

Quantum chemical modeling of molecular crystal deformations

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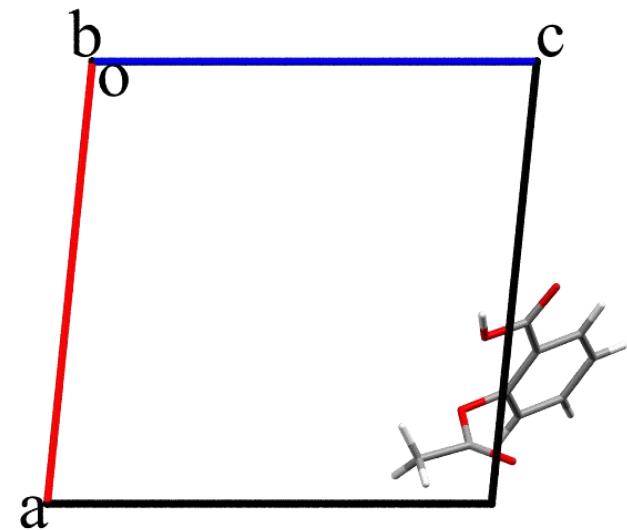
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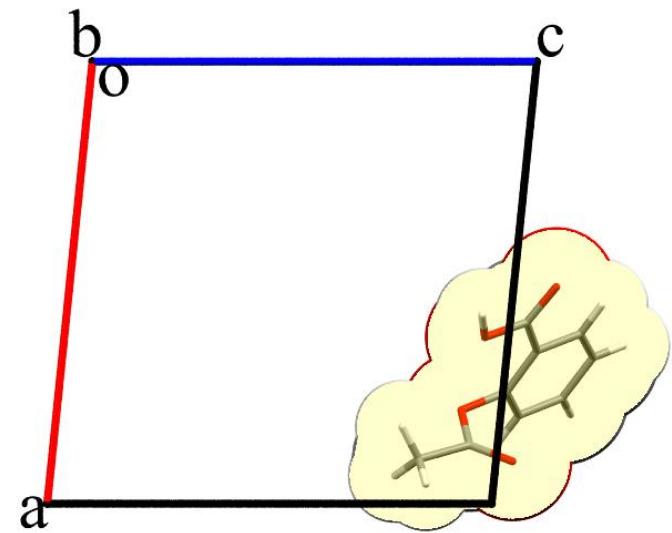
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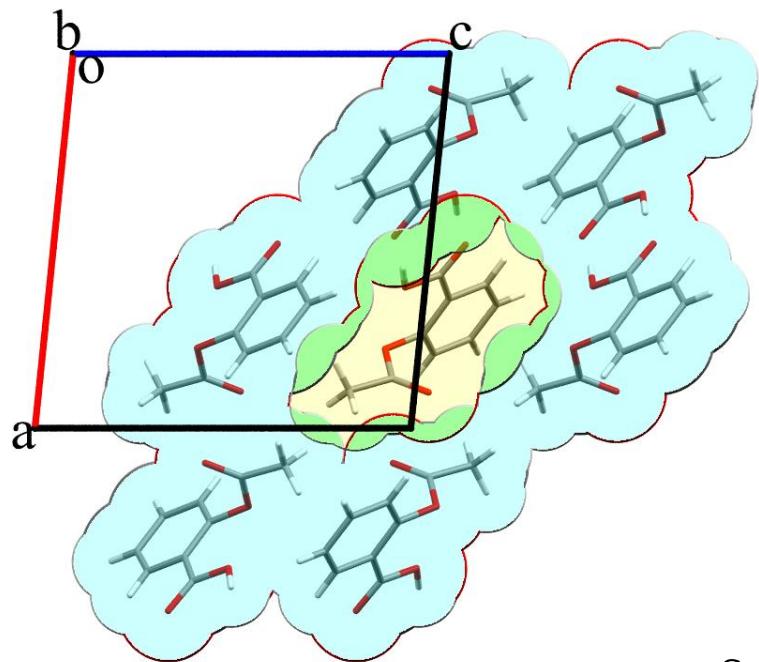
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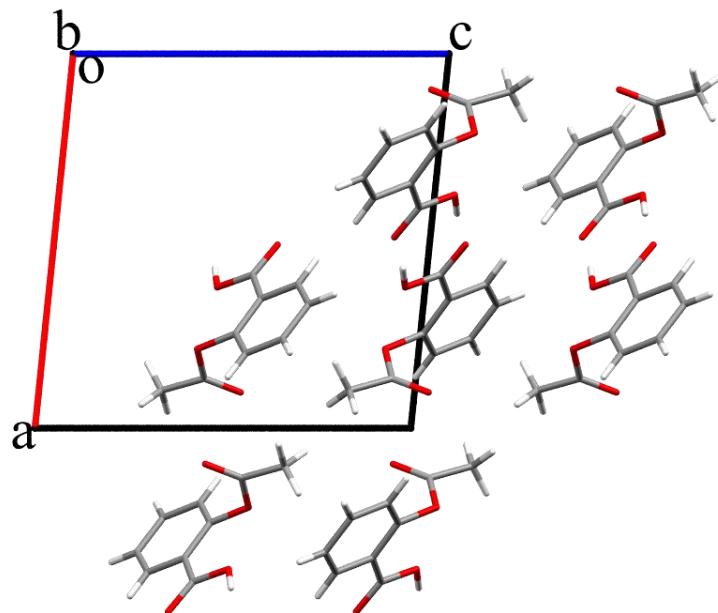
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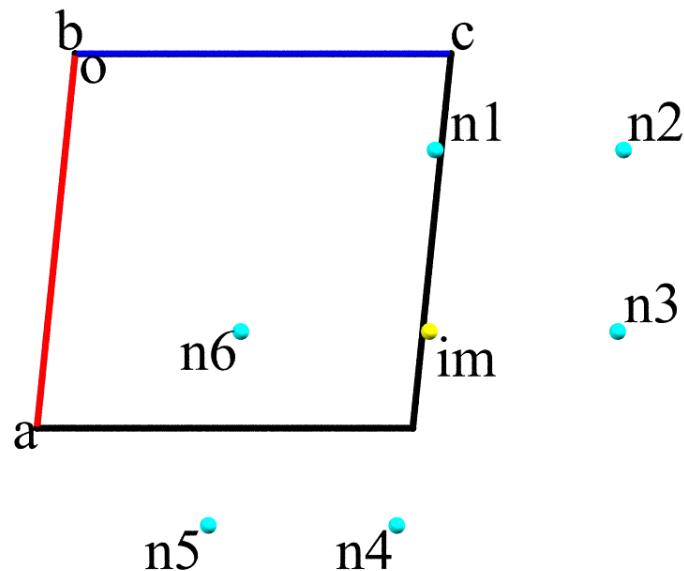
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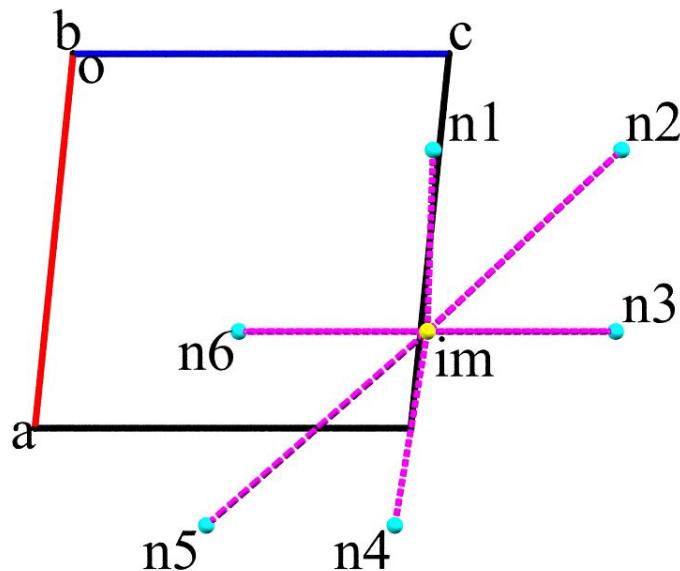
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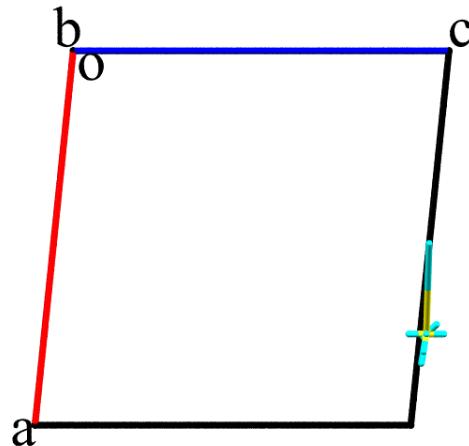
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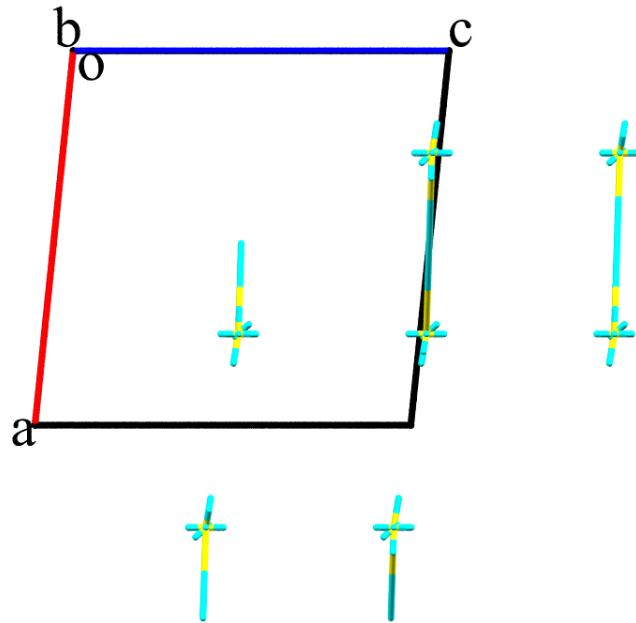
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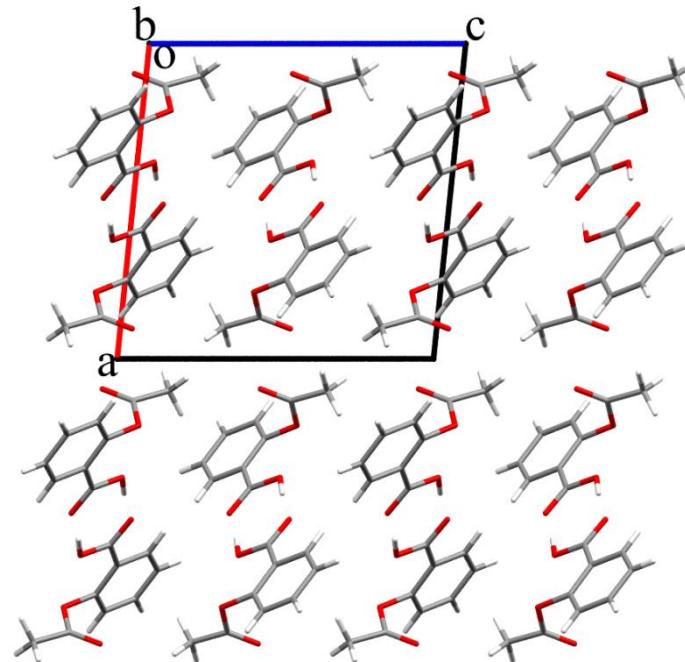
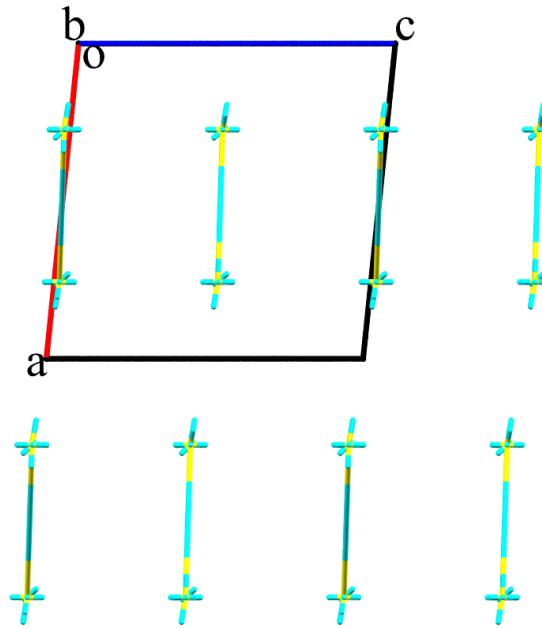
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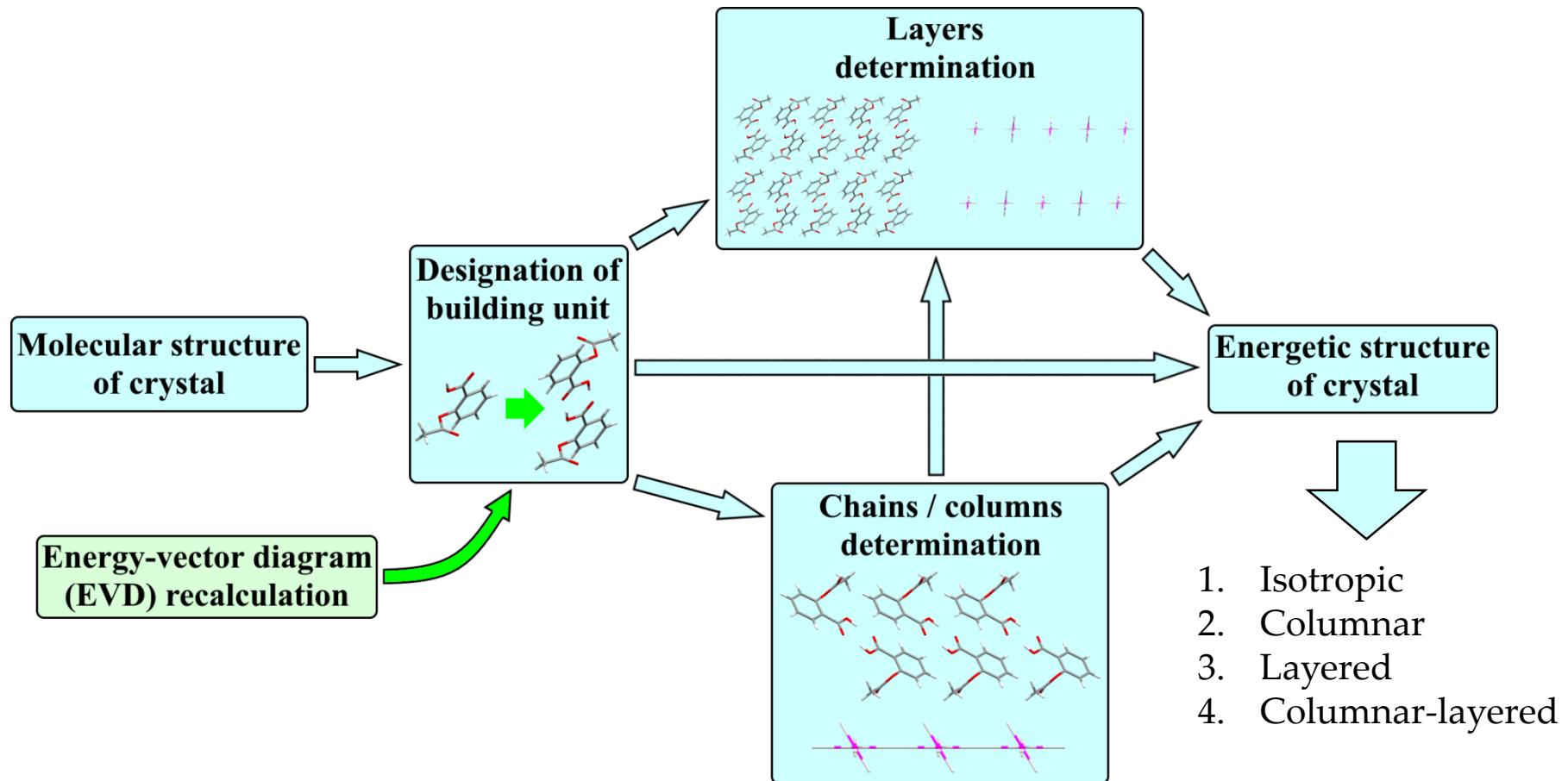
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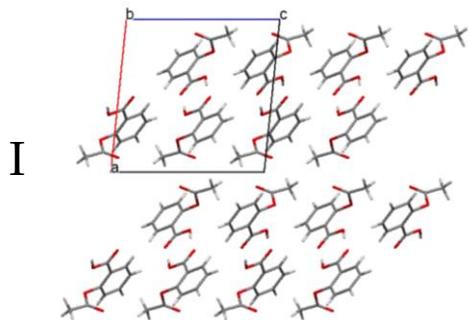
Classification of molecular crystals



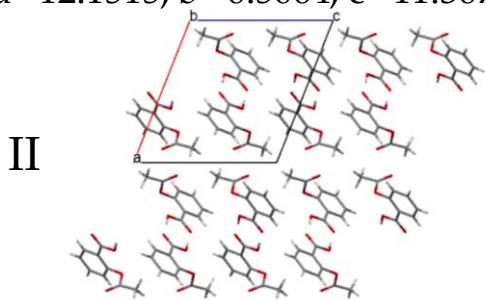
- Relationship between anisotropy of physical properties and anisotropy of crystal packing
- Different properties of polymorphs due to different systems of intermolecular interactions

Aspirin's polymorphic forms

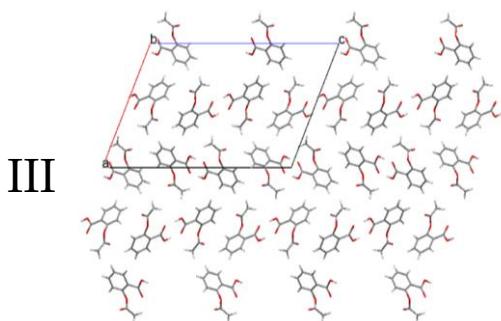
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P21/c: $a = 16.741$, $b = 4.795$, $c = 23.802$ $\beta = 111.08$



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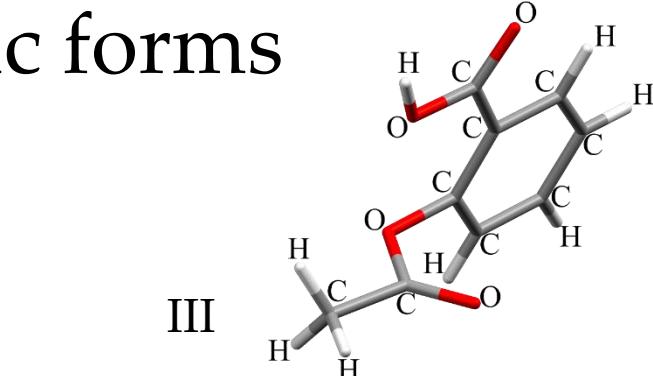
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2.2 GPa

III

Pressure
drop

Metastable



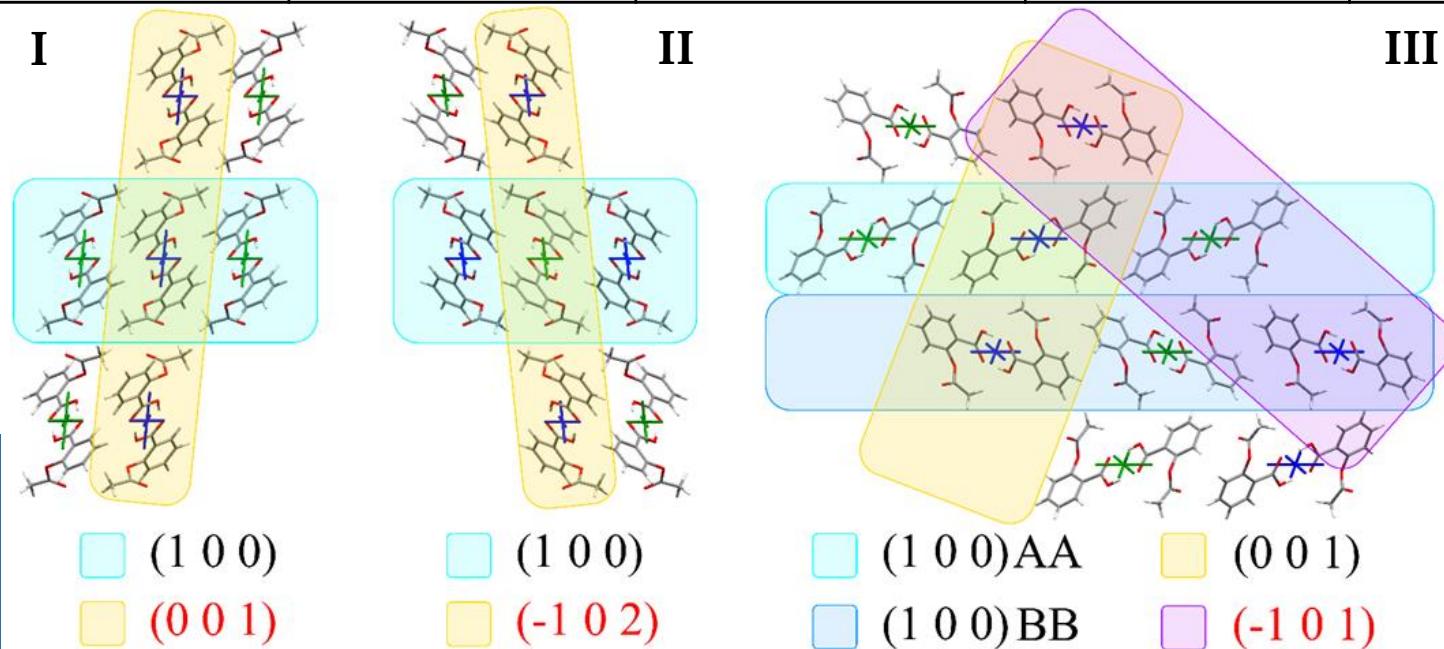
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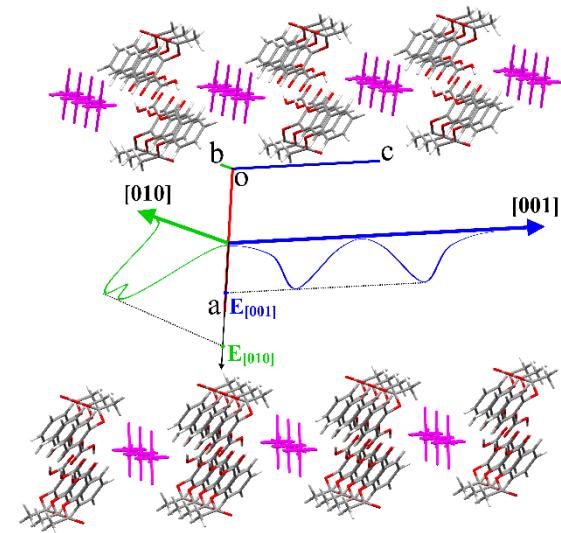
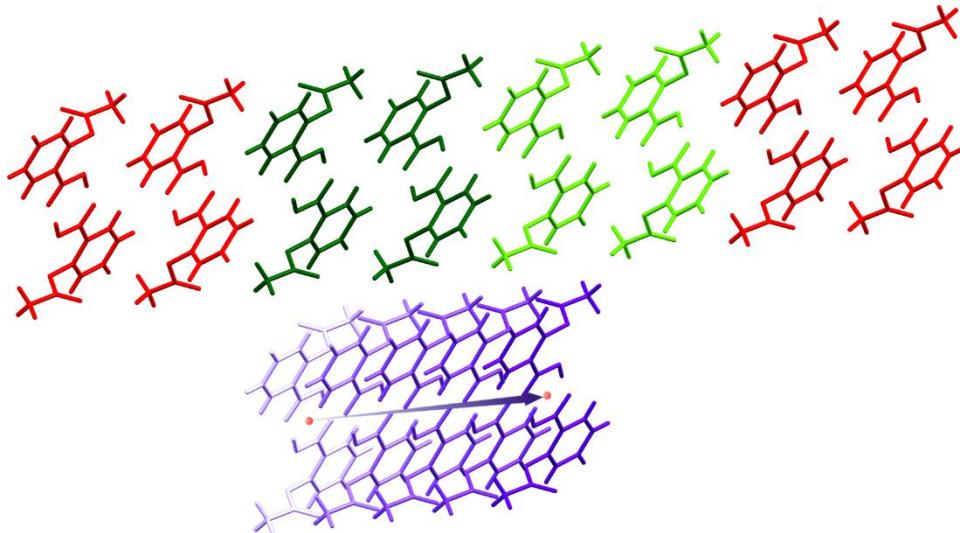
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Analysis of energetic structure of aspirin's polymorphs

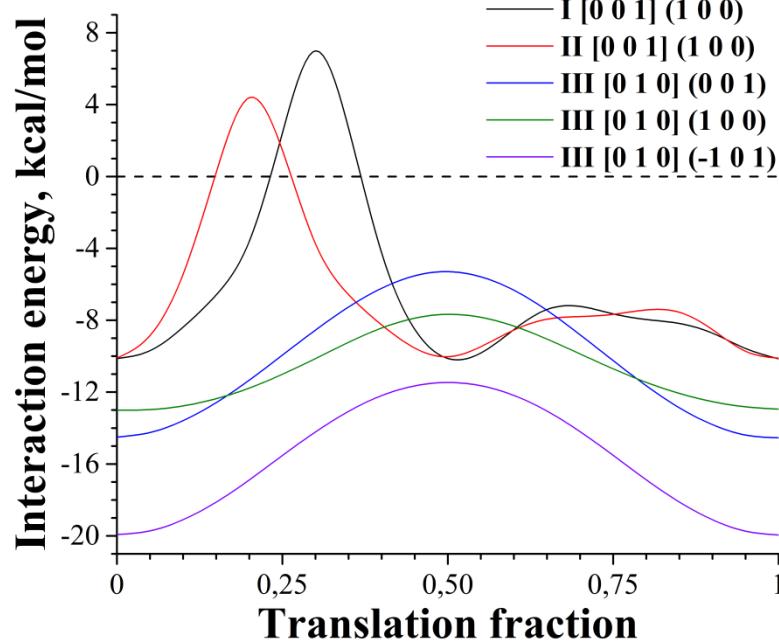
Interaction energy, kcal/mol	I		II		III AA		III BB	
	(1 0 0)	(0 0 1)	(1 0 0)	(-1 0 2)	(1 0 0)	(0 0 1)	(1 0 0)	(0 0 1)
In chain	-26.8		-26.9		-35.3		-32.9	
Between chains in layer	-32.2	-12.3	-33.6	-13.3	-19.7	-17.4	-20.9	-17.4
In layer	-59.9	-39.0	-60.5	-40.1	-55.0	-52.8	-53.8	-50.3
Between layers	-15.4	-36.3	-14.8	-35.2	-24.6	-26.9	-24.6	-28.1
Chain with all neighbors	-48.6		-48.4		-44.3		-45.5	
Total	-73.5		-73.5		-79.7		-78.5	



Modelling of shift in aspirin's crystals



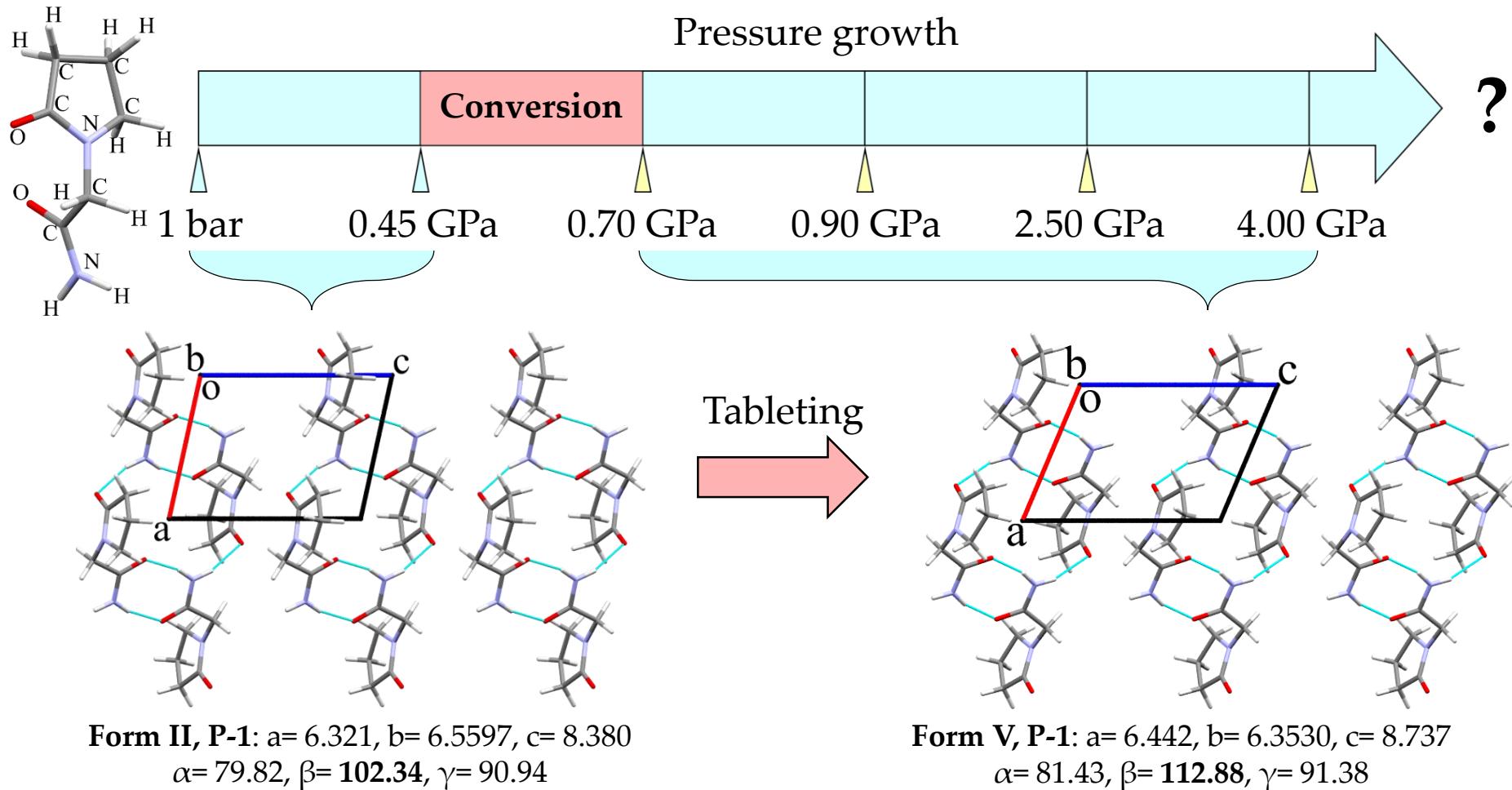
Please, take a look at the video "Shift"



	Shift energy barrier, kcal/mol	Minimal distance, Å
I [001] (100)	17.1	1.19
II [001] (100)	14.5	1.27
III [010] (001)	9.2	1.73
III [010] (100)	5.3	1.73
III [010] (-101)	8.5	1.82

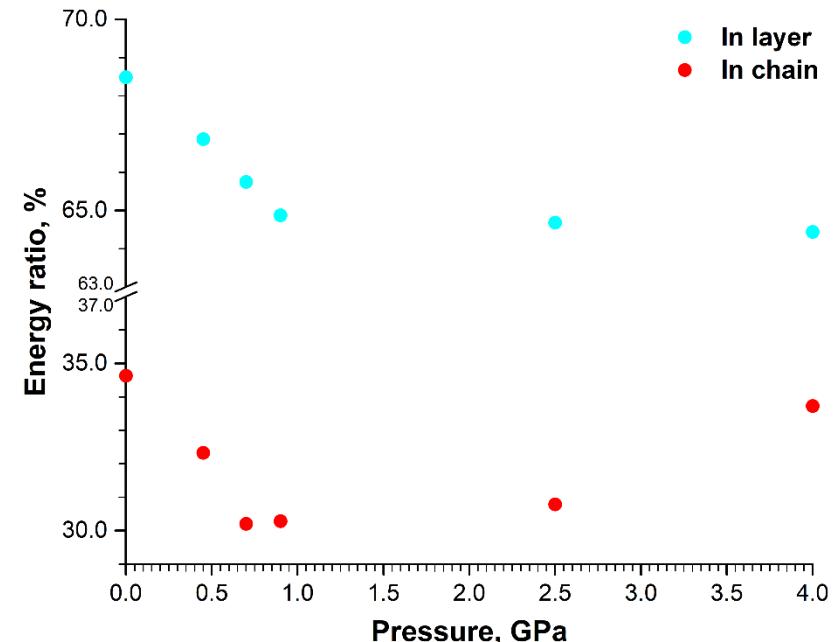
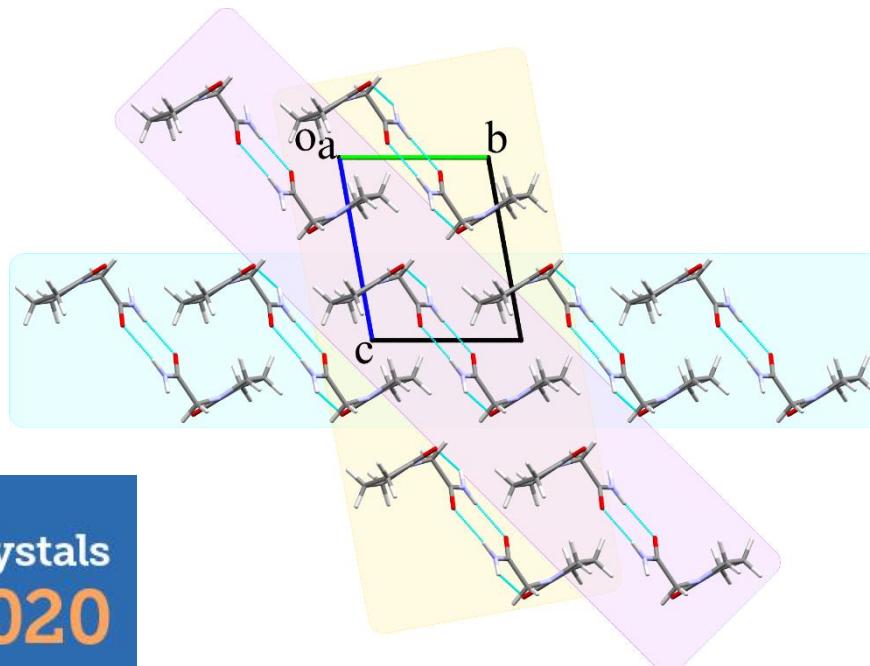
Crystal structure transformation under pressure

Transformation in piracetam under pressure



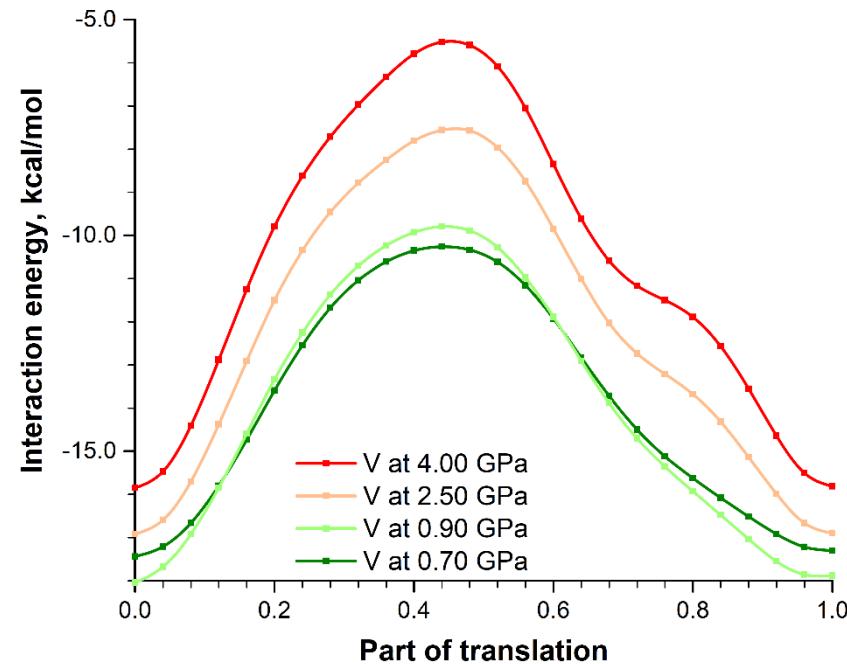
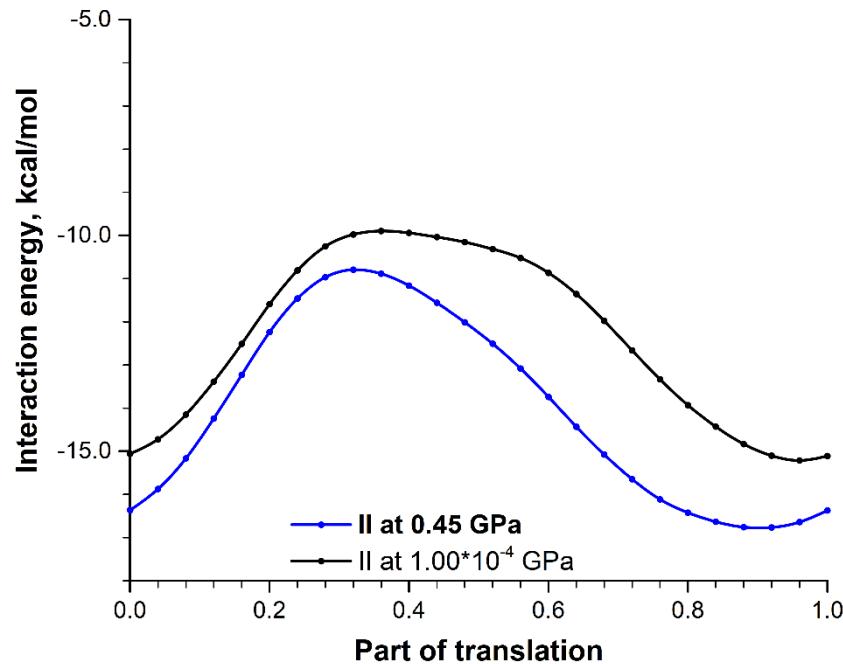
Changes in energetic structure of piracetam upon a transition

Interaction energy, kcal/mol	II at 0.45 GPa			V at 0.70 GPa		
	(001)	(010)	(0-11)	(001)	(010)	(0-11)
In chain	-35.9			-34.6		
Between chains in layer	-19.2	-8.8	-9.6	-20.4	-13.2	-12.9
In layer	-74.3	-53.4	-55.2	-75.4	-60.9	-60.3
Between layers	-18.4	-28.8	-27.9	-26.0	-33.2	-33.5
Total	-111.0			-127.4		



Modelling of shift in piracetam's crystals

[100] direction along (001) layer



Polymorph	Pressure, GPa	Shift energy barrier, kcal/mol	Minimal distance, Å
II	1.00×10^{-4}	5.3	1.72
	0.45	6.0	1.84
V	0.70	7.2	2.01
	0.90	8.2	1.96
	2.50	9.4	1.88
	4.00	10.3	1.84

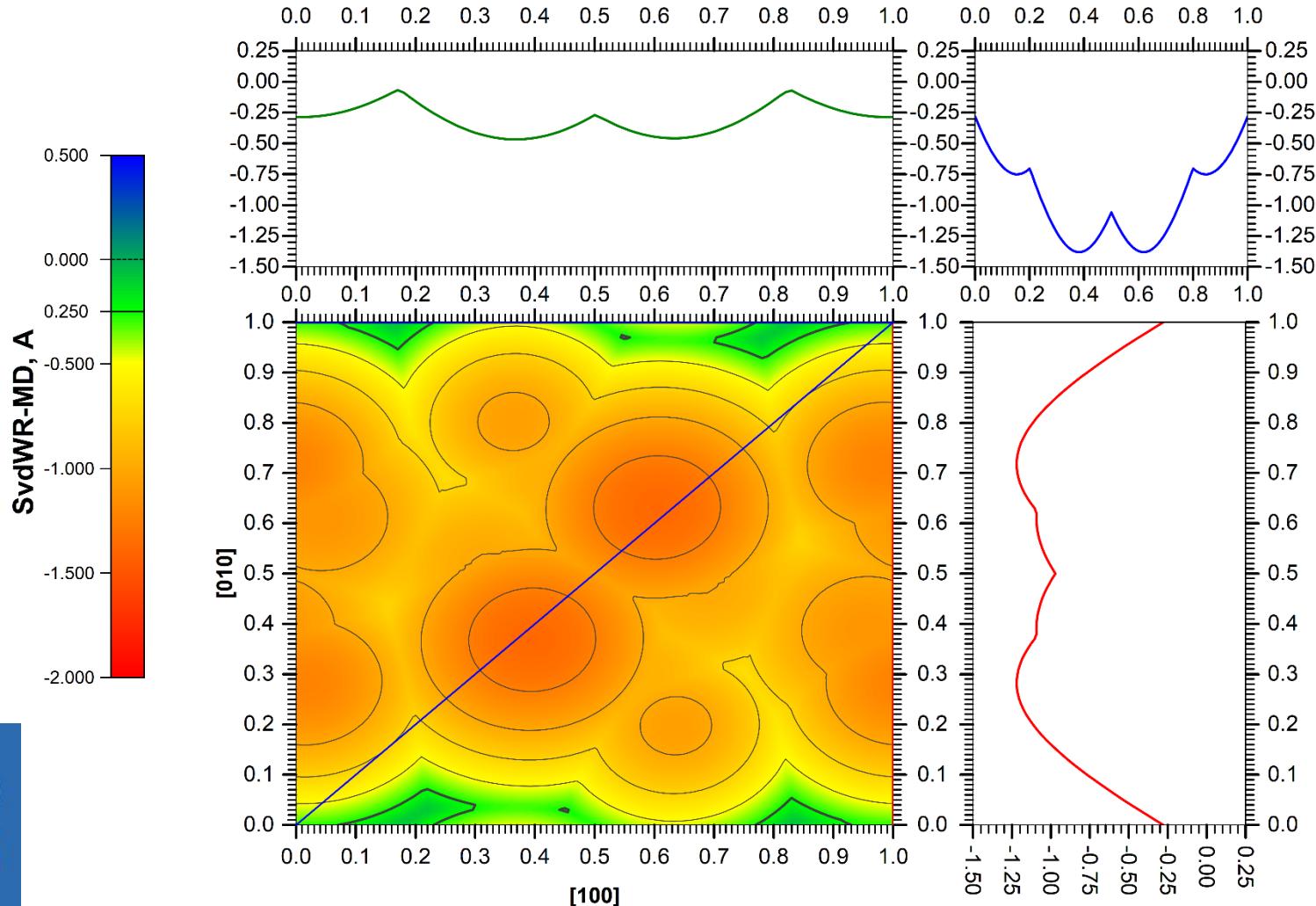
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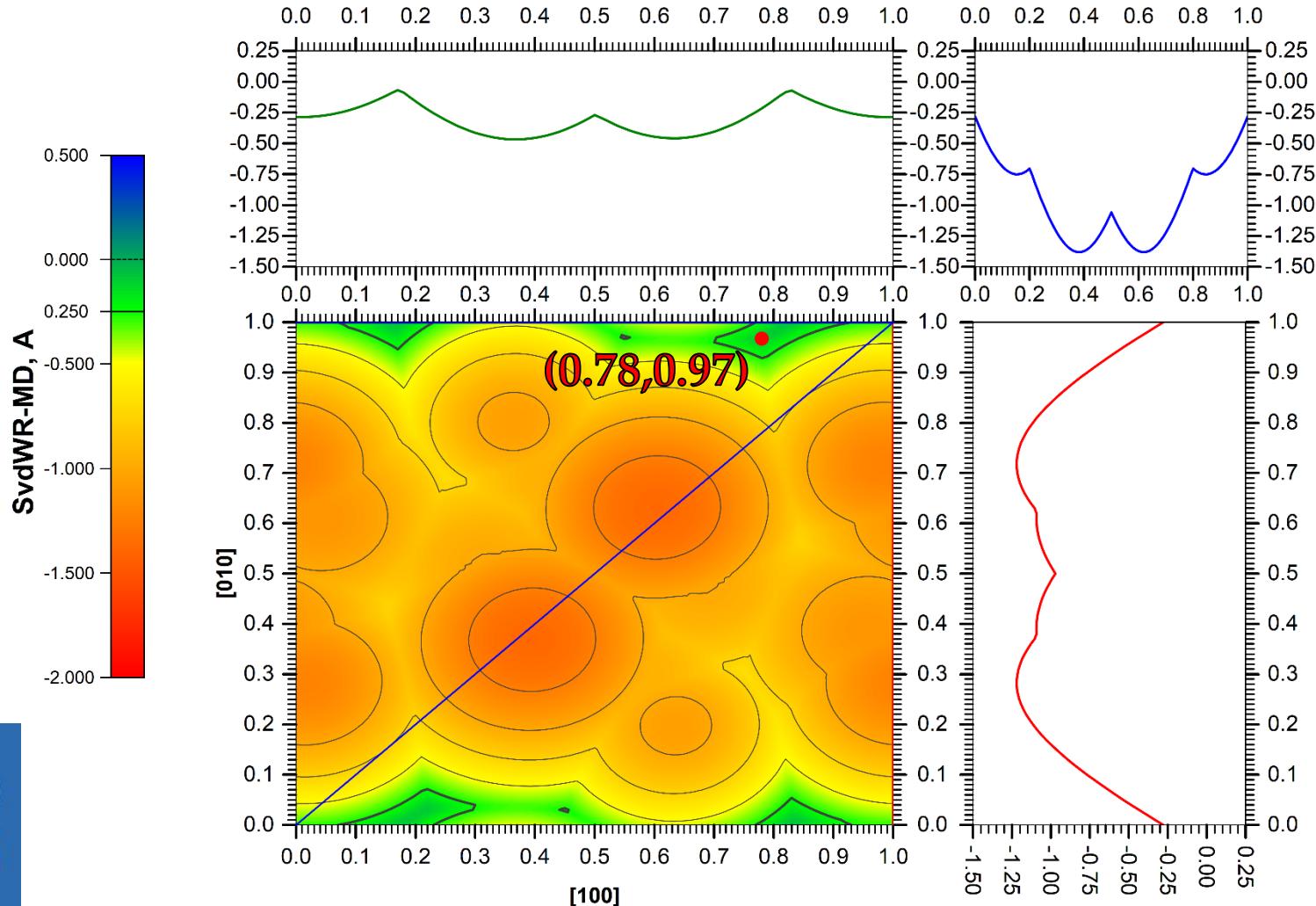
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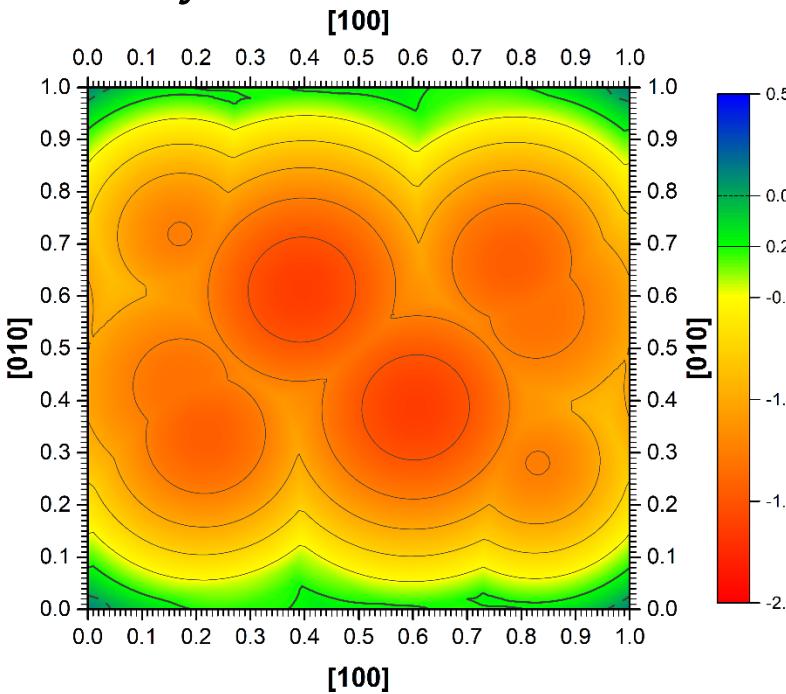
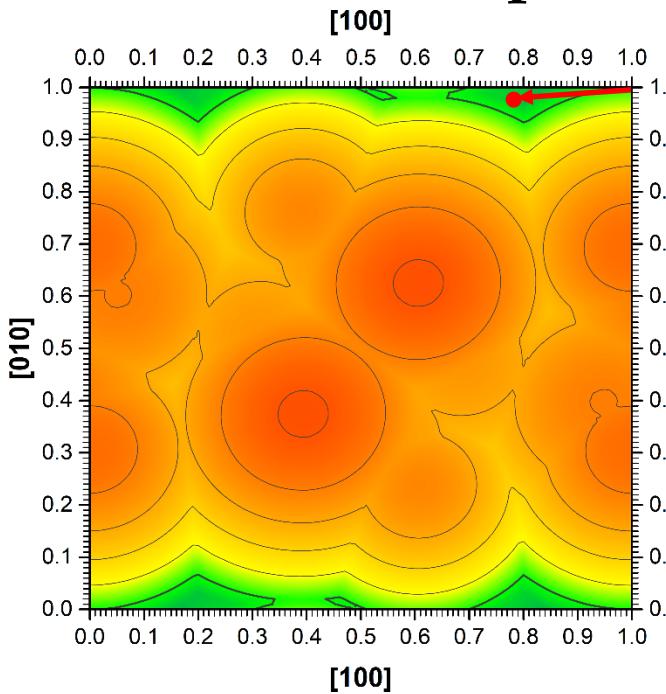
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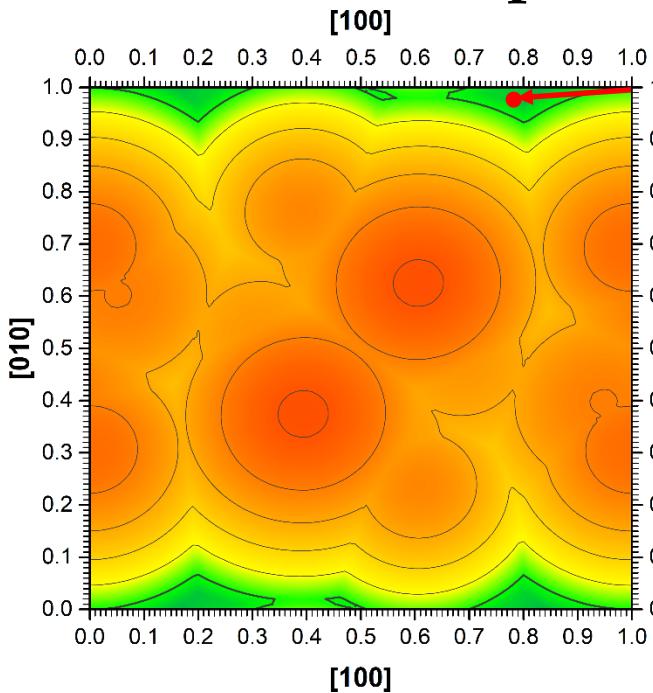
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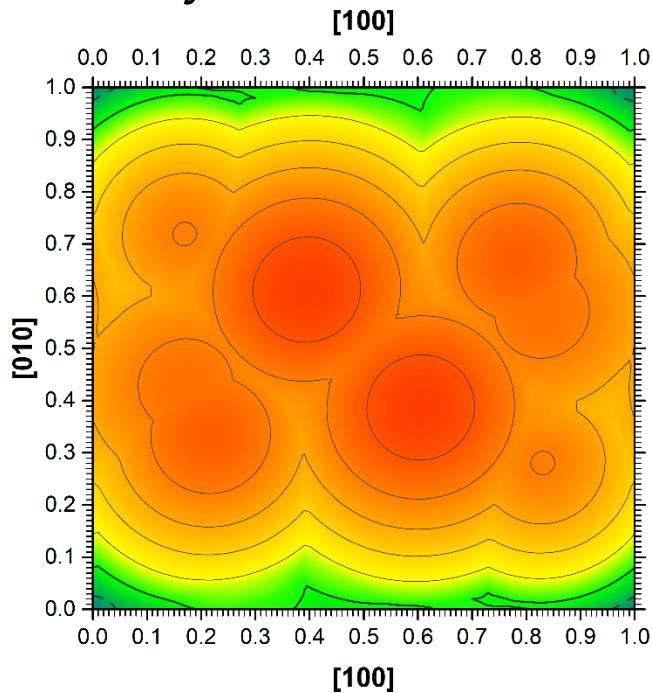
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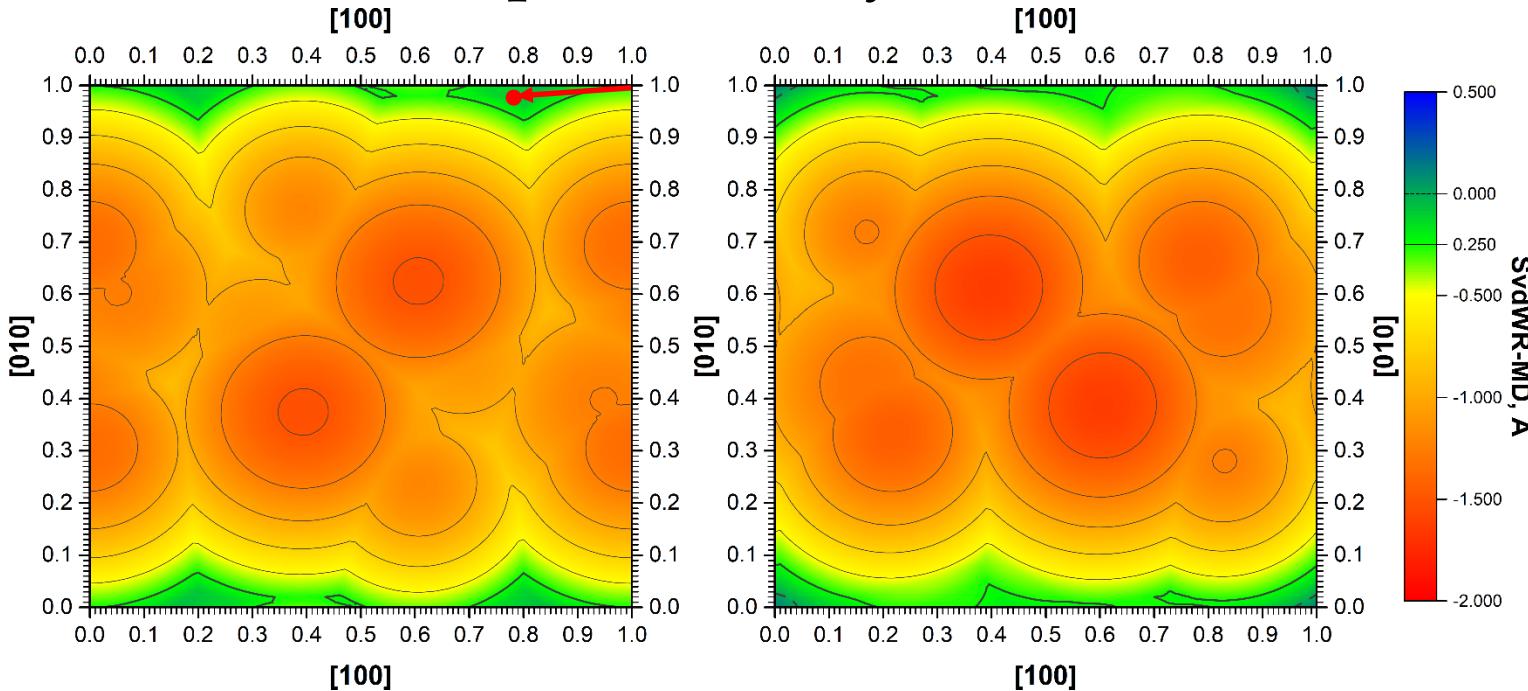
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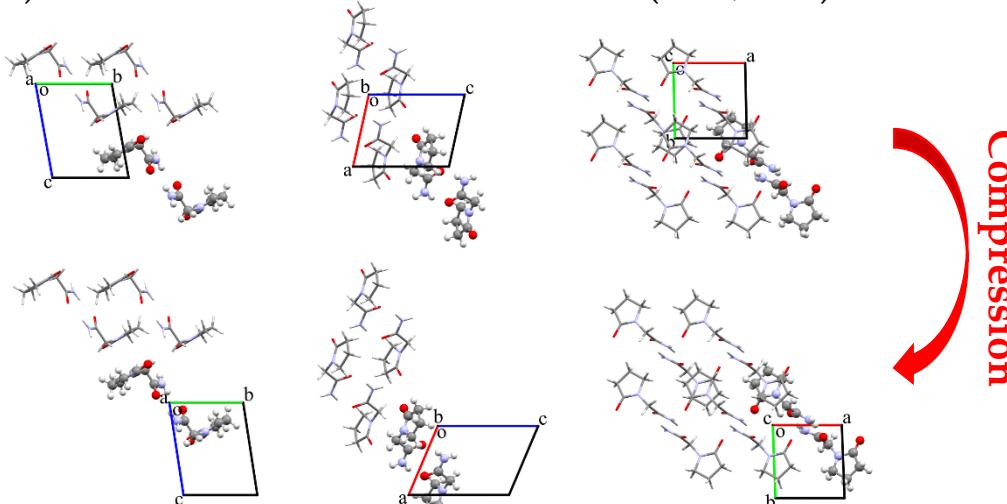
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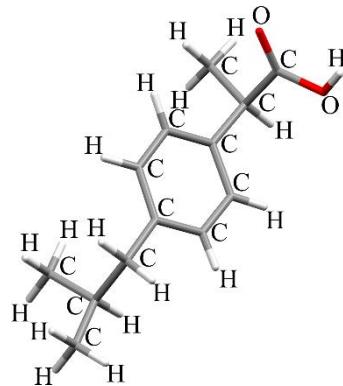


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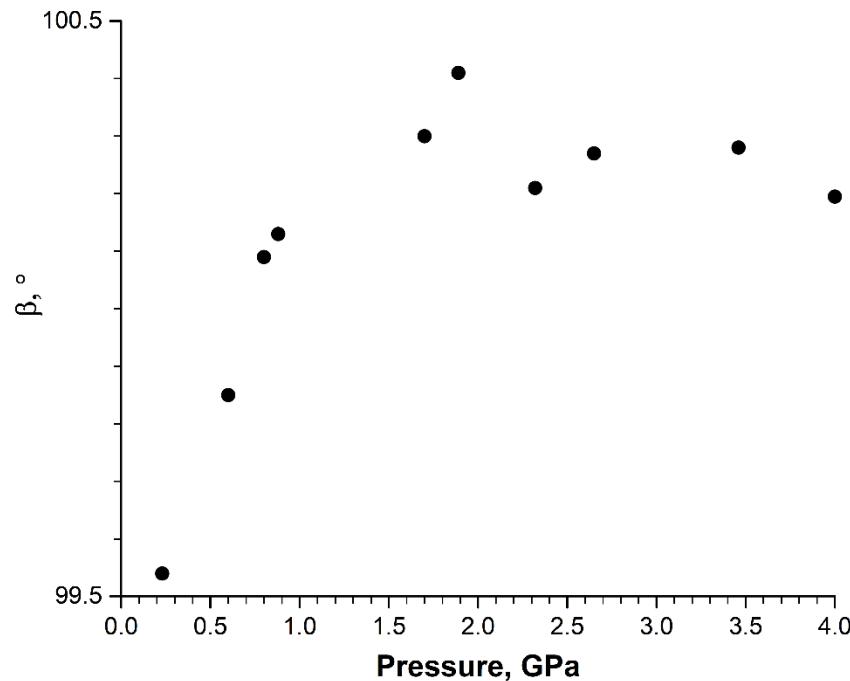
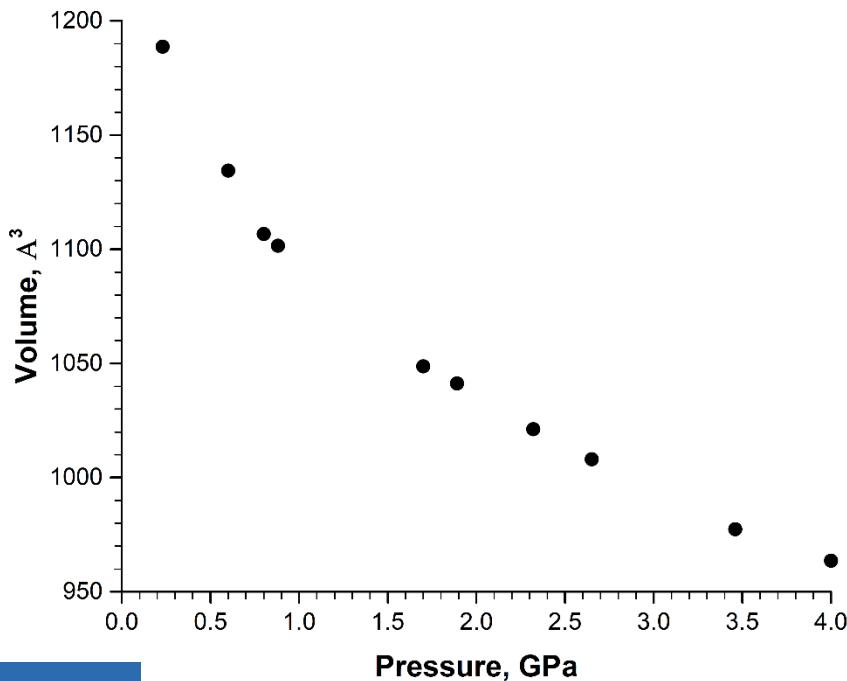
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Consistency of ibuprofen's structure



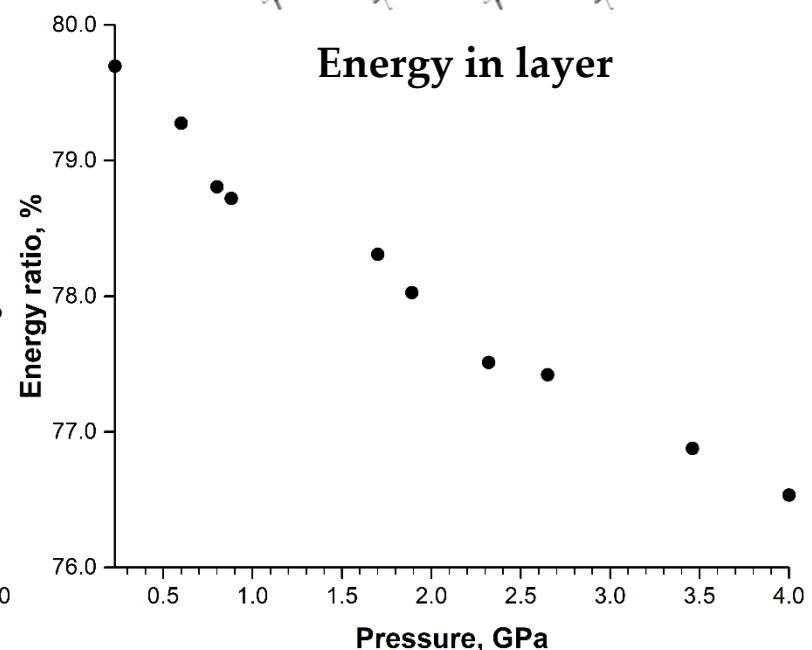
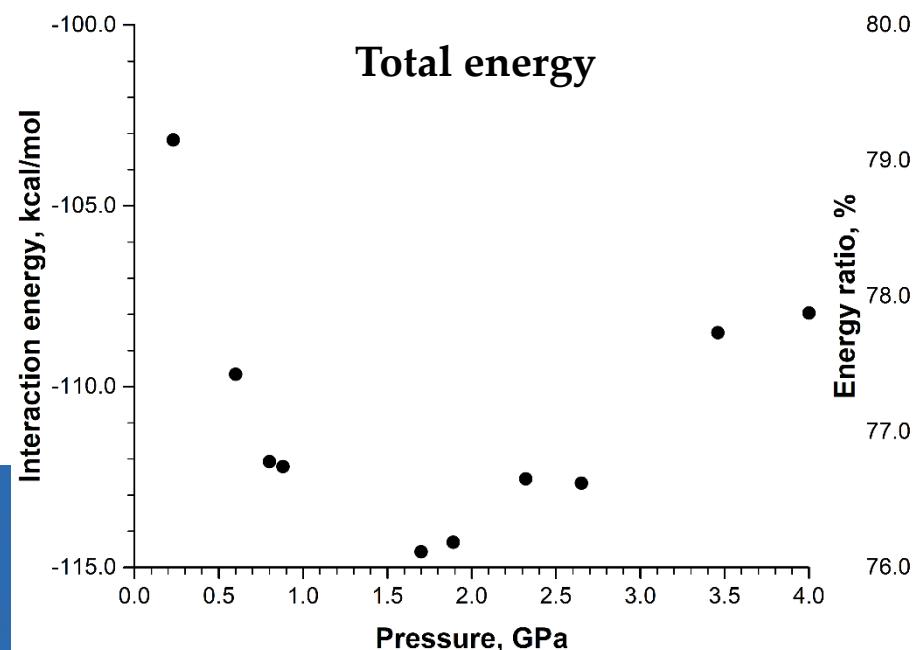
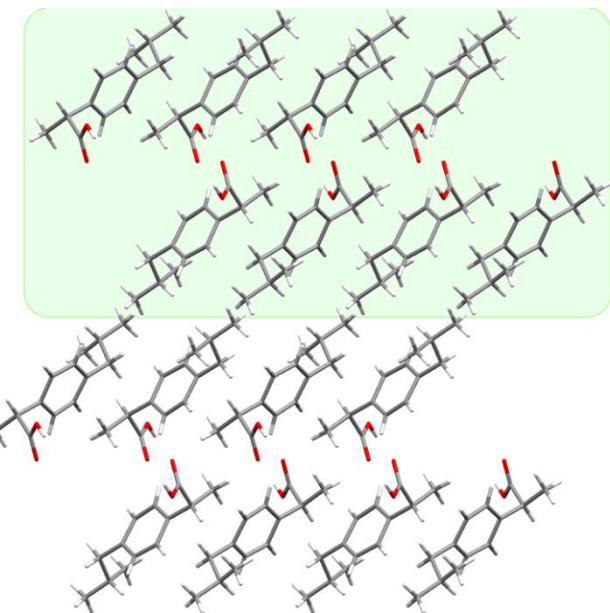
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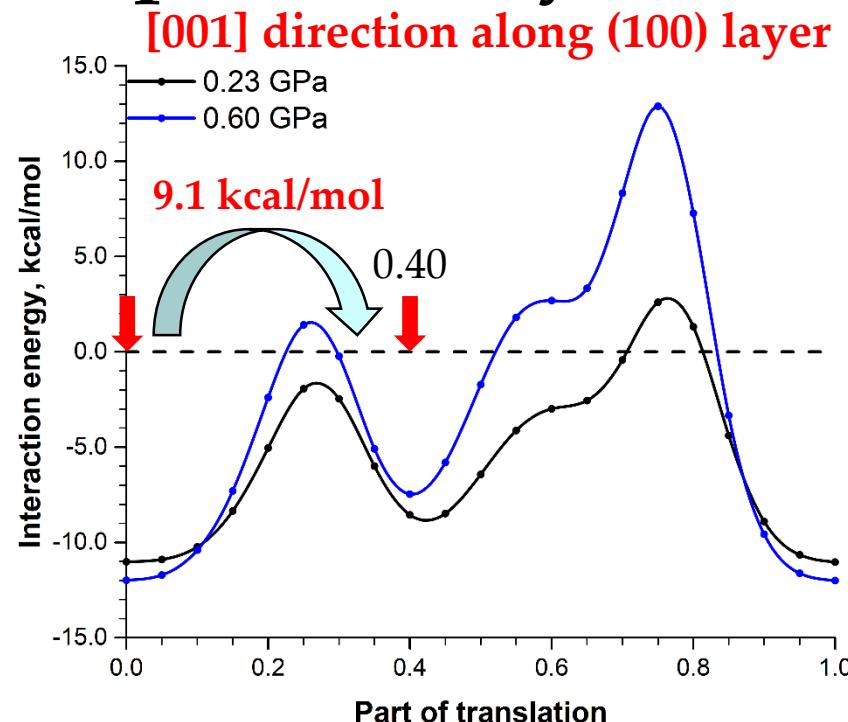
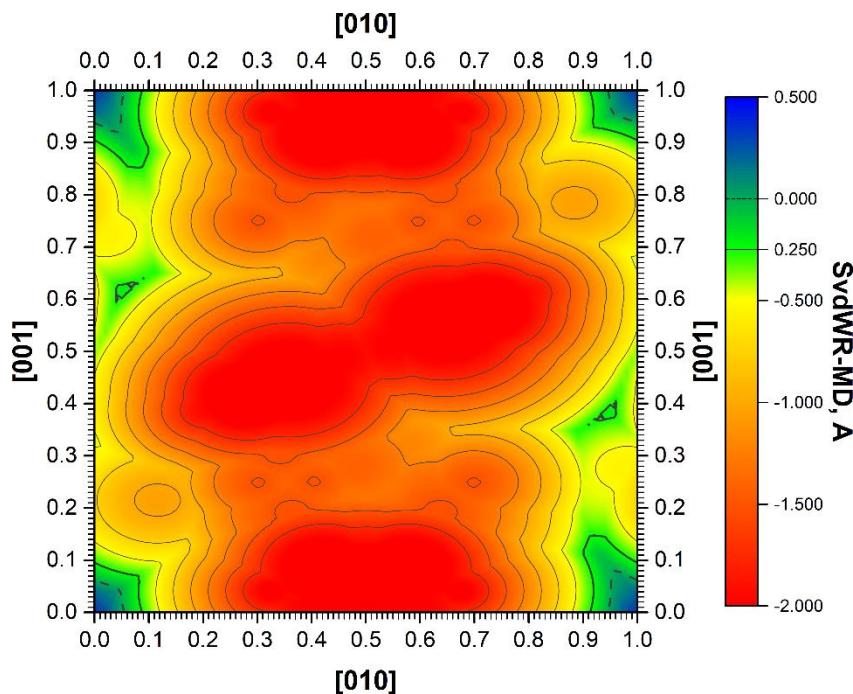


Sustainability of ibuprofen's energetic structure

Interaction energy, kcal/mol	0.23 GPa		
	(100)	(001)	(102)
In chain	-21.6		
Between chains in layer	-30.3	-6.0	-4.5
In layer	-82.2	-33.6	-30.5
Between layers	-10.5	-34.8	-36.3
Total	-103.2		



Modelling of shift in ibuprofen's crystals



Pressure, GPa	Shift energy barrier, kcal/mol	Minimal distance, Å
0,23	13,6	1,46
0,60	24,9	1,30
0,80	34,8	1,18
0,88	34,7	1,20
2,65	104,6	0,86
4,00	190,7	0,70

Conclusions

- ❖ On the base of a study of pairwise interactions energies in crystals **the new quantum-chemical method** able to describe **shear-based transformations** of crystal structures was proposed.
- ❖ The new **cheap express method** for the **2d-detection of cavities** in structure was offered and applied for the preliminary assessment of the molecular slips probability in crystals.
- ❖ **Testing** with experimental results showed a **good match** within the simulated and real properties and transformations for three pharmaceutic compounds: **aspirin, piracetam and ibuprofen**.

