



# Working Session II : ELF/MESP/NCI

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Tuesday 5 sept.	Wednesday 6 sept.
T. 42-43, basement	T. 42-43, basement
QTAIM – IQA – REG	ELF, MESP & NCI
Lunch Brasserie l'ardoise	Lunch Brasserie l'ardoise
14h30-15h30 QTAIM – IQA - REG	Conceptual DFT
16h -17h30 ELF, MESP & NCI	

# Working Session II

We provide all files needed for the session:

- ✓ A copy of useful articles.
- ✓ We have supplied all requisite wfn/wfx/cube input files for TopChem2.
- ✓ Many exercises are provided with varying levels of difficulty. You can initially select exercises from the “Essential” list.

# Working Session II

Starting with Topchem2 : Summary of main commands (page 32)

1. Open a linux terminal

2. Change the directory where the input files are located:

```
cd MoDerm/TP_Exercices/Inputs_MoDerm/SessionII
```

3. and start with the command-line,

```
topchem2 ...
```

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**refine**:f **proc**:4 **output**:your\_file.pop

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**Gaussian wfn file (or wfx)**

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**ELF/CVB/NCI  
analysis**



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Produce a vmd file

## Working Session II: MESP analysis from cube files

### command-line,

➤ topchem2 **input**:your\_file\_mep.cube **rho\_file**: your\_file\_rho.cube  
**vmd function**:mep **proc**:4 **output**:your\_file.pop

## Working Session II: MESP analysis from wfn/wfx

### command-line,

➤ topchem2 **wfn/wfx**:your\_file.wfn **function**:mep **vmd proc**:4  
**output**:your\_file.pop



# How to read/visualize your results ?

Results :

> vi your\_file .pop →

```
=====
POPULATION ANALYSIS SECTION
=====
sum.      29.01% assigned.

Populations
=====

basin      vol.      pop.      q.
-----
1 C(C2)    107.010   2.0672    3.9328
2 C(O1)    93.221    2.1228    5.8772
3 C(F4)    401.173   2.1326    6.8674
4 V(H3,F4) 189.111   1.3105   -0.3105
5 V(C2)    393.549   2.5571   -2.5571
6 V(O1)    863.437   3.9723   -3.9723
7 V(F4)    669.064   6.5752   -6.5752
8 V(O1,C2) 124.578   3.2567   -3.2567

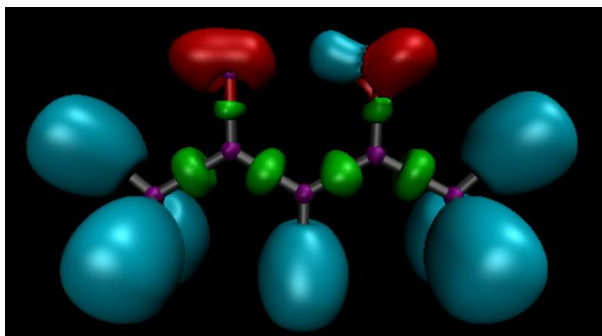
total population      23.994
```

Visualize critical points locations :

> molder your\_file\_elf\_cpelf.xyz

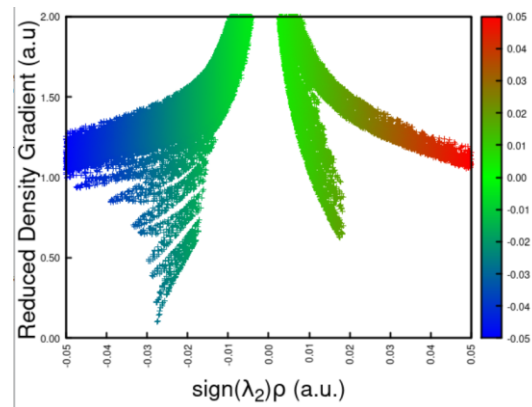
Visualize 3D Isosurfaces :

> vmd -e your\_file\_elf\_ebas.vmd



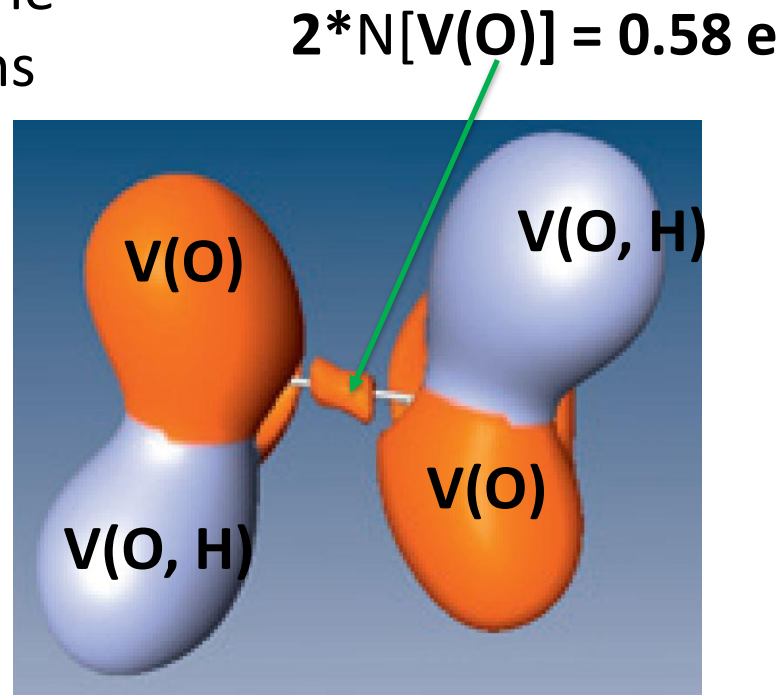
Visualize 2D NCI :

> gnuplot your\_file\_nci.gnu



# ELF Signature for charge-shift bond (CSB)\*

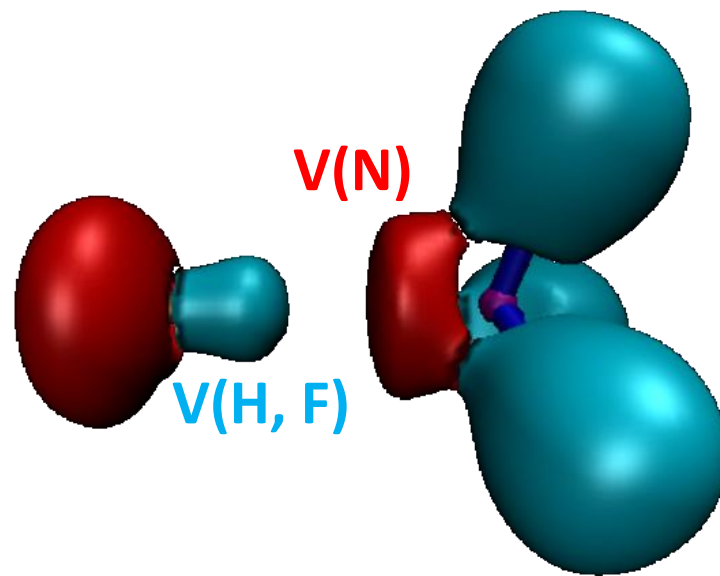
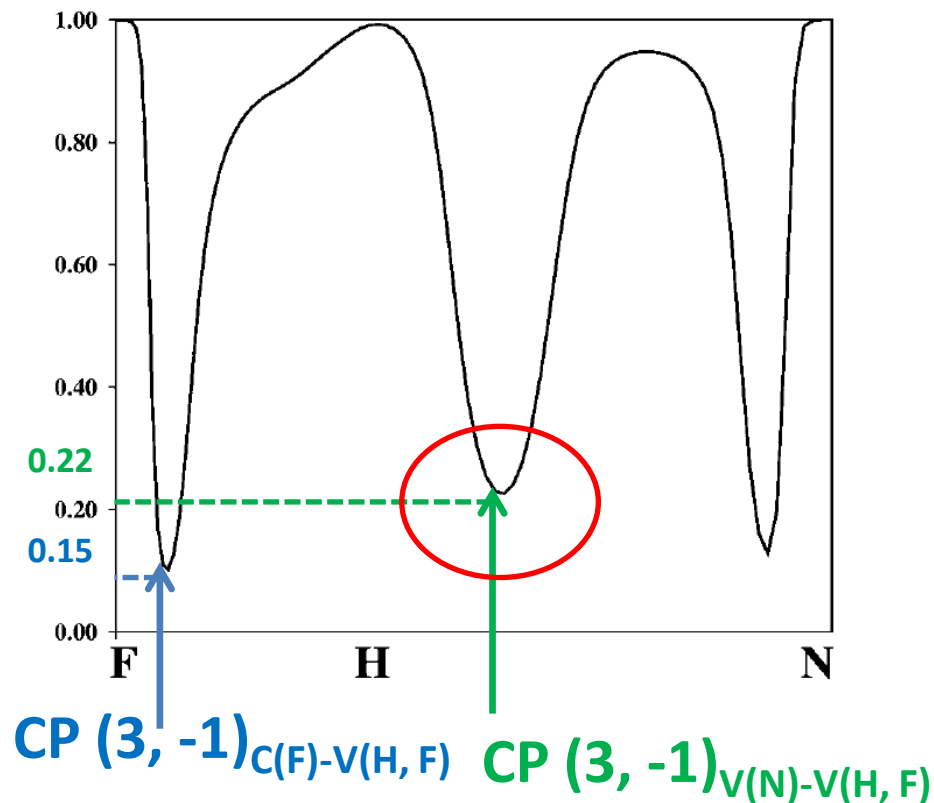
- ✓ homonuclear bond X-X or common case for X = F or Cl
- ✓ depleted bond population, **usually less than 1e**
- ✓ large delocalization between the populations of adjacent V(X) basins



\* Shaik S., Danovich D., Silvi B., Lauvergnat D., Hiberty P. Charge-Shift Bonding—A Class of Electron-Pair Bonds That Emerges from Valence Bond Theory and Is Supported by the Electron Localization Function Approach *Chem. Eur. J.* 21, pp. 6358–6371 (2005)

# ELF Core-Valence Bifurcation index (CVB) index \*

The core-valence bifurcation index (CVB)\* is designed to classify the A-H...B hydrogen bonds :



→ CVB = 0.22 - 0.15 = 0.07 > 0  
Correlation with the  
interaction energy FH-NH<sub>3</sub>

\* Fuster, F. and Silvi, B. Does the topological approach characterize the hydrogen bond ?  
*Th. Chem. Acc.* 104, p 13–21 (2000)

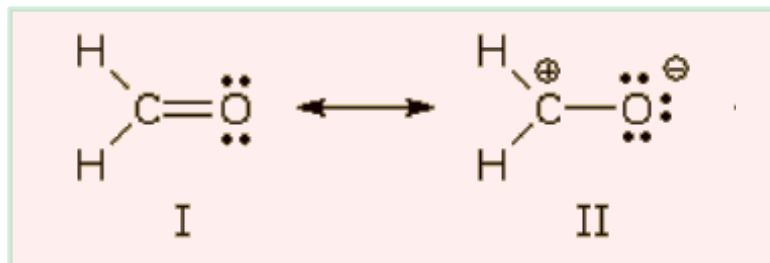
# Practical calculation

**Bond polarity index (bpi)** : Gives the contributions of A and B QTAIM basins, respectively, to the total population of the V(A, B) disynaptic basin. **bpi is always restricted to [-1, 1]**

- ✓ Add to the command-line: **contrib:y**
- ✓ Directly given in the **your\_file.pop**

```
Bond Polarity Index (electrons)
=====
1- 0      2- C
1 C(C2)   0.000  1.000
2 C(O1)   1.000  0.000
3 C(F4)   0.000  0.000
4 V(H3,F4) 0.000  0.000
5 V(C2)  -0.886  0.871
```

# Weights of Lewis resonant structures (hands on Session II)



B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p) level of theory

populations  $\rightarrow N[V(C, O)] = 2.43e$  ;  $N[C(C)] = 2.08e$  ;  $N[C(O)] = 2.15e$

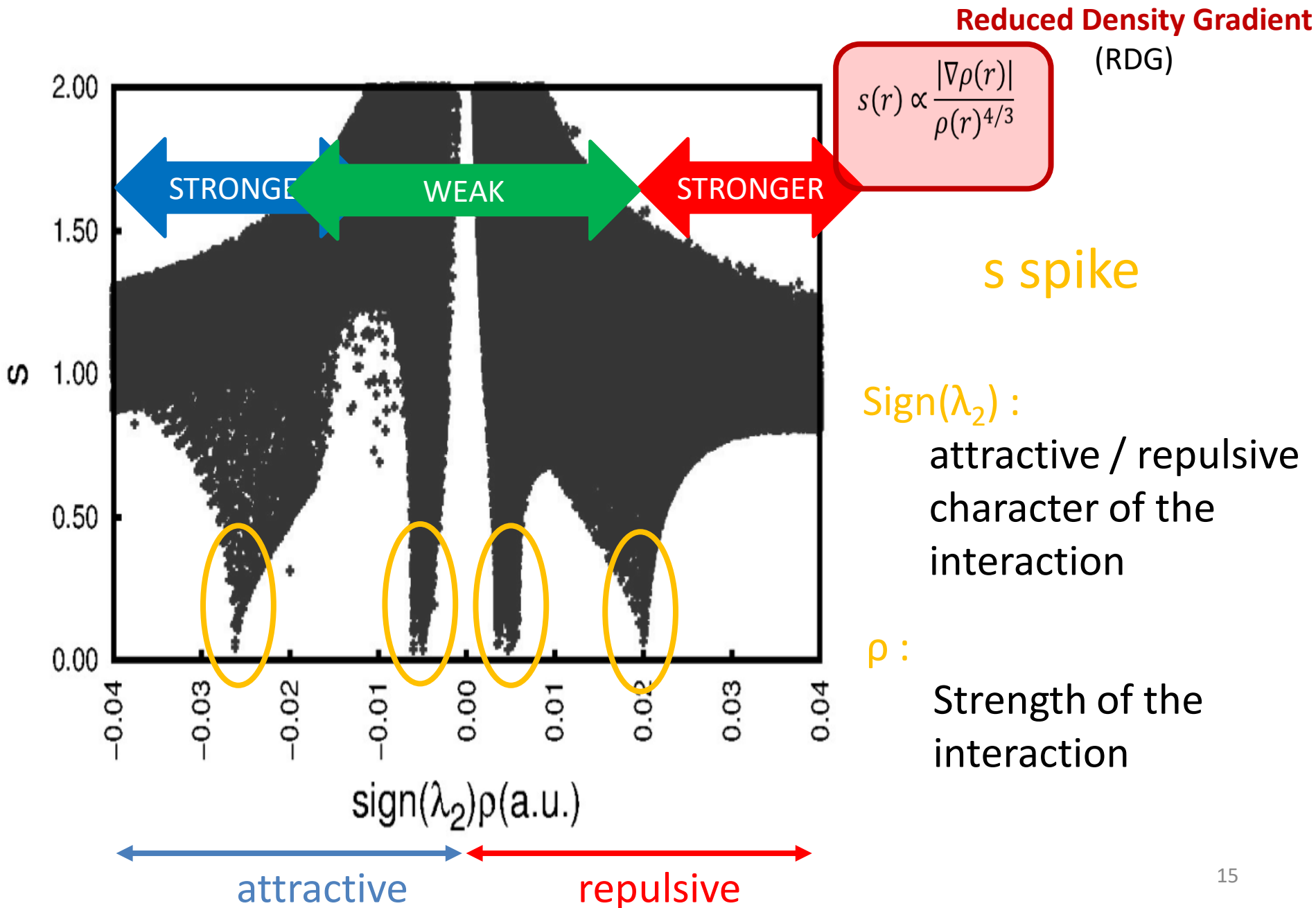
$$\text{C-O linear system} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 8 w_I + 6 w_{II} = 2.43 + 2.08 + 2.15 \\ w_I + w_{II} = 1 \end{cases}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{cases} w_I = 0.33 \\ w_{II} = 0.67 \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{strong contribution of the polarized structure } C^+ O^-$$

# NCI : Hands-on

- For several systems showing non covalent interactions :
  - trace  $s$  versus  $\text{sign}(\lambda_2)\rho$  (2D NCI plot) ;
  - look at  $s$  isosurfaces in the molecular space (3D NCI plot)
- Relate the shape / spatial extension of the NCI isosurface to the type of interaction (localized / delocalized character)
- Reveal the dual character (attractive / repulsive) of some interactions
- Confront QTAIM analysis to NCI analysis.
  - $s$  spikes revealing the presence of an interaction do not necessarily goes to  $s = 0$  (no QTAIM cp)
  - A single non covalent interaction can be associated with several QTAIM critical points



# TopChemWeb v1.0 by F. Fuster and J. Pilmé

<http://topchemweb.sorbonne-universite.fr/>

- A free online implementation of the TopChem2 code
- PROAIMS wavefunction (wfn or wfx) file for input, **limited to 12 atoms and 400 primitives**
- **Electron density, ELF and NCI** functions are currently available
- Graphical interface to view your results and download all topchem2 results files (**available 48 hours**)