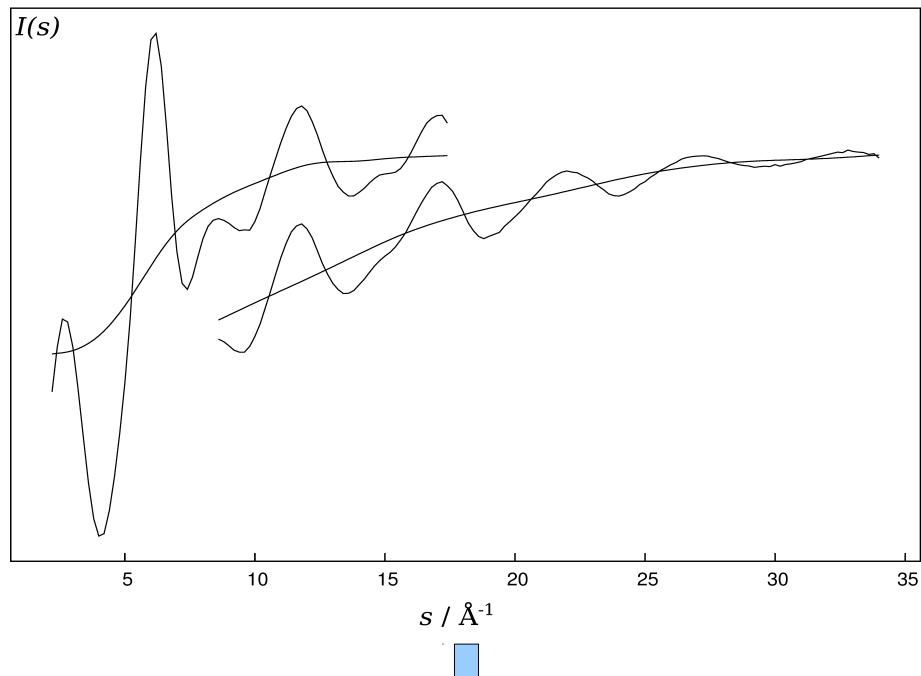
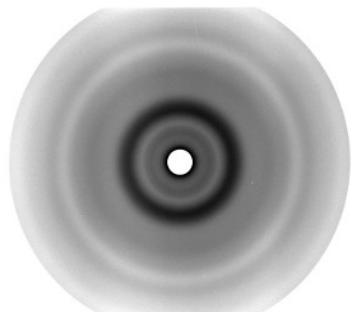
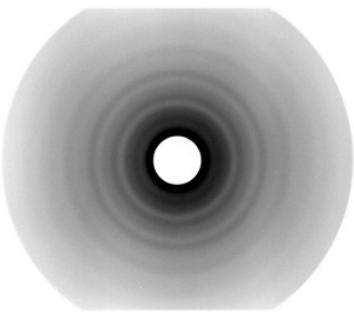
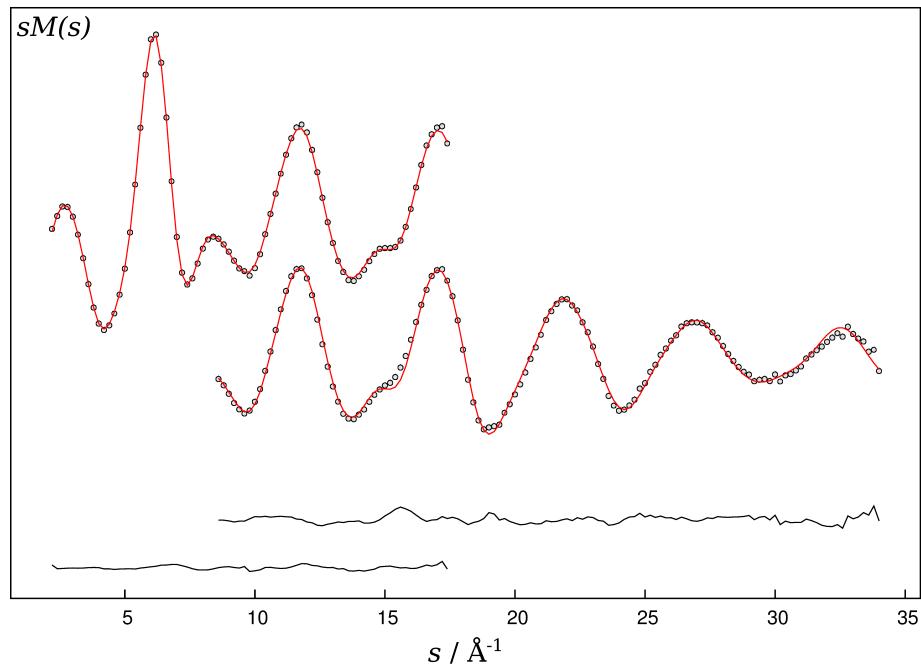
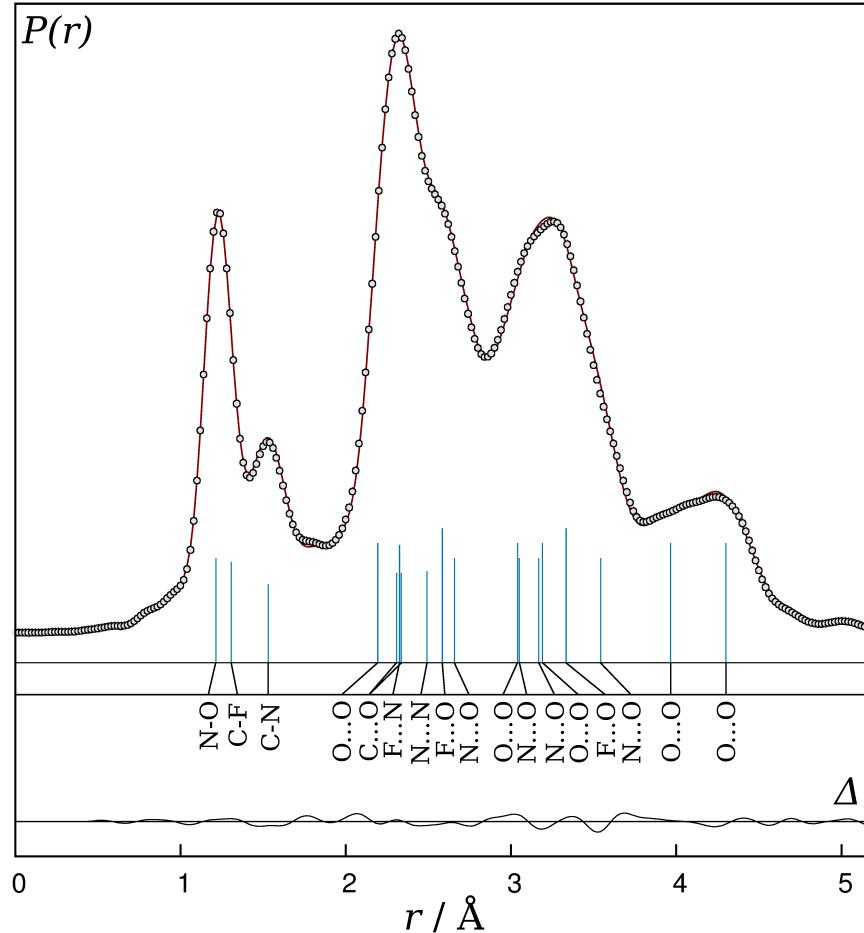
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$$r_a(\text{Cl-C}) = 1.694(1) \text{ \AA}$$

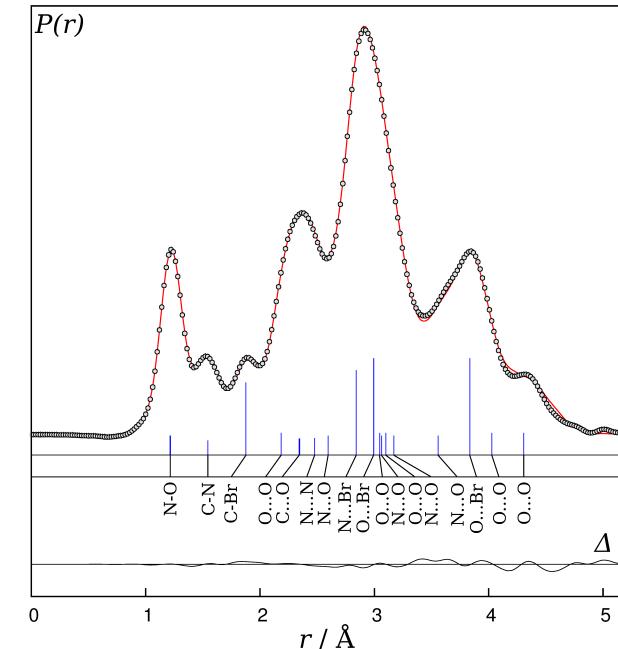
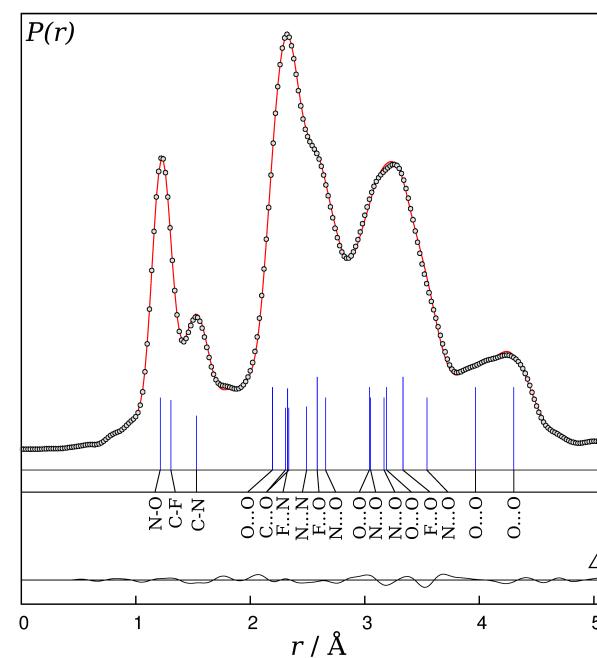
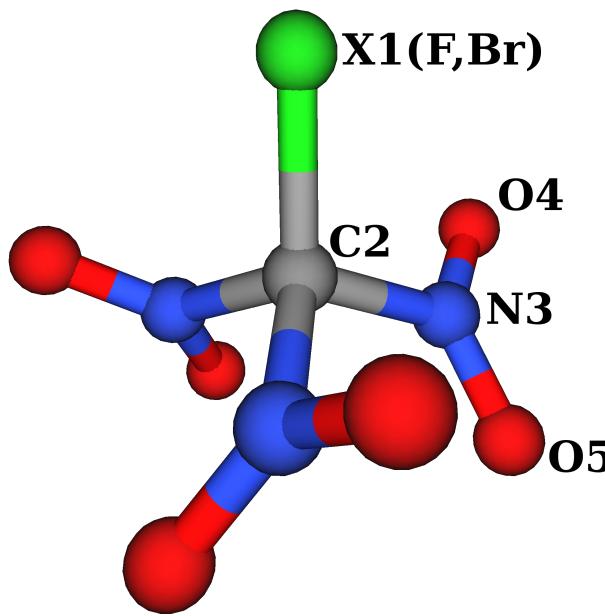
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# GED Instrument in Bielefeld



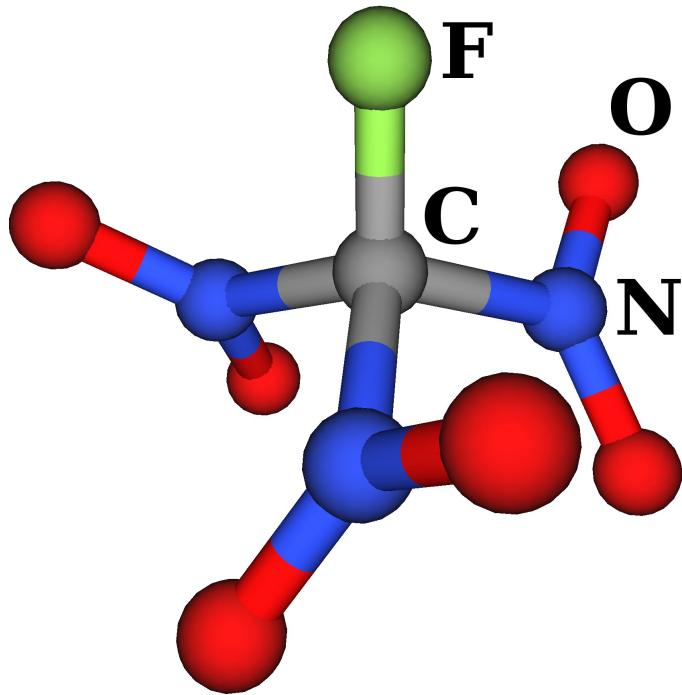
GED Investigation ( $\text{F-C}(\text{NO}_2)_3$  example) $s / \text{\AA}^{-1}$ 

F-, Cl-, Br-, I-, At-C(NO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>



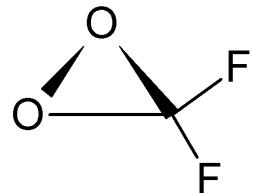
	C–F	C–Cl	C–Br	C–I	C–At
$r_a$ (GED), Å	1.307(4)	1.712(4)	1.876(2)	(2.089)	(2.199)
$r_\alpha$ (XRD), Å	1.297(3)	1.694(1)	1.853(5)	2.097(4)	?

## MP2/def2-TZVP

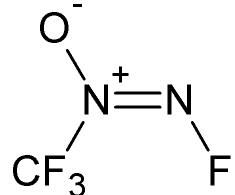
$\text{F-C}(\text{NO}_2)_3$ 

$\text{CF}_4$  MW:  $r_e(\text{C-F}) = 1.315(2)$  Å  
 $\text{F-C}(\text{NO}_2)_3$  GED:  $r_e(\text{C-F}) = 1.300(4)$  Å

$\text{CClF}_2\text{NO}$  GED:  $r_\alpha(\text{C-F}) = 1.310(2)$  Å (g)



MW:  $r_o(\text{C-F}) = 1.316(2)$  Å



GED:  $r_a(\text{C-F}) = 1.312(3)$  Å

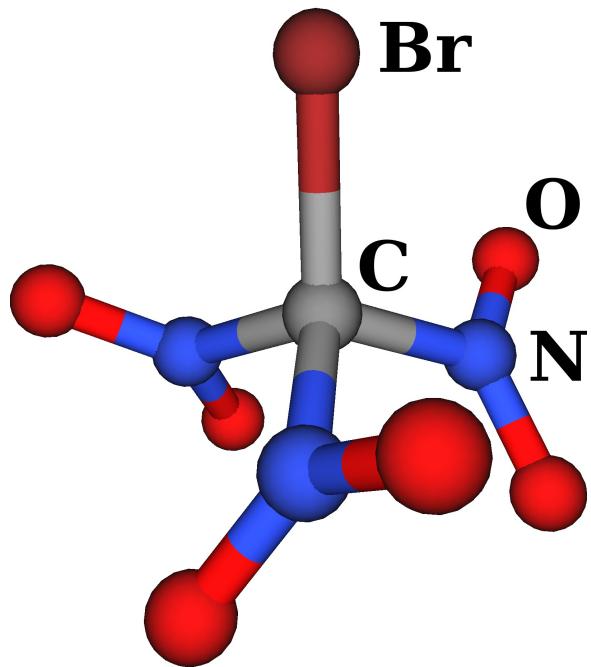
	C–F	C–Cl	C–Br	C–I	C–At
$r_a(\text{GED}), \text{\AA}$	<b>1.307(4)</b>	1.712(4)	1.876(2)	(2.089)	(2.199)
$r_\alpha(\text{XRD}), \text{\AA}$	<b>1.297(3)</b>	1.694(1)	1.853(5)	2.097(4)	?

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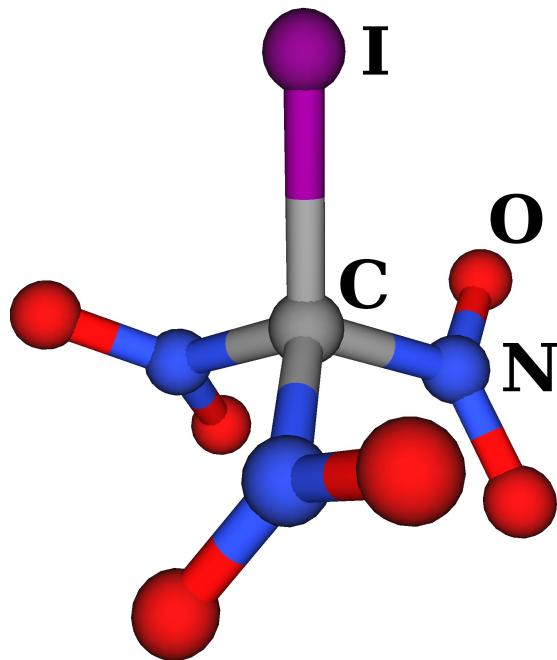
$\text{Br-C}(\text{NO}_2)_3$  $\text{CBr}_4$  GED:

$$r_a(\text{C-Br}) = 1.940(2) \text{ \AA}$$

 $\text{Br-C}(\text{NO}_2)_3$  GED:  $r_a(\text{C-Br}) = 1.885(9) \text{ \AA}$  $\text{Br-C}(\text{SiMe}_3)_3$  GED:  $r_a(\text{C-Br}) = 1.911(35) \text{ \AA}$ 

	C-F	C-Cl	<b>C-Br</b>	C-I	C-At
$r_a(\text{GED}), \text{ \AA}$	1.307(4)	1.712(4)	<b>1.876(2)</b>	(2.089)	(2.199)
$r_a(\text{XRD}), \text{ \AA}$	1.297(3)	1.694(1)	<b>1.853(5)</b>	2.097(4)	?

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$\text{I-C}(\text{NO}_2)_3$ 

$\text{Cl}_4$  GED:  $r_g(\text{C-I}) = 2.157(10)$  Å

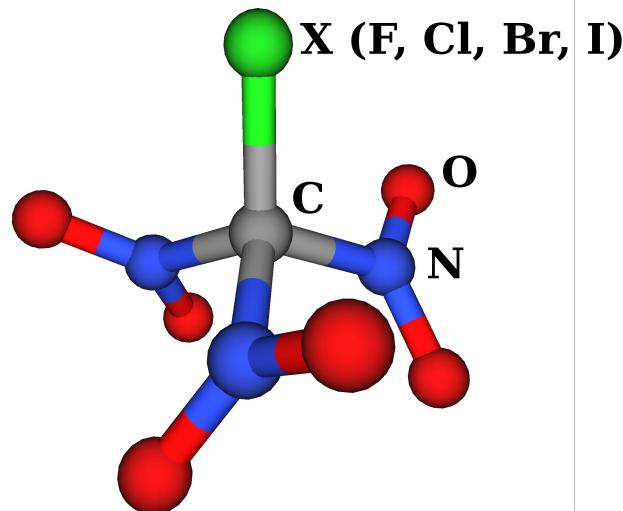
$\text{I-CF}_3$  GED:  $r_a(\text{C-I}) = 2.138(5)$  Å

	C–F	C–Cl	C–Br	C–I	C–At
$r_a$ (GED), Å	1.307(4)	1.712(4)	1.876(2)	<b>(2.089)</b>	(2.199)
$r_a$ (XRD), Å	1.297(3)	1.694(1)	1.853(5)	<b>2.097(4)</b>	?

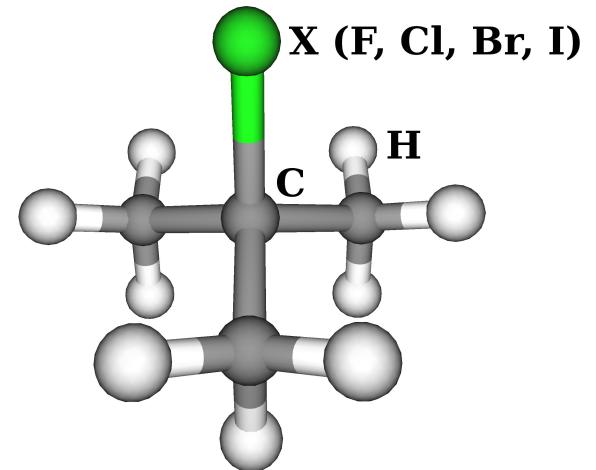
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# Hal-C Shortening: AIM Charges



VS.



Halogen charges:

	Hal-C(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Hal-C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>
F	-0.66	-0.69
Cl	-0.03	-0.30
Br	0.10	-0.20
I	0.25	-0.07

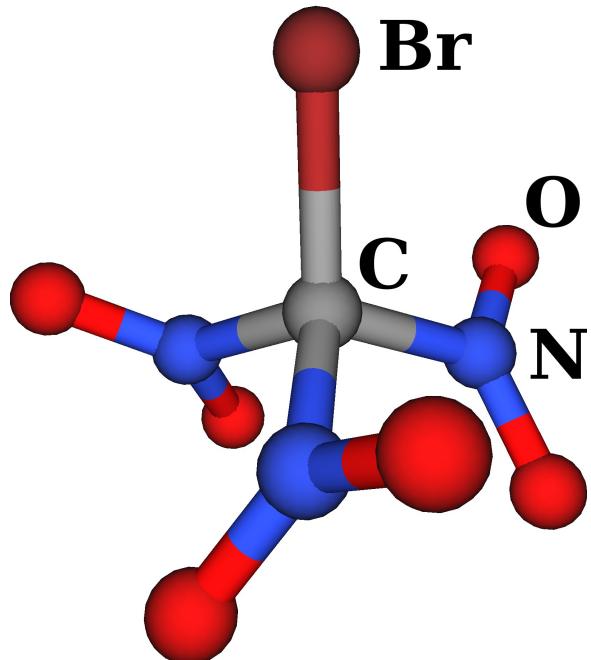
Carbon charges:

	Hal-C(NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Hal-C(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>
F	1.42	0.59
Cl	0.75	0.15
Br	0.63	0.05
I	0.52	-0.06

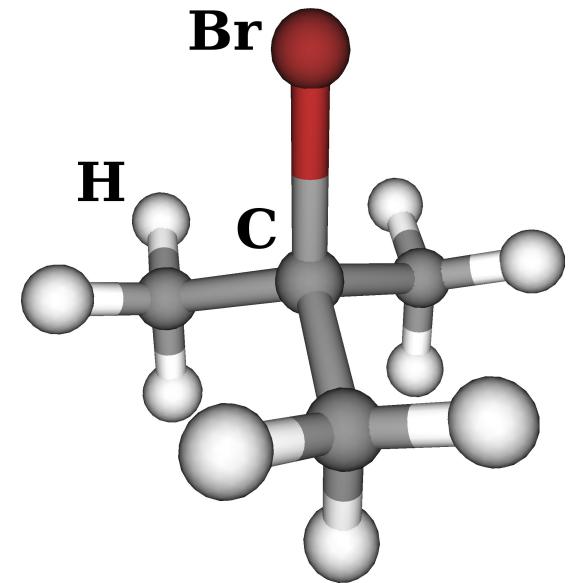
NBO changes show similar behaviour.

MP2(full)/SDB-cc-pVTZ

## Hal-C Shortening: NBO



VS.

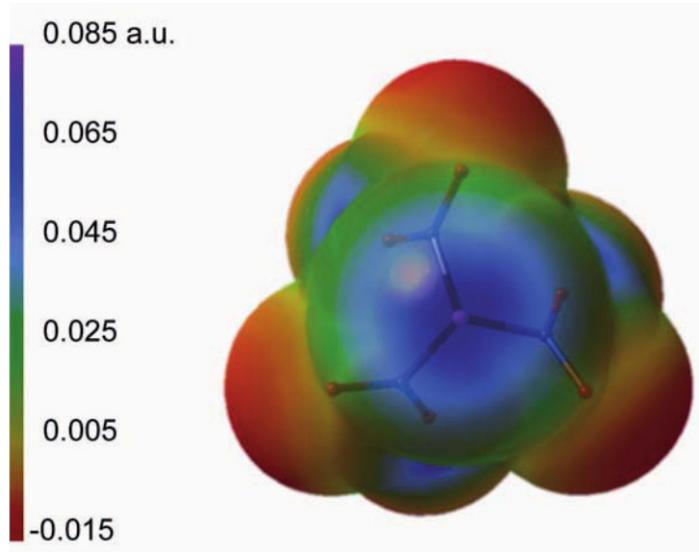
 $\sigma(\text{Br}-\text{C}):$ 

$$0.68(\text{sp}^{6.7})_{\text{Br}} + 0.73(\text{sp}^{2.8})_{\text{C}}$$

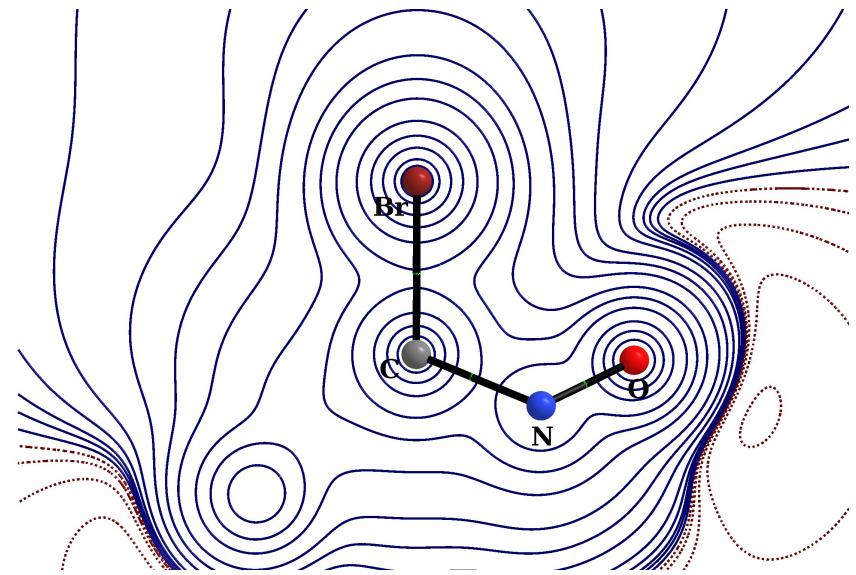
$$0.73(\text{sp}^{6.1})_{\text{Br}} + 0.68(\text{sp}^{5.7})_{\text{C}}$$

MP2(full)/SDB-cc-pVTZ

# Hal-C Shortening: ESP



VS.



$\text{Br}-\text{C}(\text{NO}_2)_3: \rho=0.001 \text{ a.u.}$

$\text{Br}-\text{C}(\text{NO}_2)_3: \text{ESP Profile}$

Repulsive interaction between Hal and O (also supported by NBO).

MP2(full)/SDB-cc-pVTZ

# Summary

- 1) Hal-C( $\text{NO}_2$ )<sub>3</sub> have indeed very short Hal-C bonds!
- 2) MP2/(SDB-)cc-pVTZ and MP2/def2-TZVP are quite accurate.
- 3) NBO and AIM are useful theoretical instruments here.
- 4) The electronegativity concept explains Hal-C shortening.