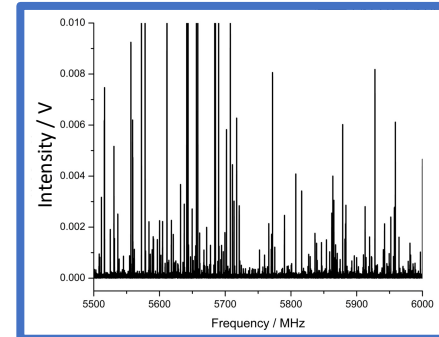


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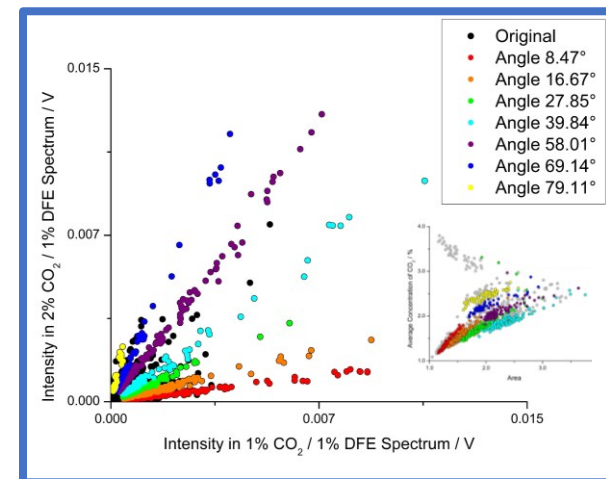
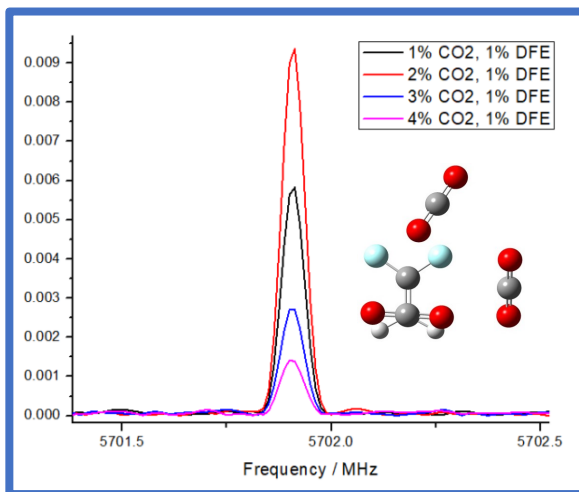
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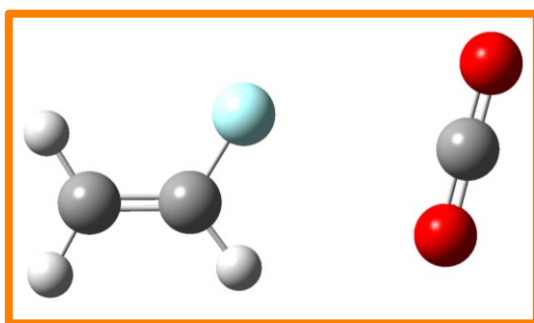
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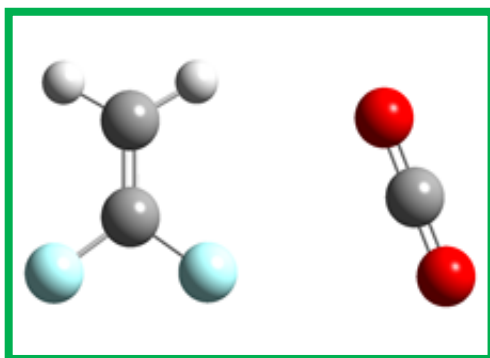
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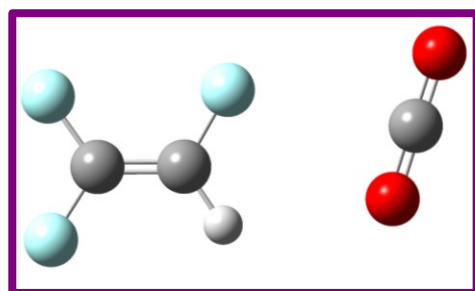
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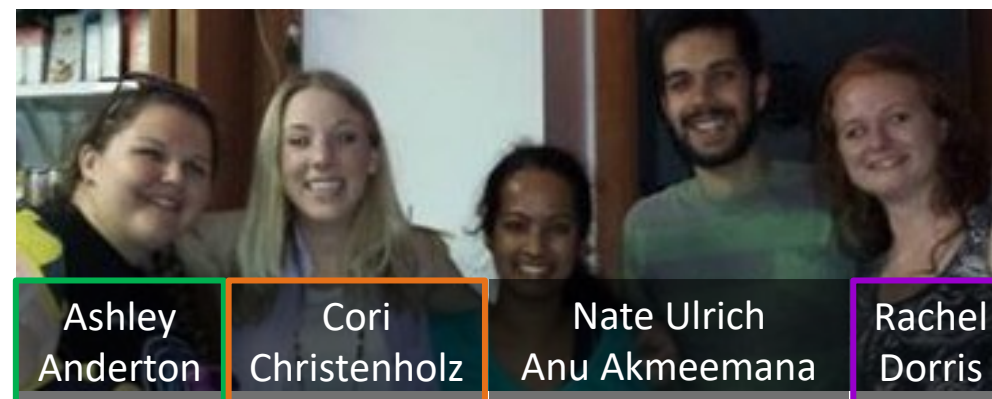
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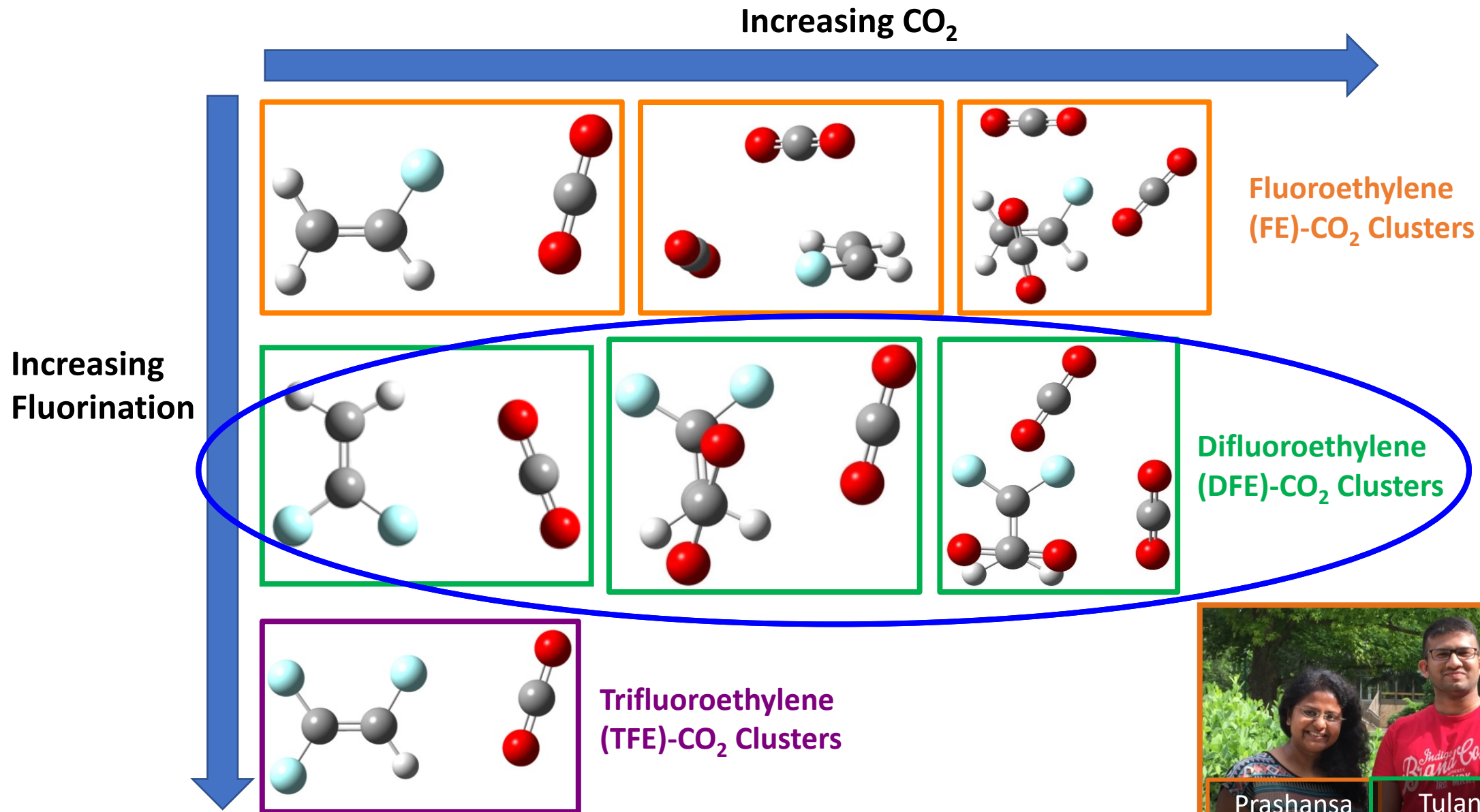


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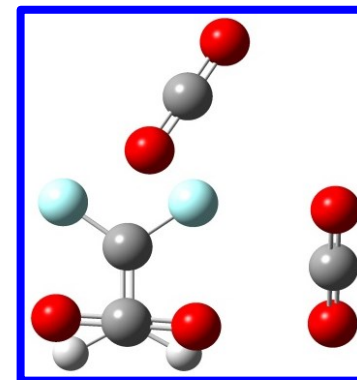
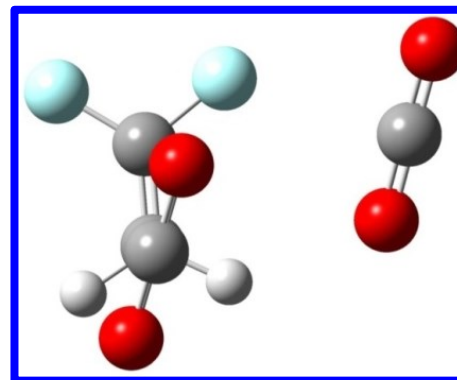
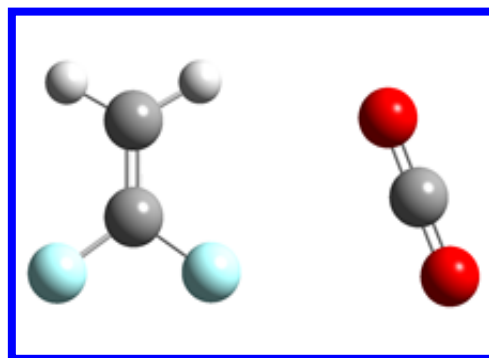
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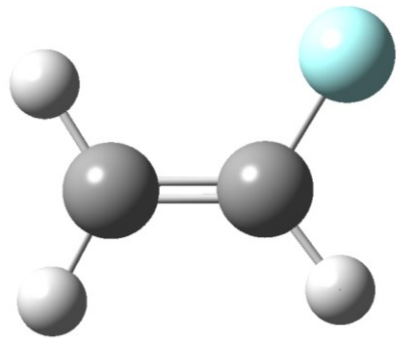
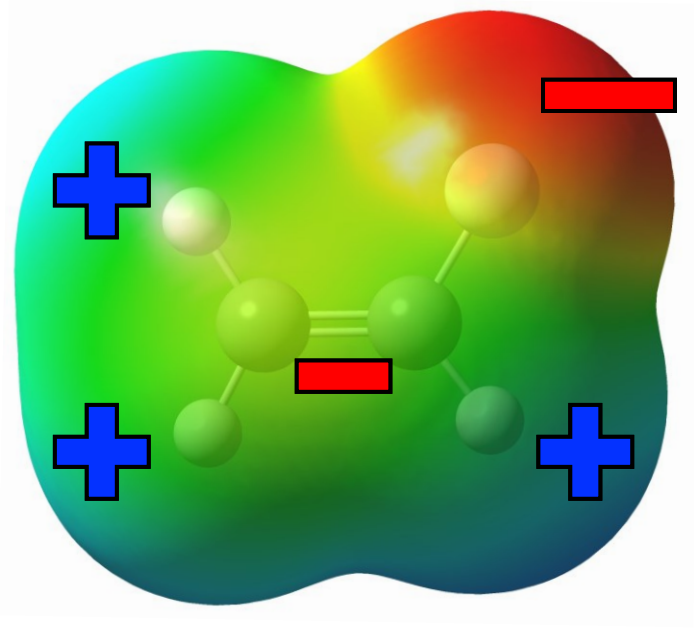
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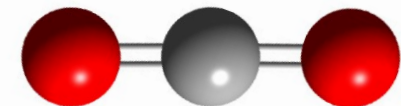
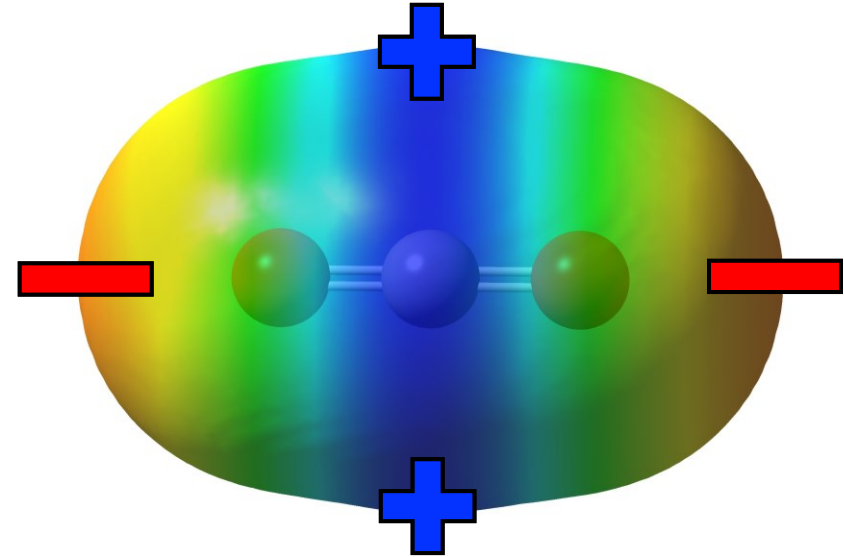
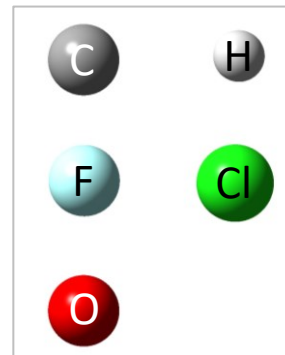
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How and why do molecules “stick”?



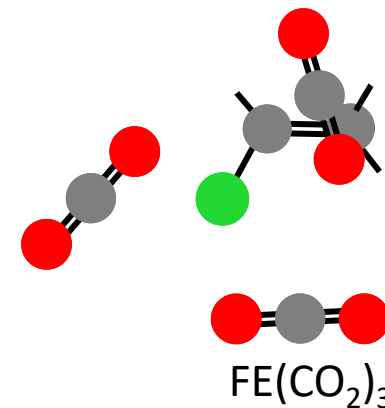
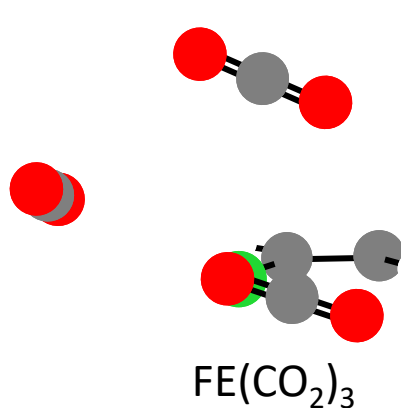
Fluoroethylene (FE)



Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)

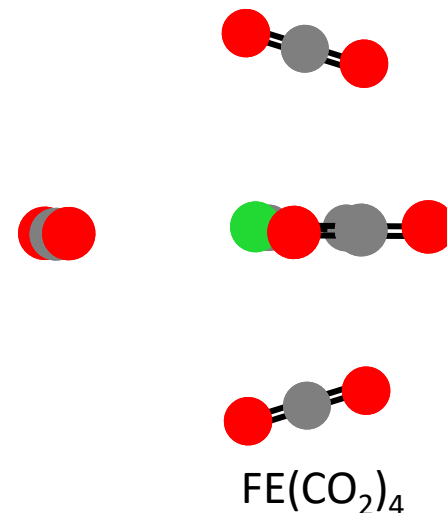
Larger Solvation Shells?

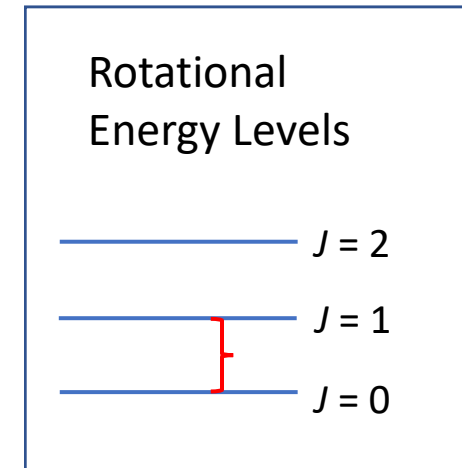
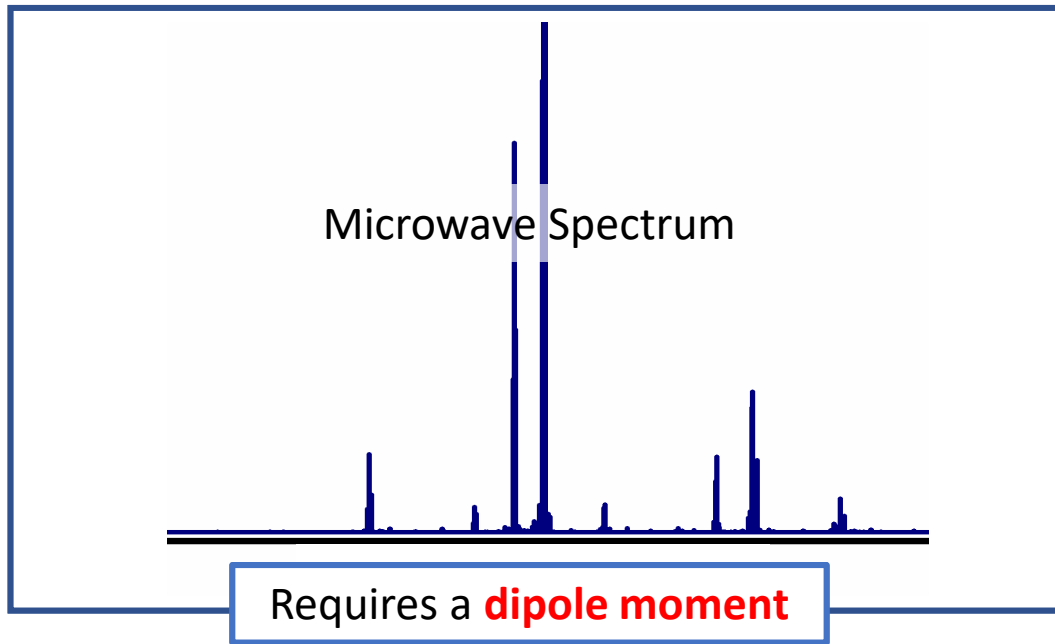
- Two $\text{FE-CO}_2\text{-CO}_2$ trimers observed
 - Nearly isoenergetic
- Tetramer?
- Pentamer? Hexamer?
 - How far can we go?!



Computational work:

- Gaussian 09 or G09W
 - MP2/6-311++G(2d,2p) or ω B97X-D/6-31+G(d,p)
- ABCluster
 - xtb for optimization





A, B, C
Rotational Constants



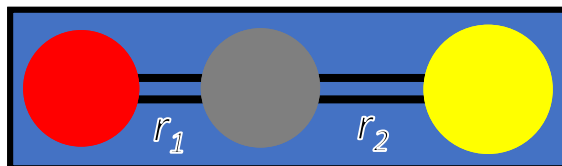
$$B = \frac{h}{8\pi^2 I_b}$$

Moments of Inertia



$$I = \sum mr^2$$

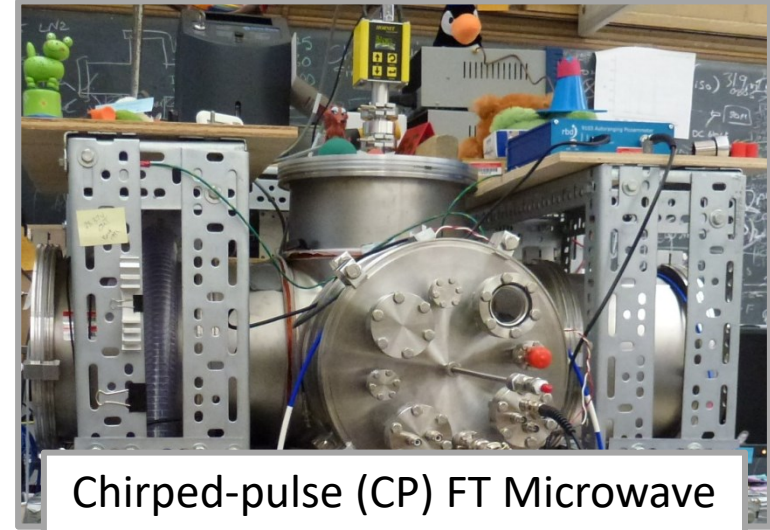
Distances



Instrumentation



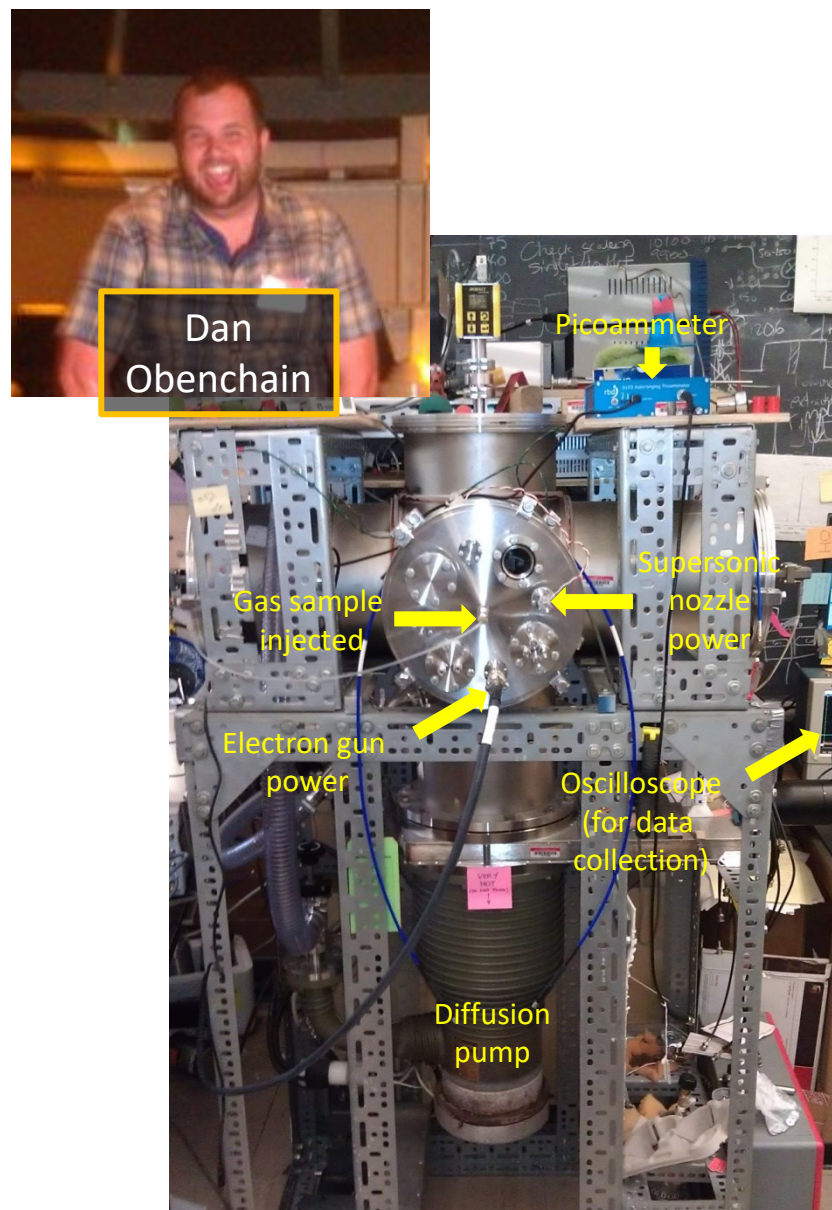
Fourier-Transform Microwave (FTMW)
Spectrometer



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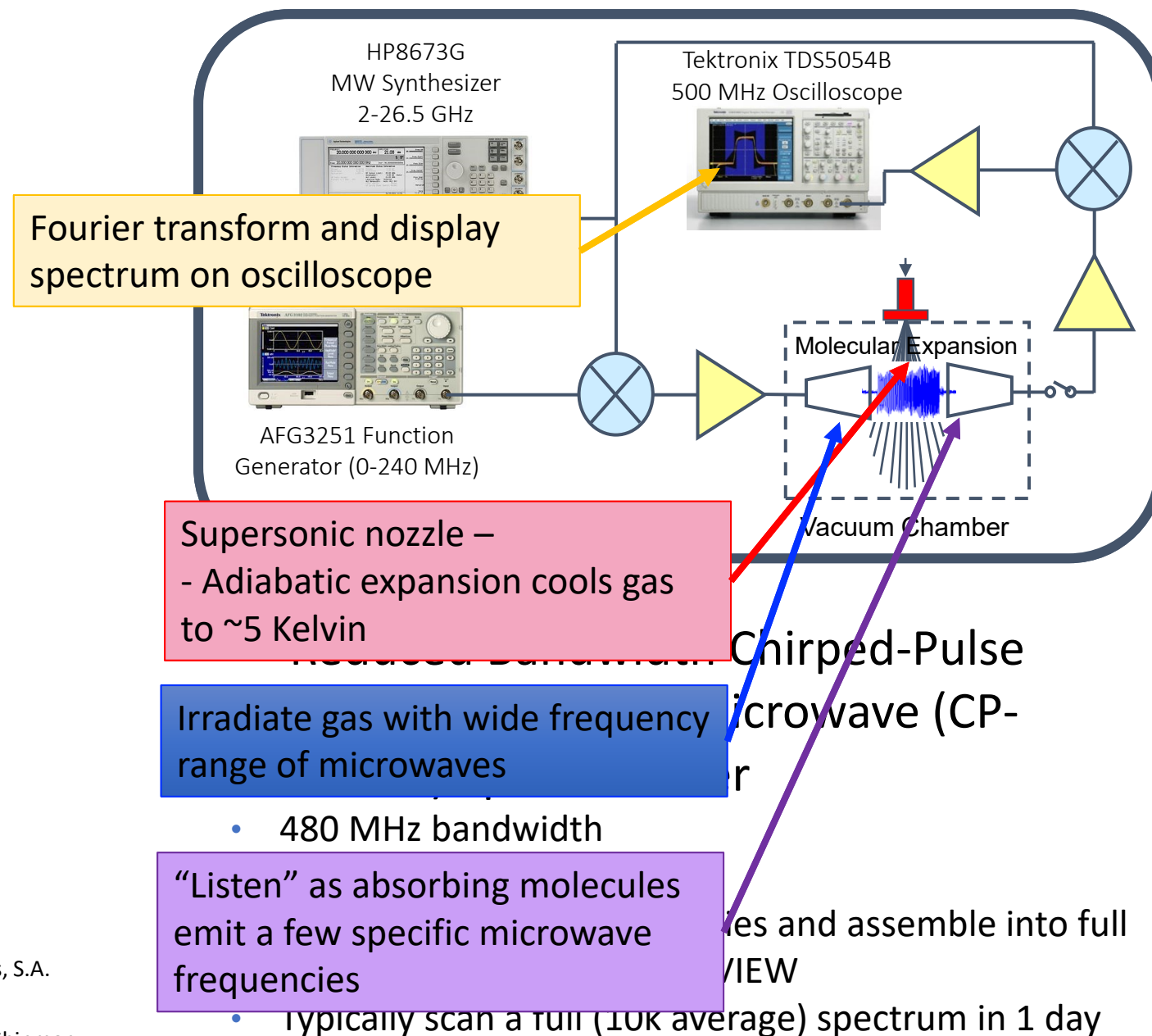


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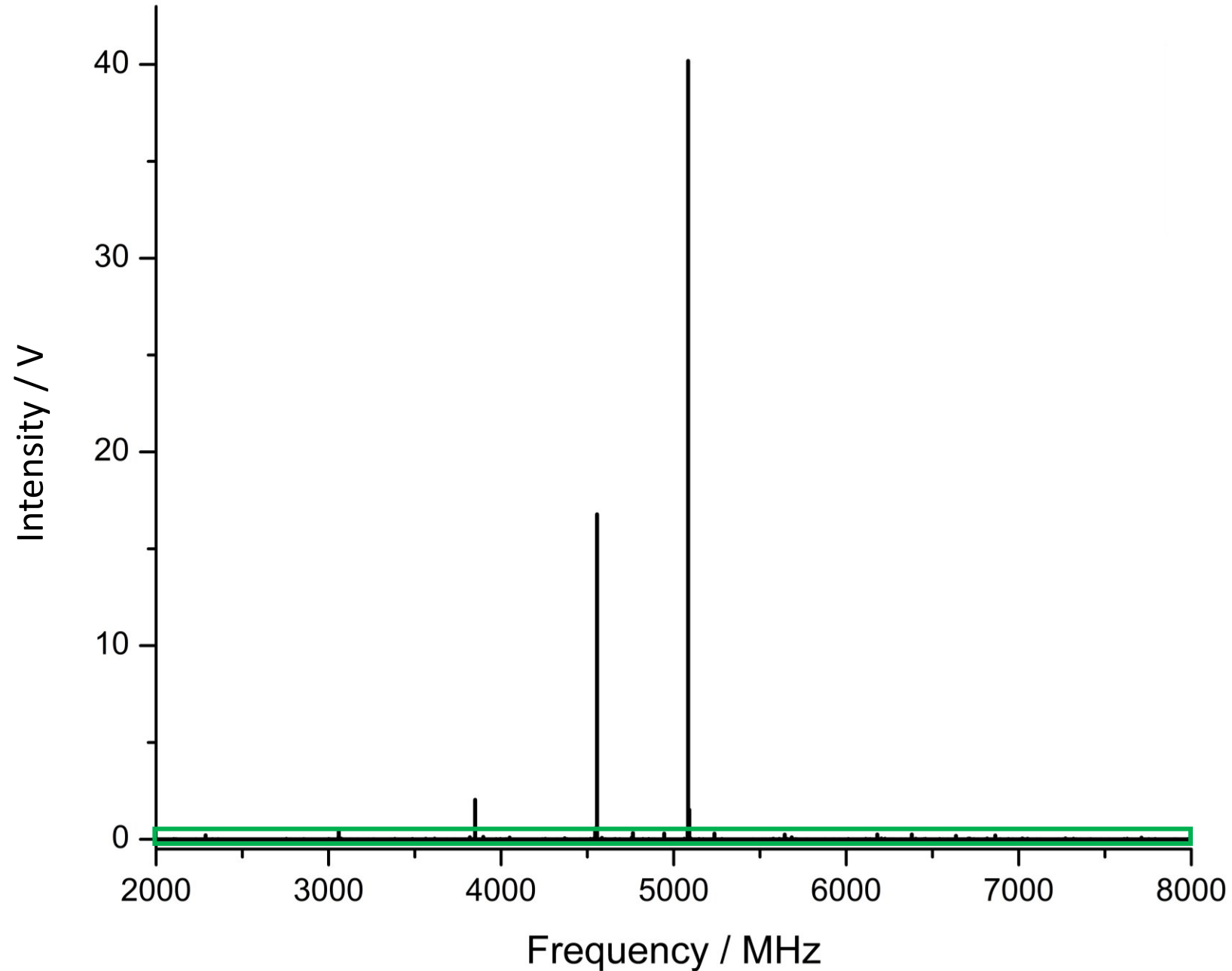


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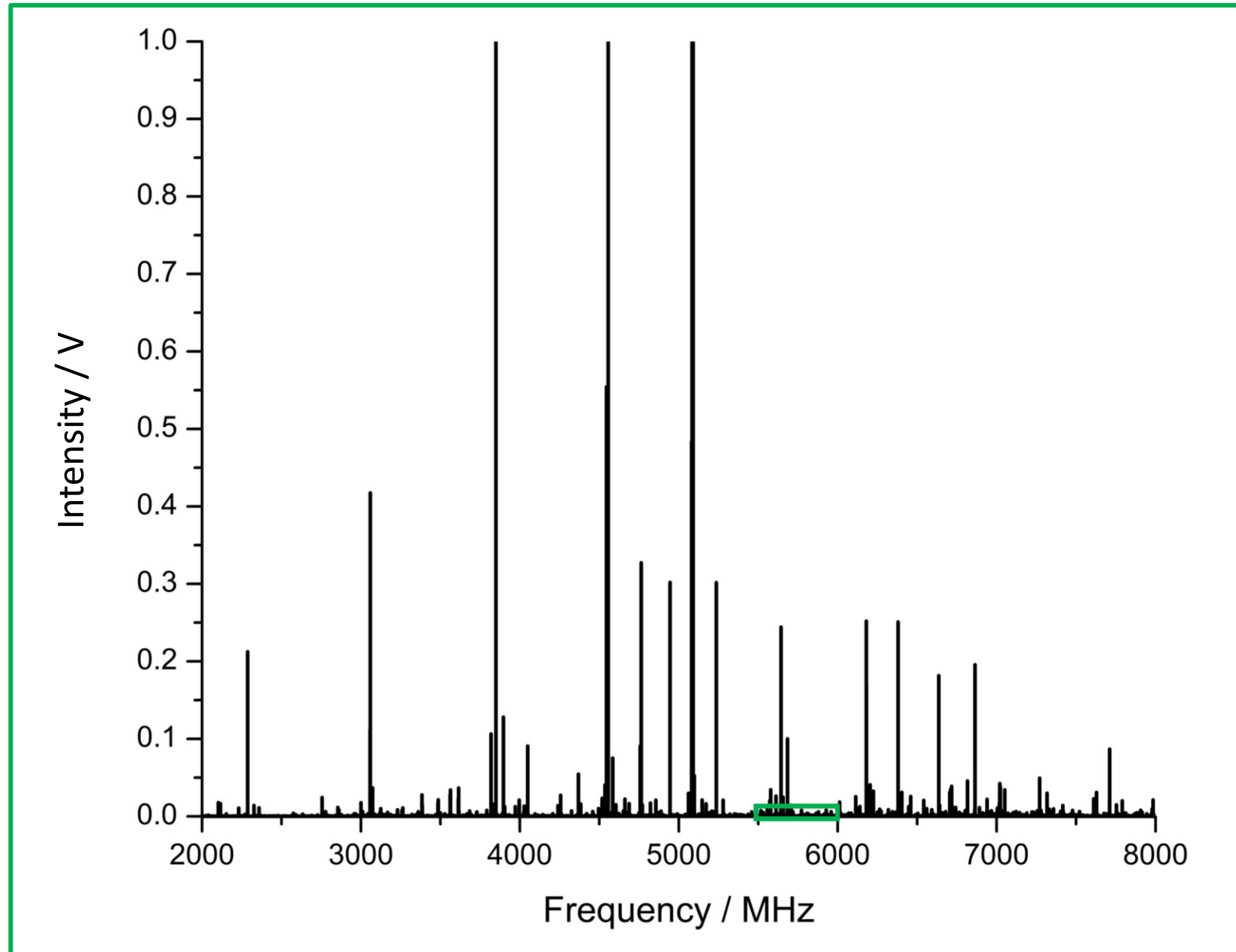


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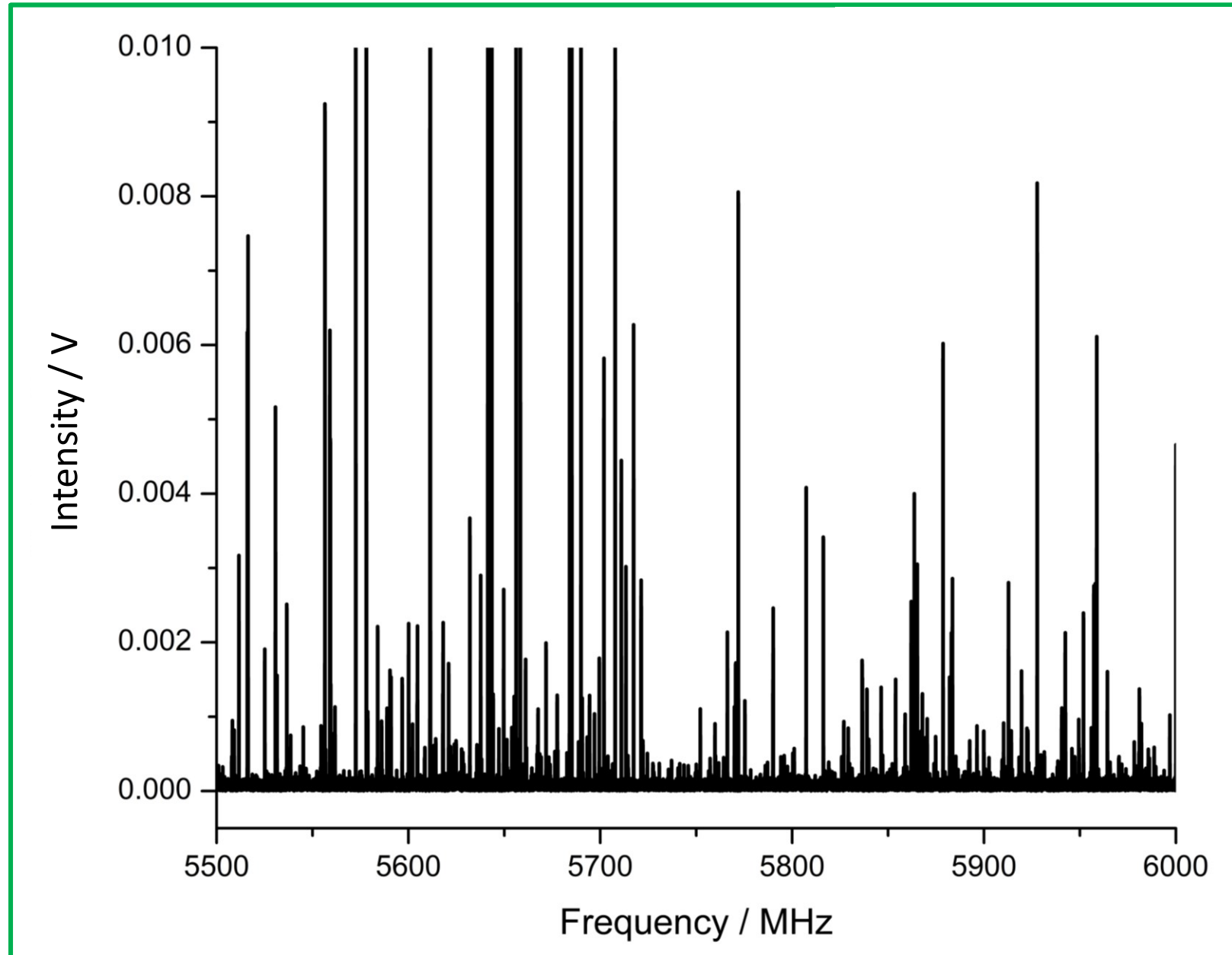
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Dimer level:
Vertical scale
times ~40



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Trimer/Tetramer
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scale times 100
relative to dimer

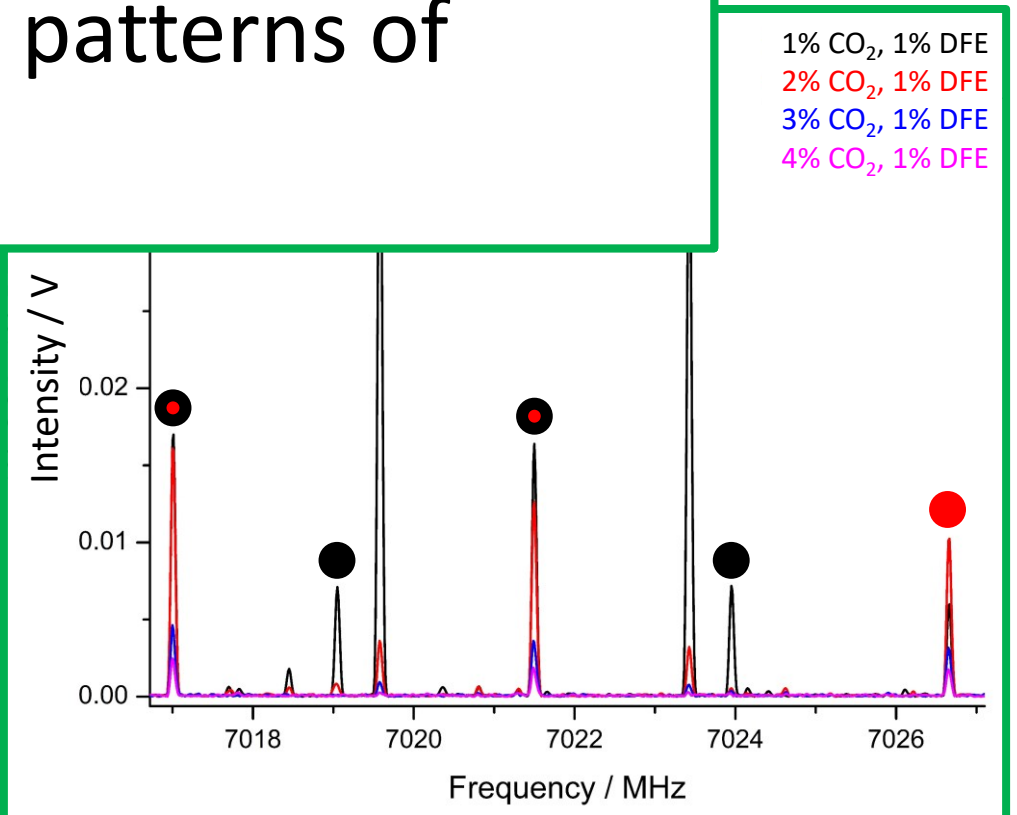


Goals and Experimental Approach

- Distinguish individual spectra from data sets containing complex mixtures
- Automated or semi-automated process
- Preference

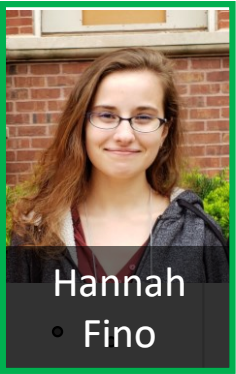
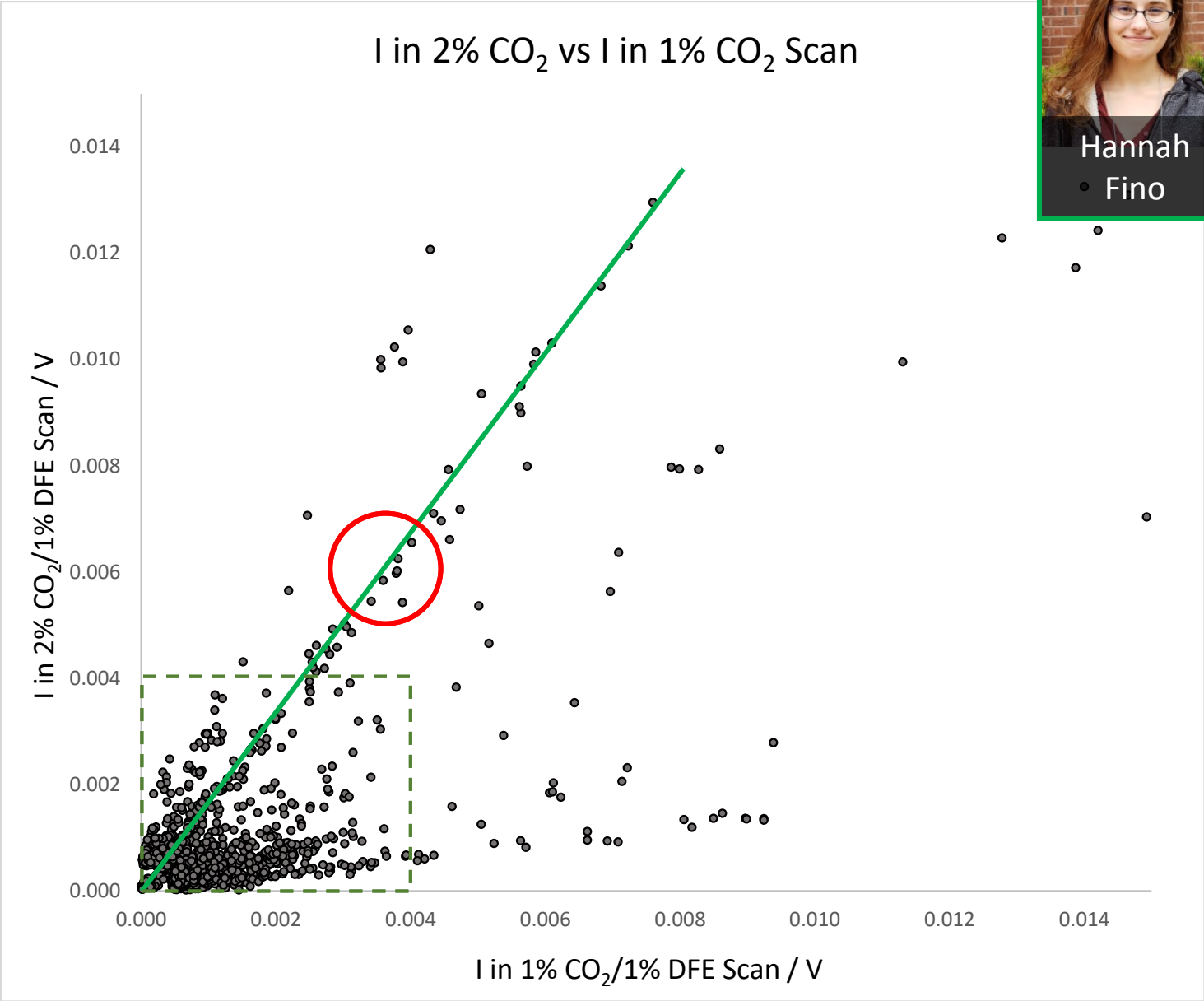
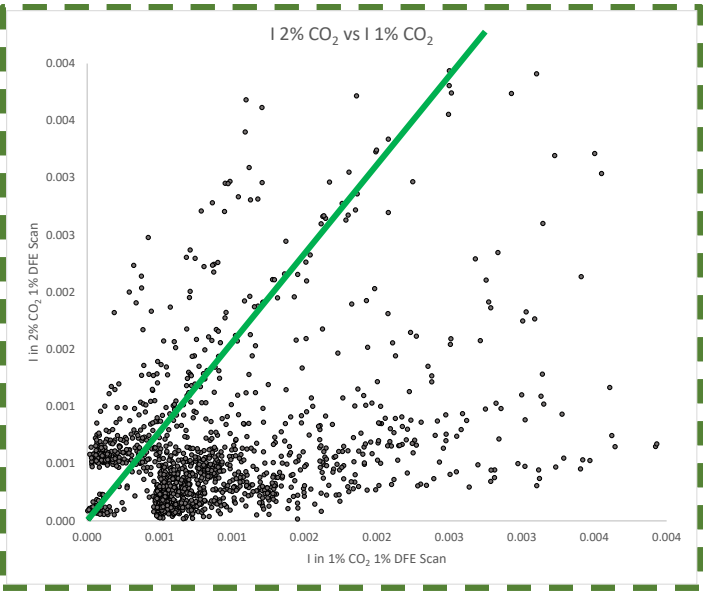
Hypothesis: Transitions of the same species will have similar patterns of intensity variation

- Record system
 - Concentration
 - Pressure
 - Temperature
- Characterize transitions based on pattern of intensity variation



Intensity vs. Intensity Methods

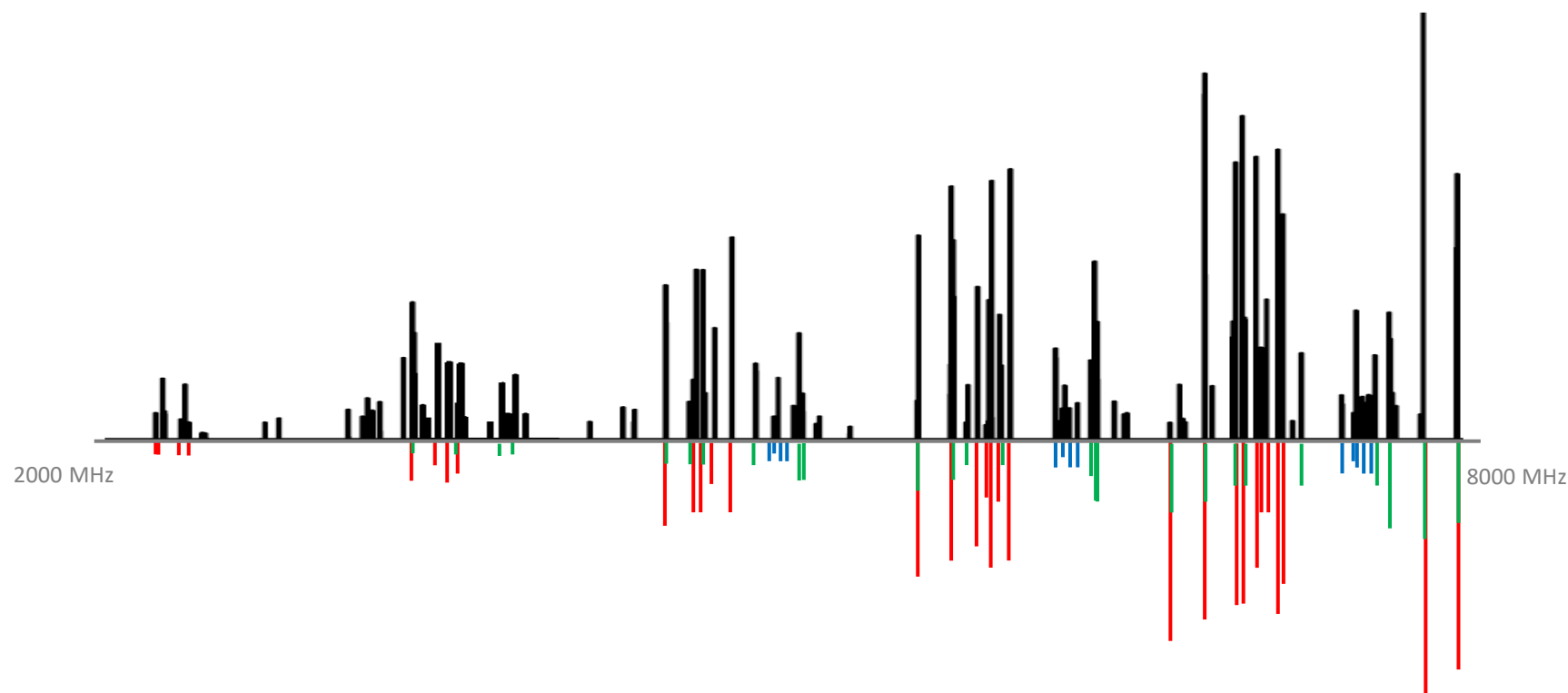
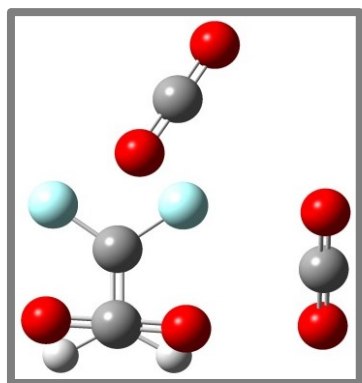
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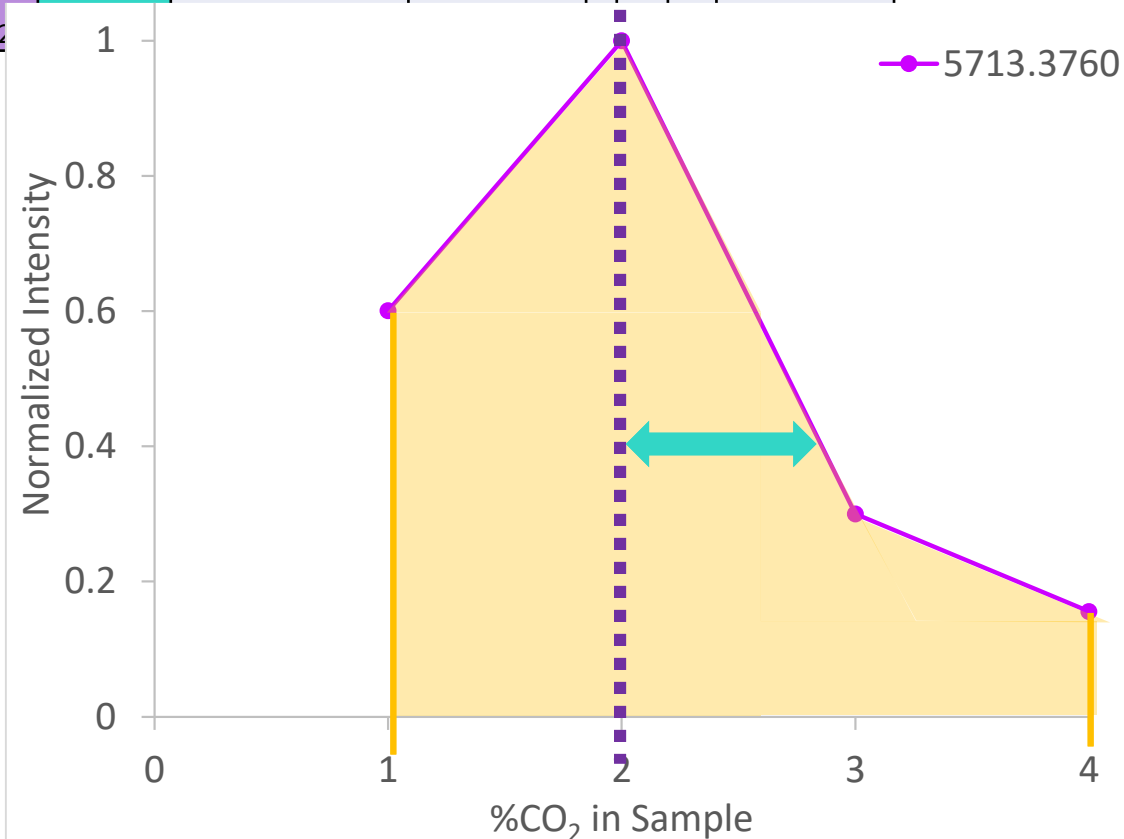
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Transitions



Intensity vs. Concentration Methods

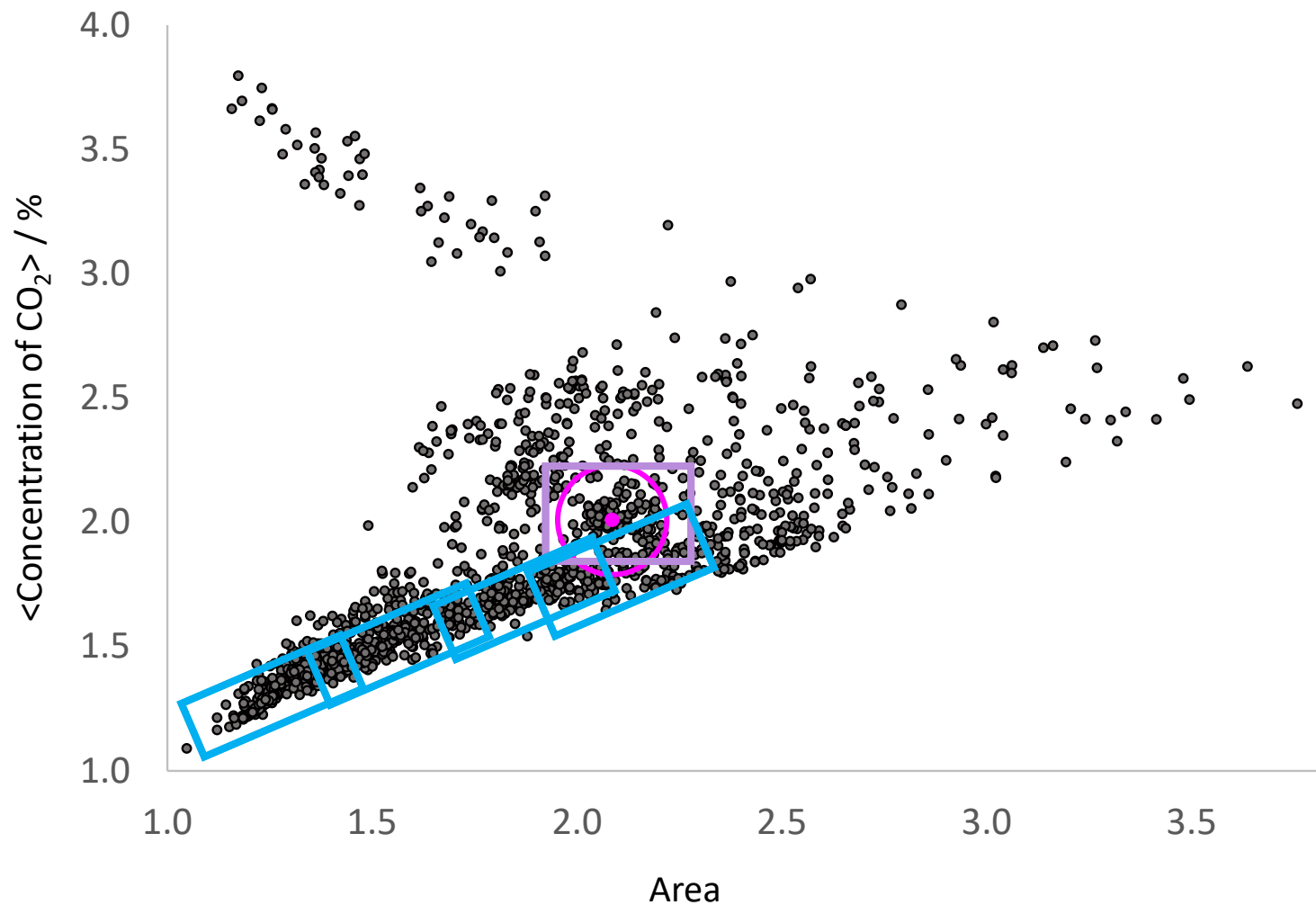
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- Parameterize description of I vs %CO₂ curve using moments
 - Area = Sum of normalized intensities
 - Larger means less I variation
 - <Concentration> = $\sum_i \left(\frac{I_i^{norm}}{Area} \right) conc_i$
 - Concentration of max I
 - Width = $\sqrt{\sum_i \left(\frac{I_i^{norm}}{Area} \right) conc_i^2 - \left(\sum_i \left(\frac{I_i^{norm}}{Area} \right) conc_i \right)^2}$

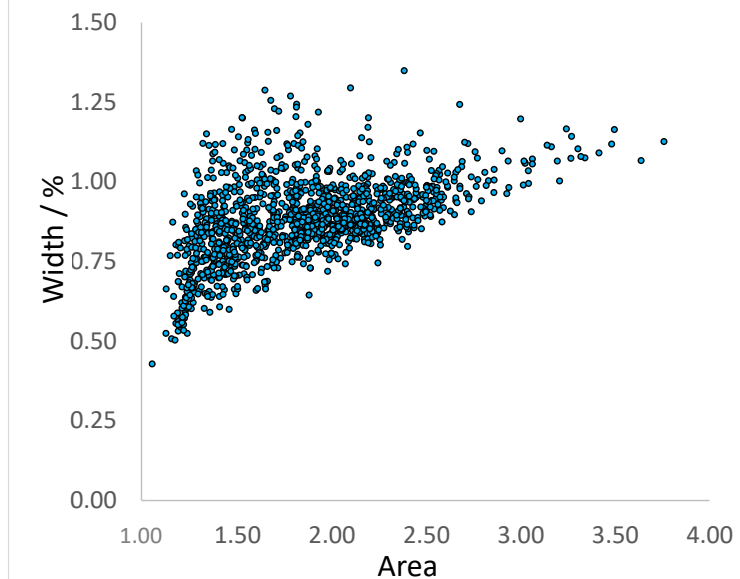


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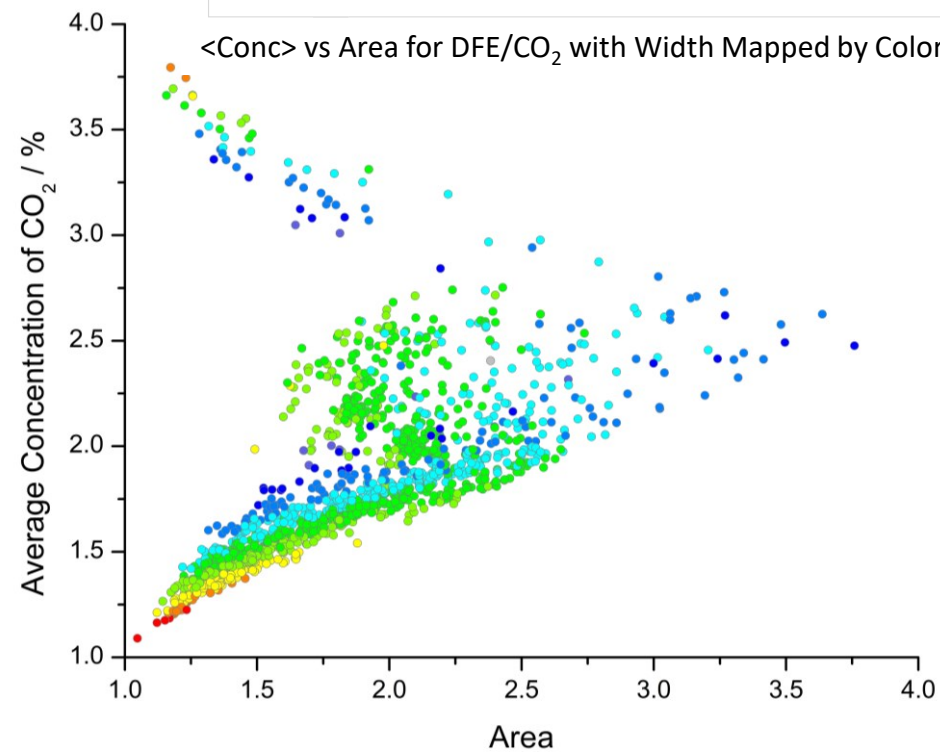
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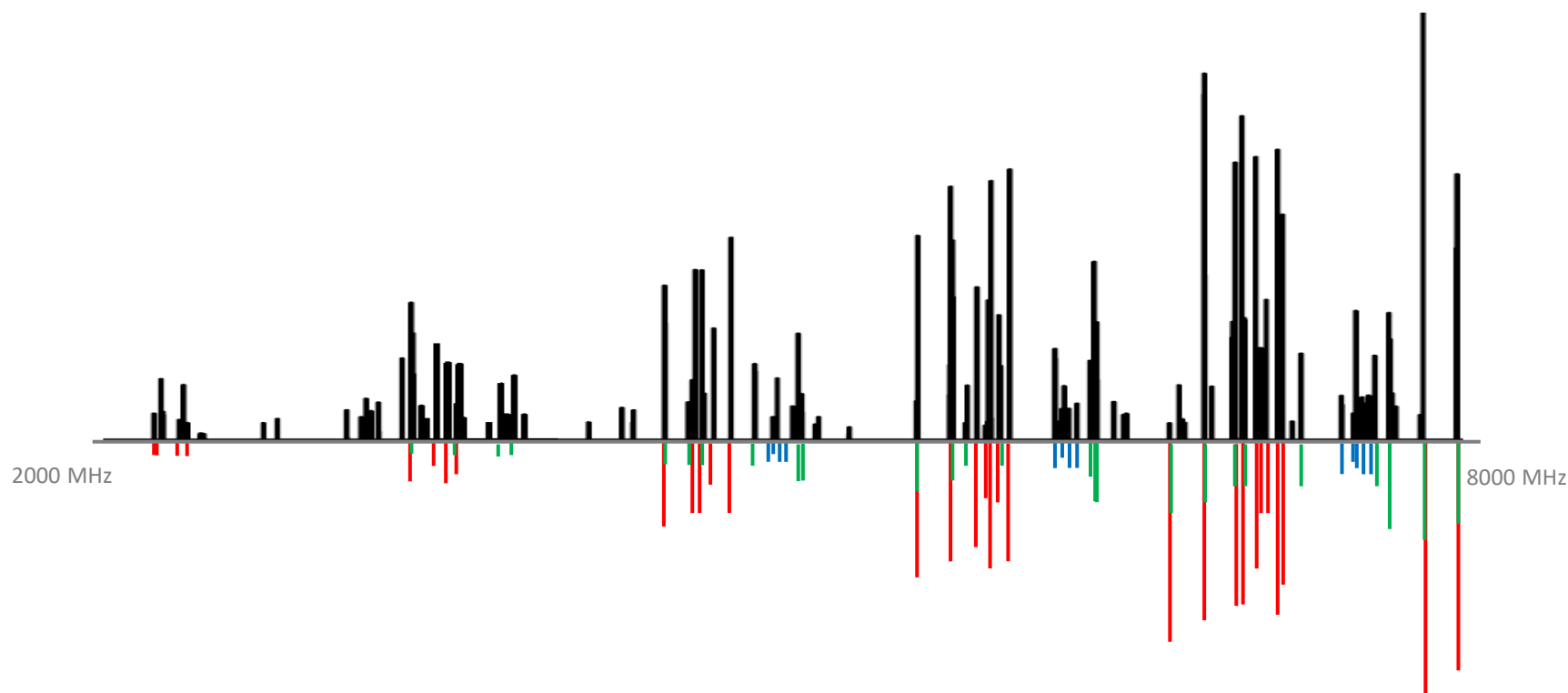
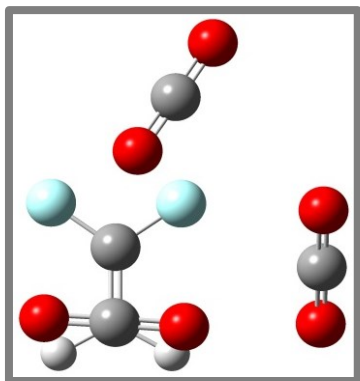


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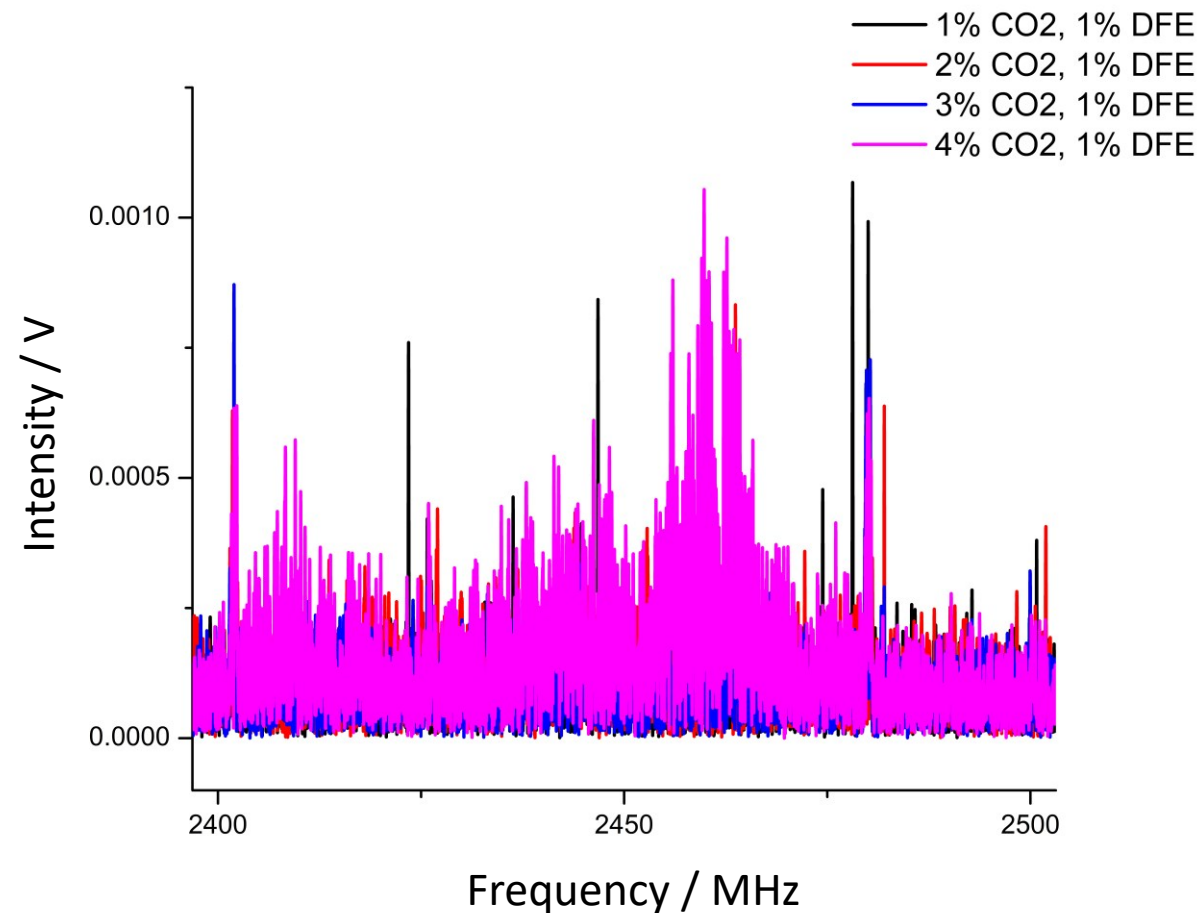
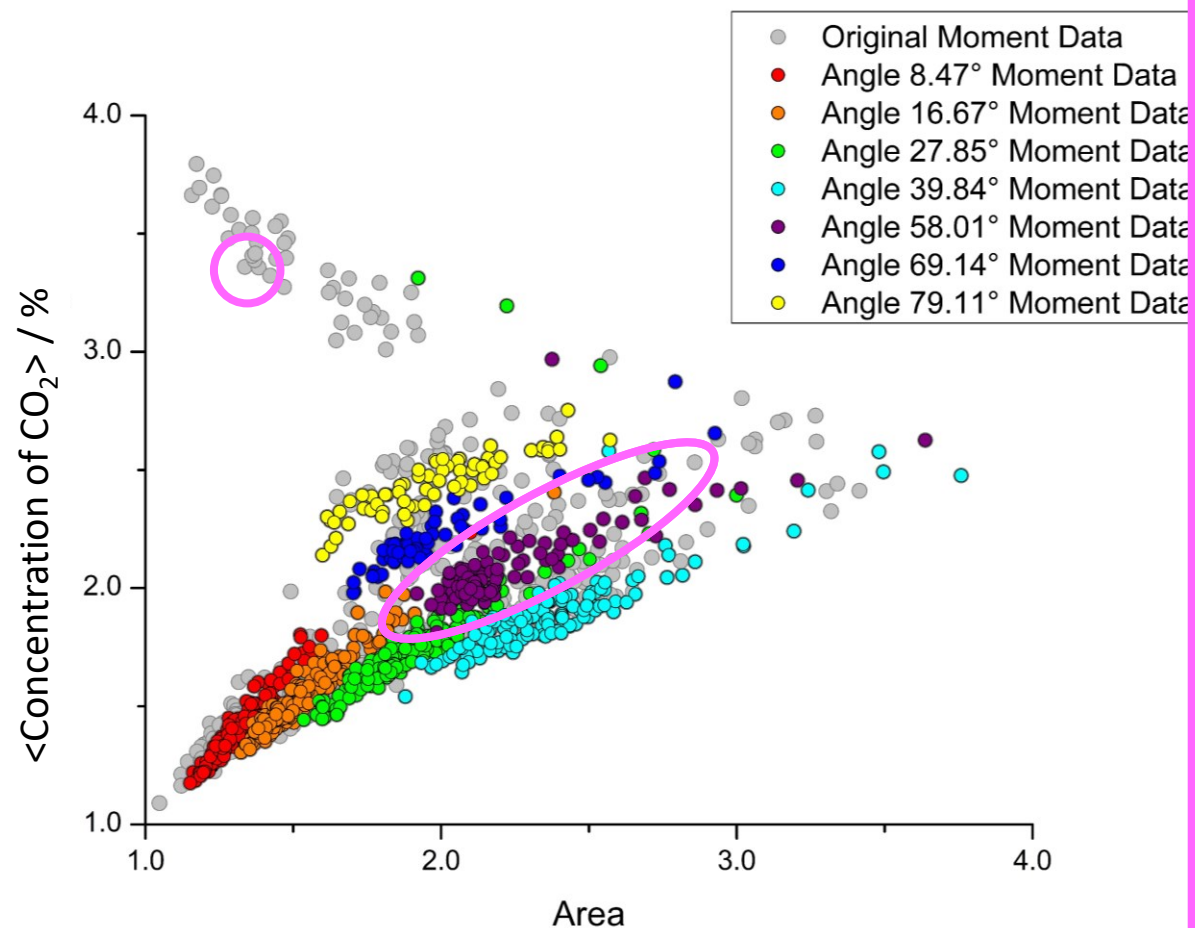


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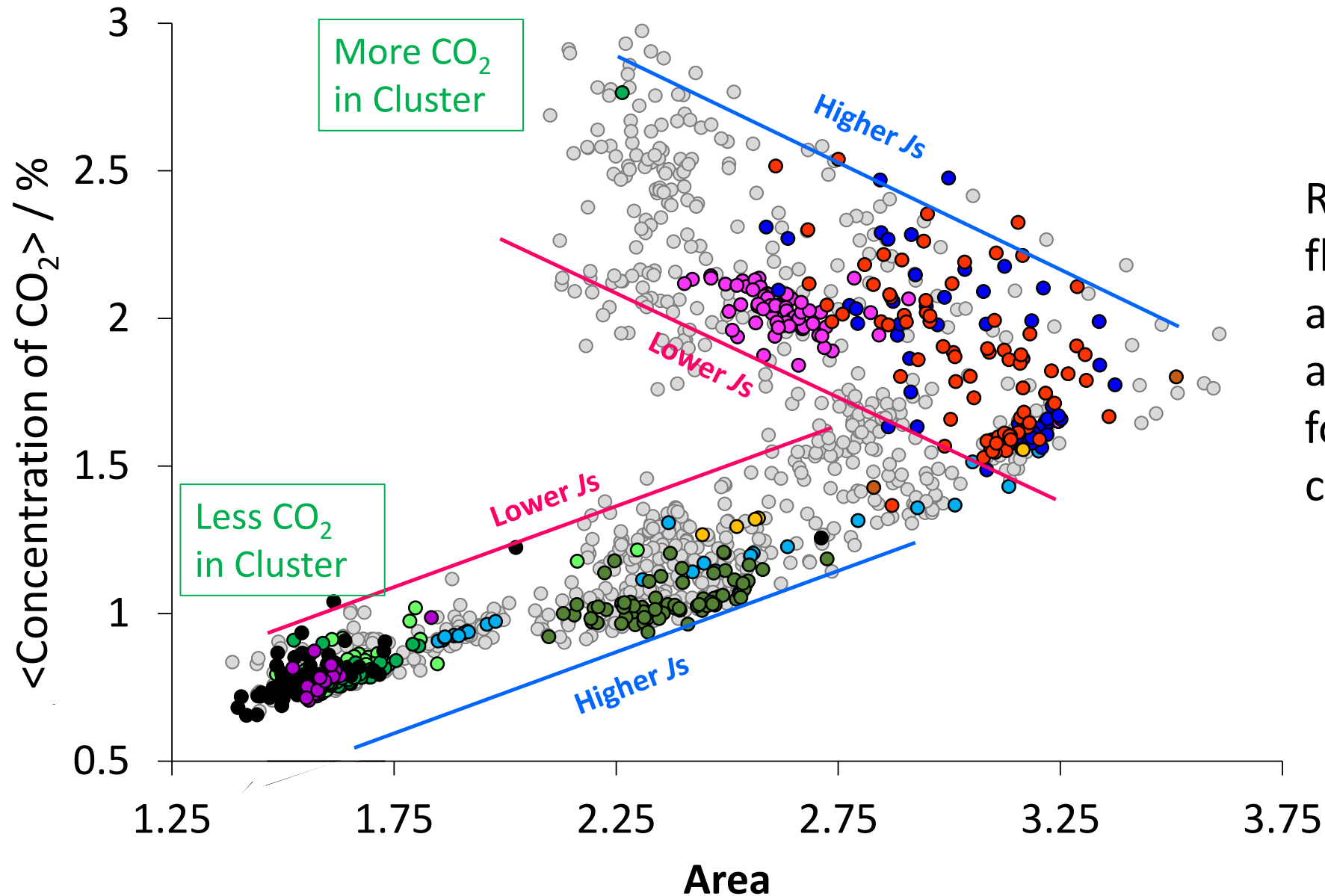
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Transitions



Correlation of Intensity vs Intensity and Intensity vs Concentration Results

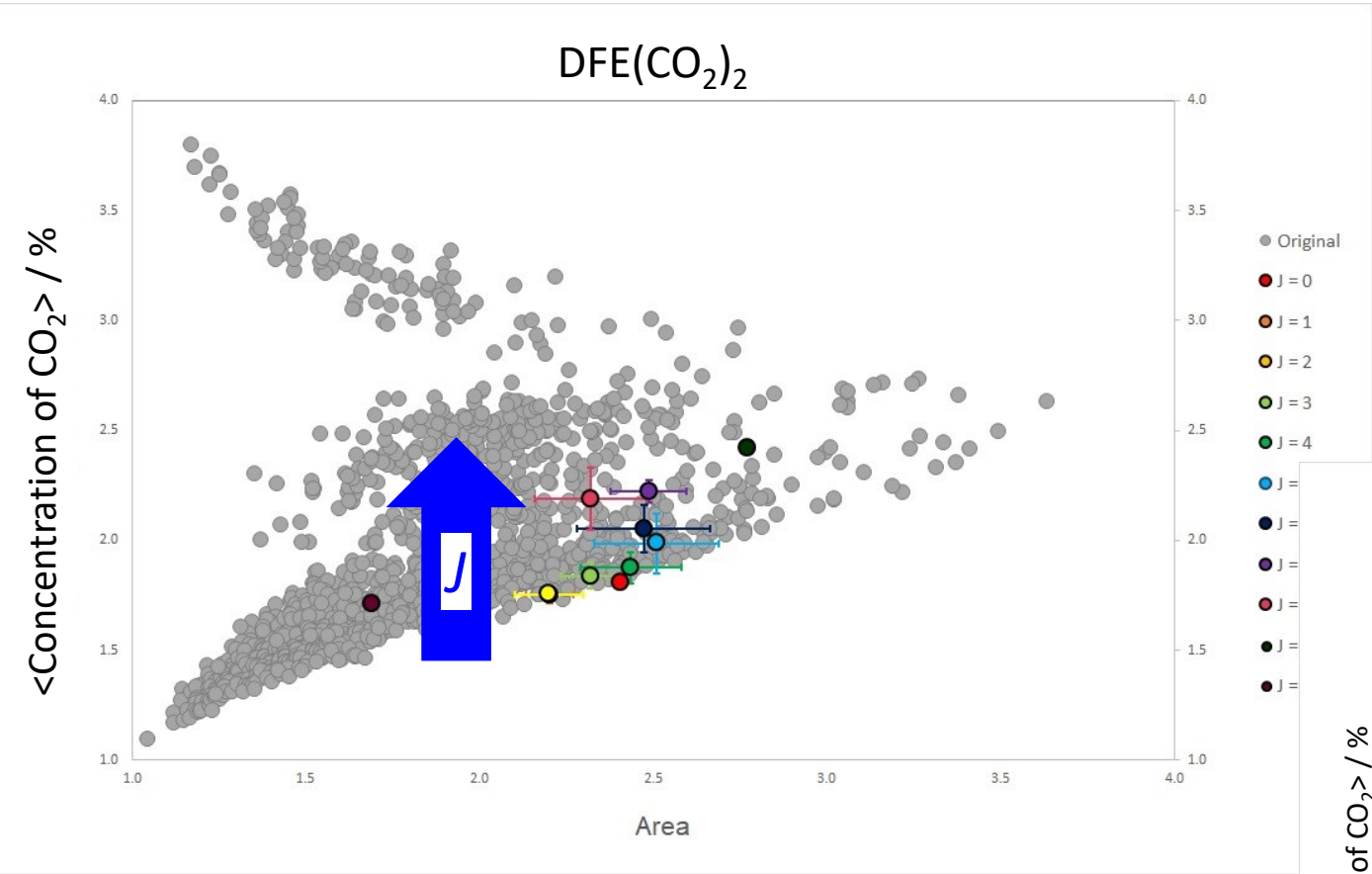


Further Analysis of Intensity vs Concentration Results

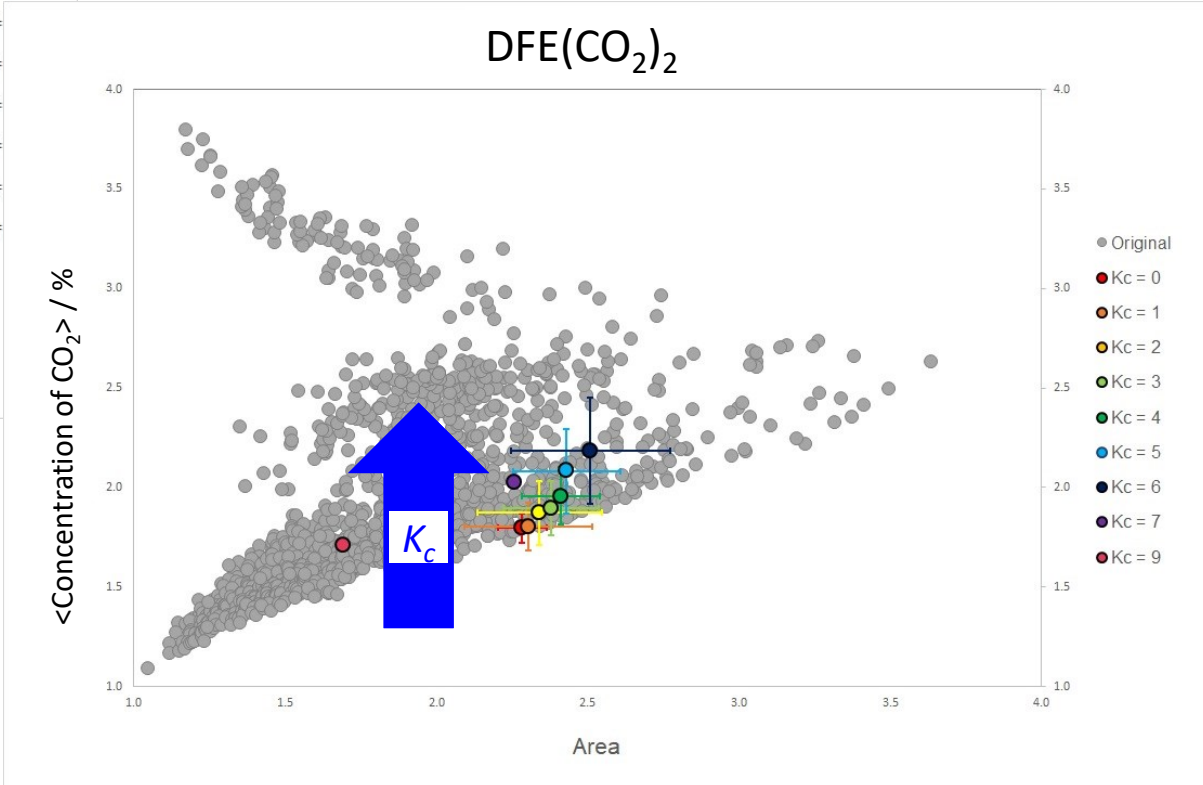
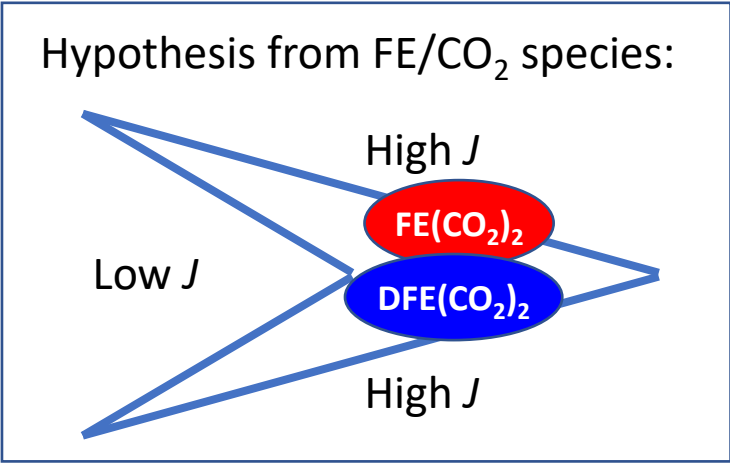


Results from
fluoroethylene (FE)/ CO₂
analysis: colored points
are assigned transitions
for different (FE)_n(CO₂)_m
clusters

Further Analysis of Intensity vs Concentration Results

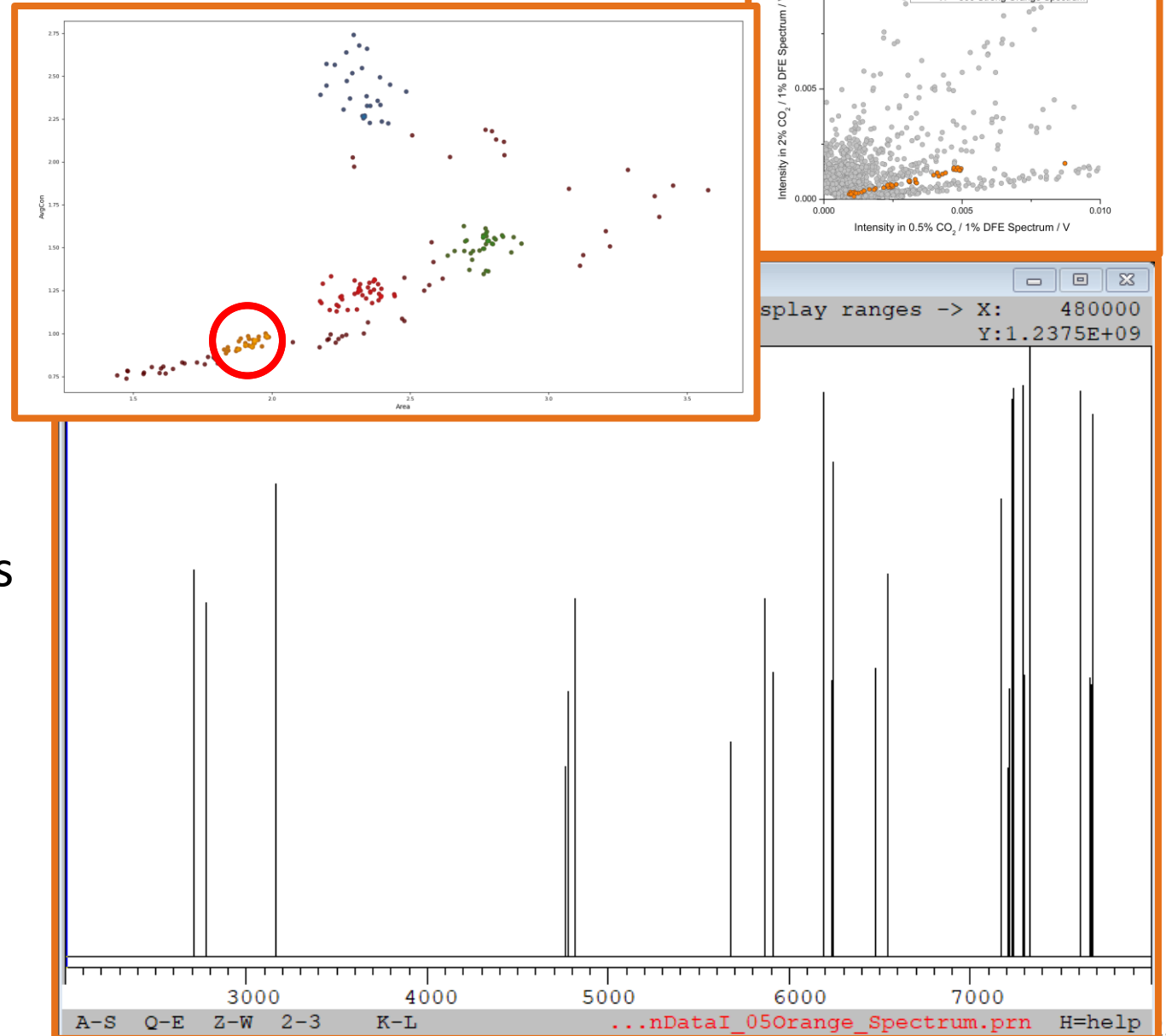
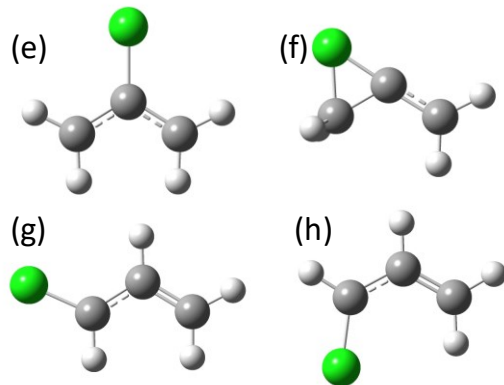


Explanation?
Trimer and tetramer have slightly different position on FE and DFE IVA plots

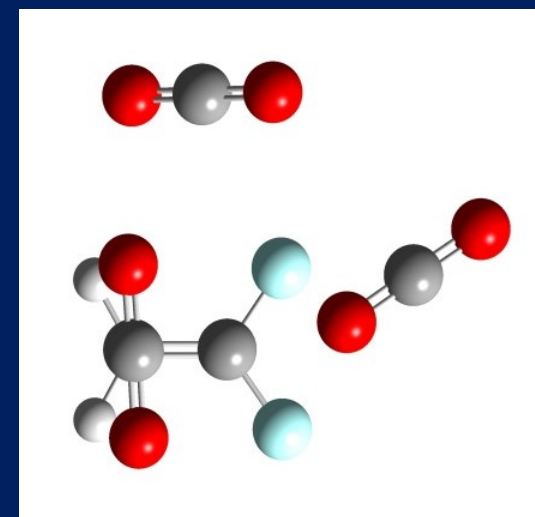
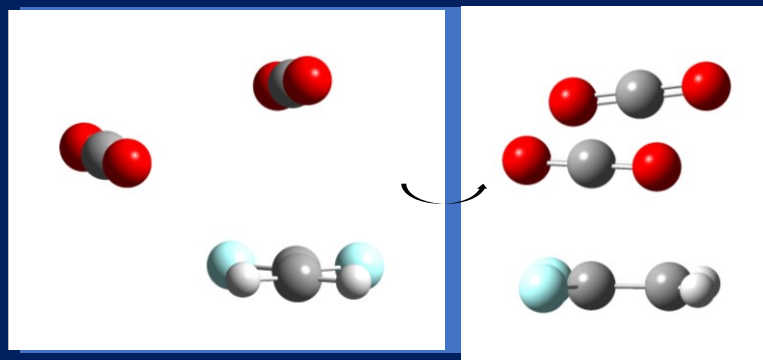
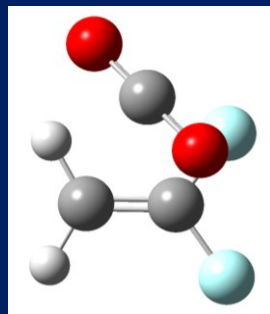
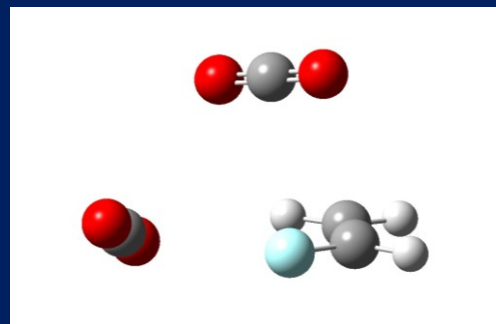
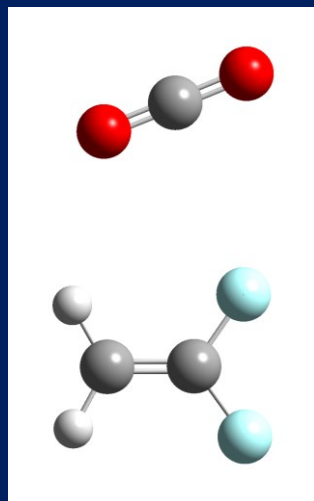
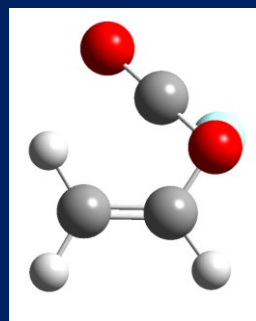
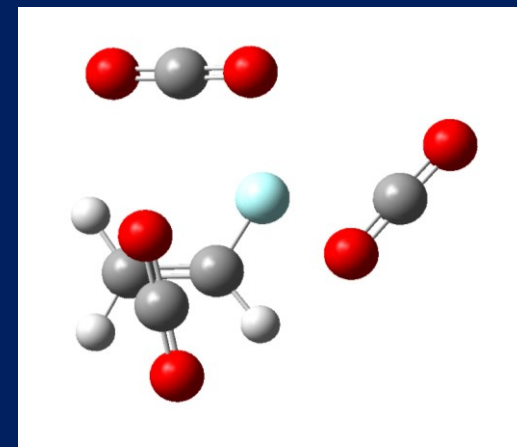
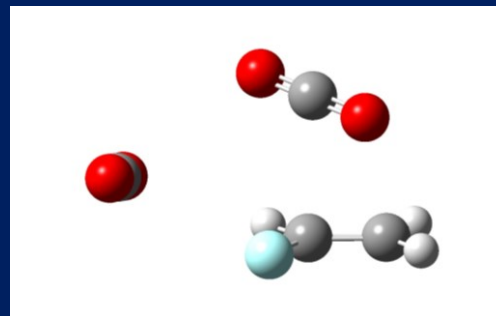
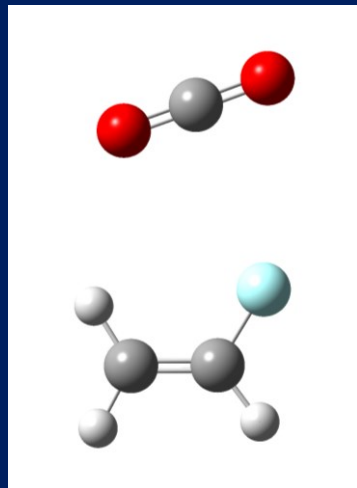
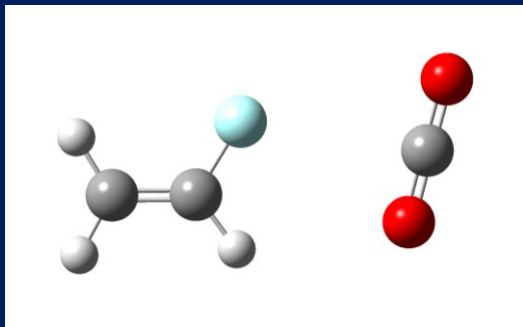


Where does that leave us?

- Increasing set of tools for isolating spectra of one or a few related species to facilitate assignment
- Potential to start extending some of these approaches to:
 - Other types of spectroscopy
 - Other chemical species (e.g. products formed in electric discharge or laser ablation)



Comparison of FE and DFE cluster structures



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