

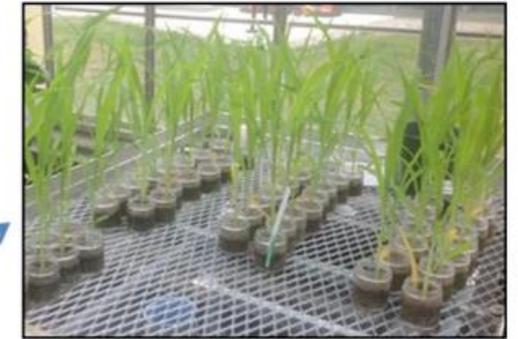
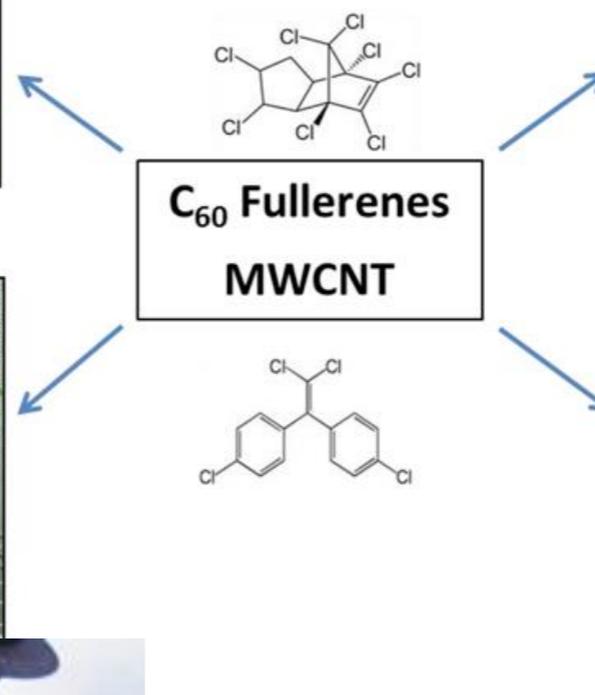
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# Molecular Dynamic Screening for Nano Trojan Horses

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# Importance of Nano in Agriculture



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# Exposure Routes

Intentional

Pesticide Delivery

Soil Contaminant  
Remediation

Biomass Enhancement

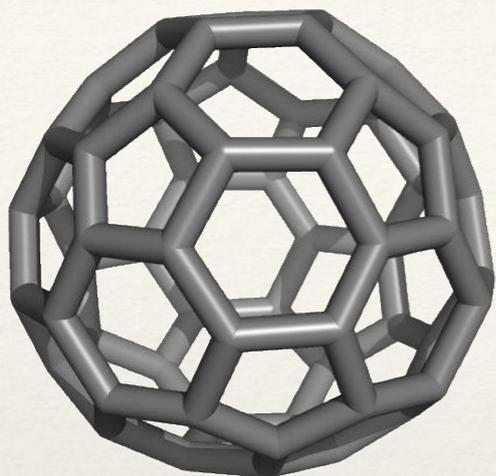
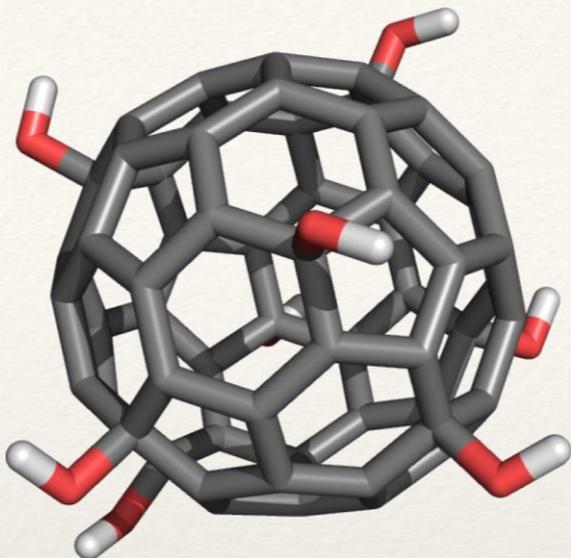
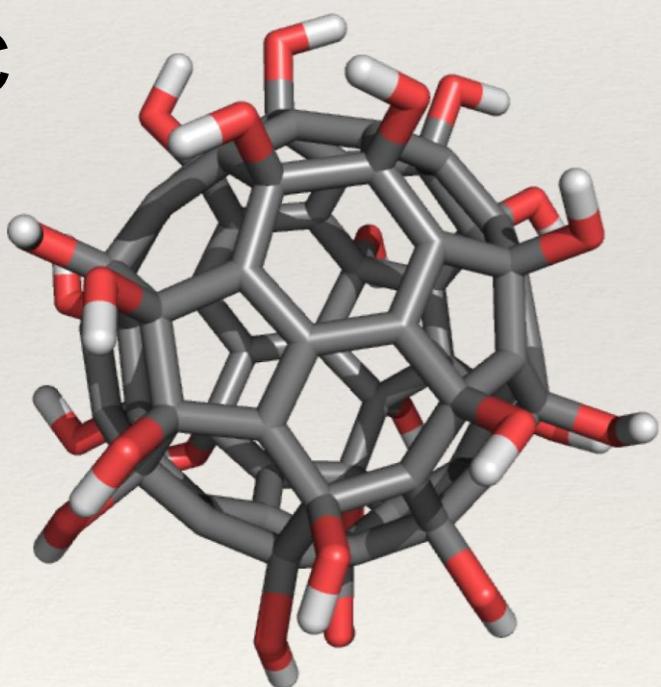
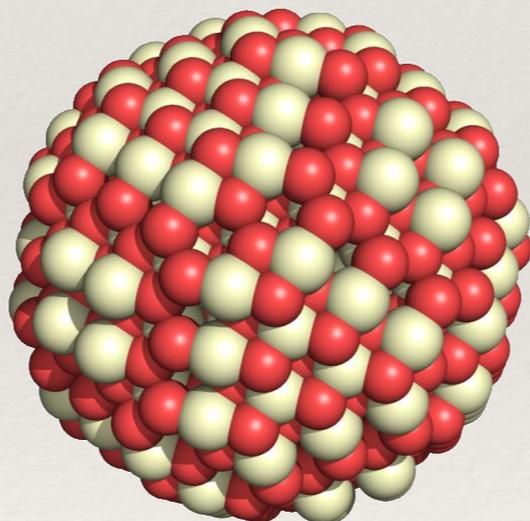
Anti-Pathogen...

Incidental

Biochar

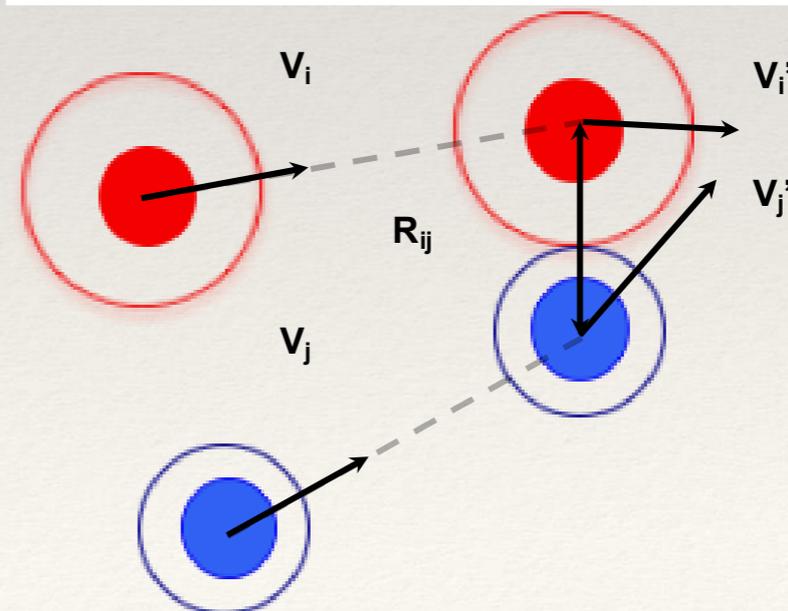
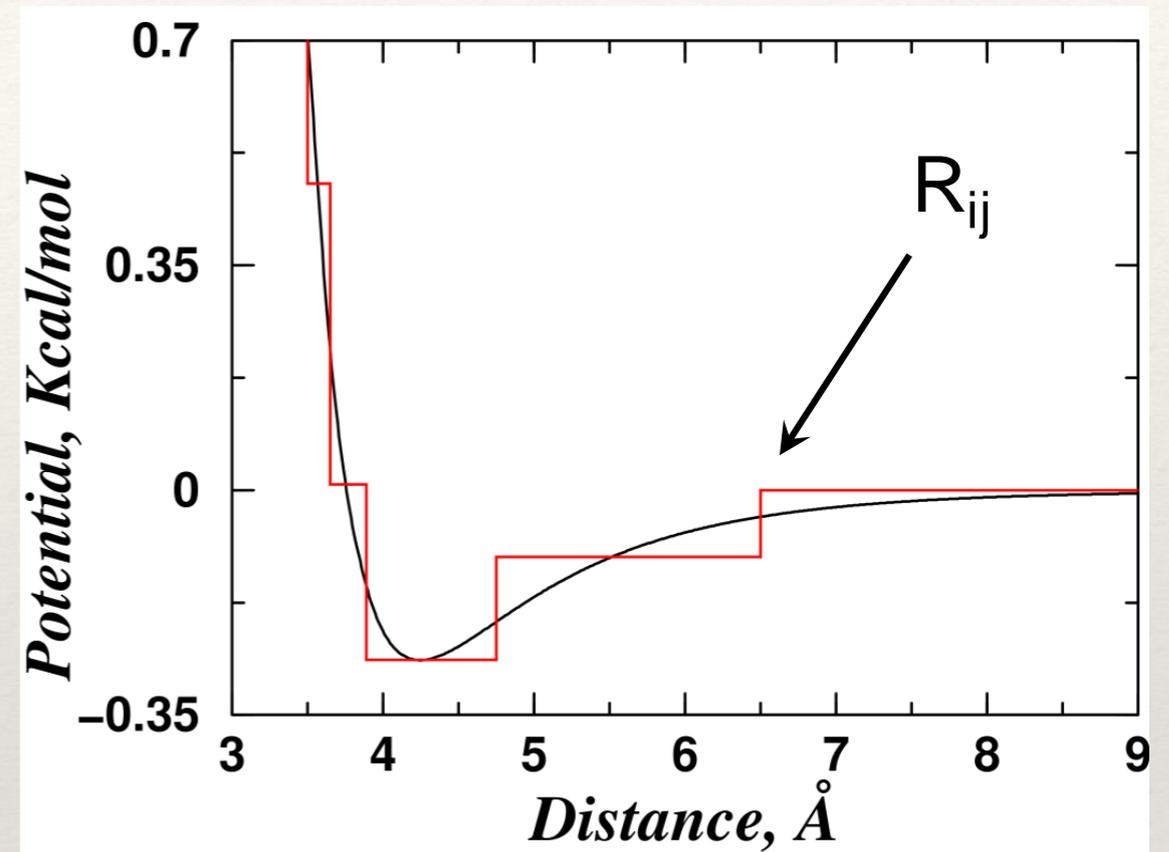
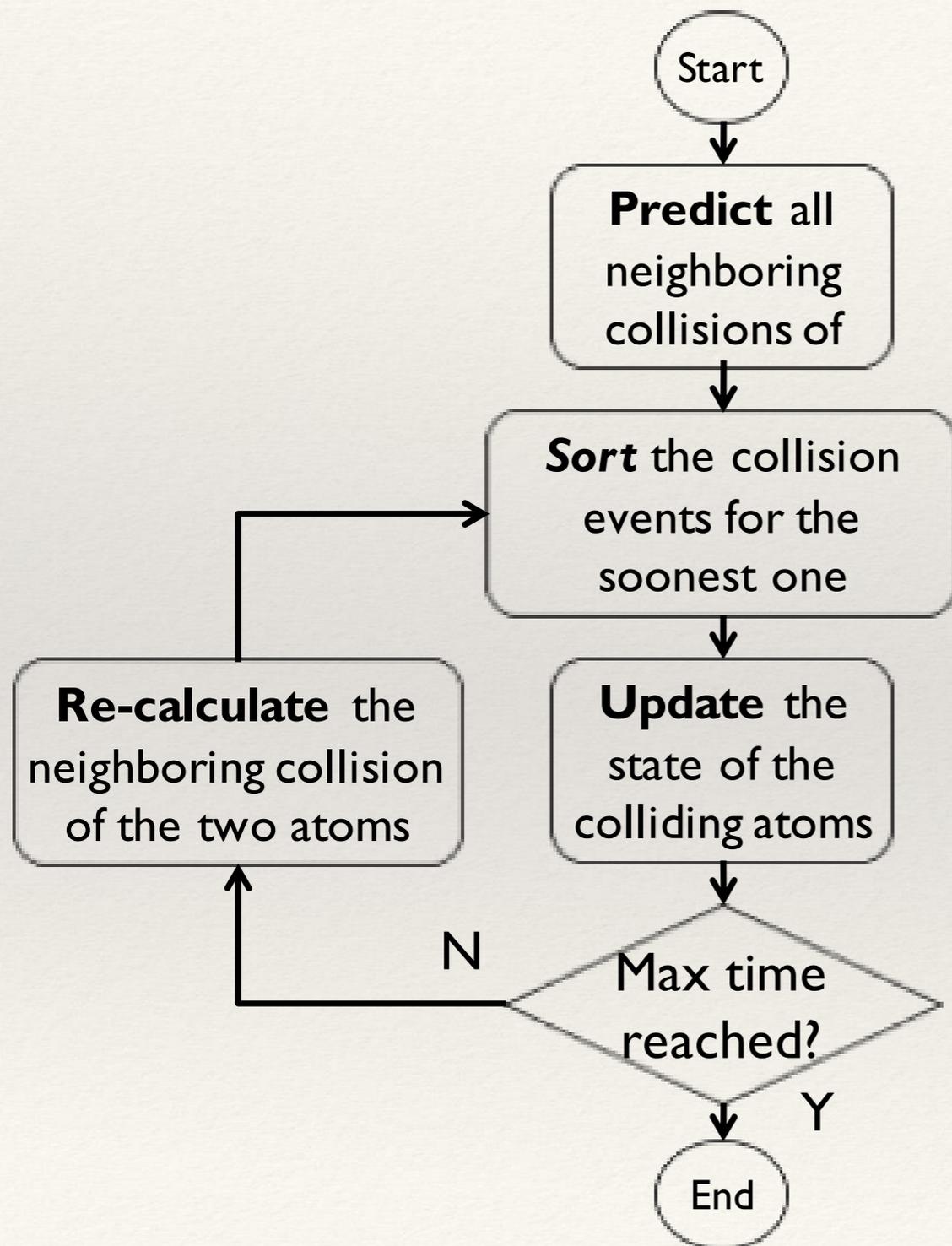
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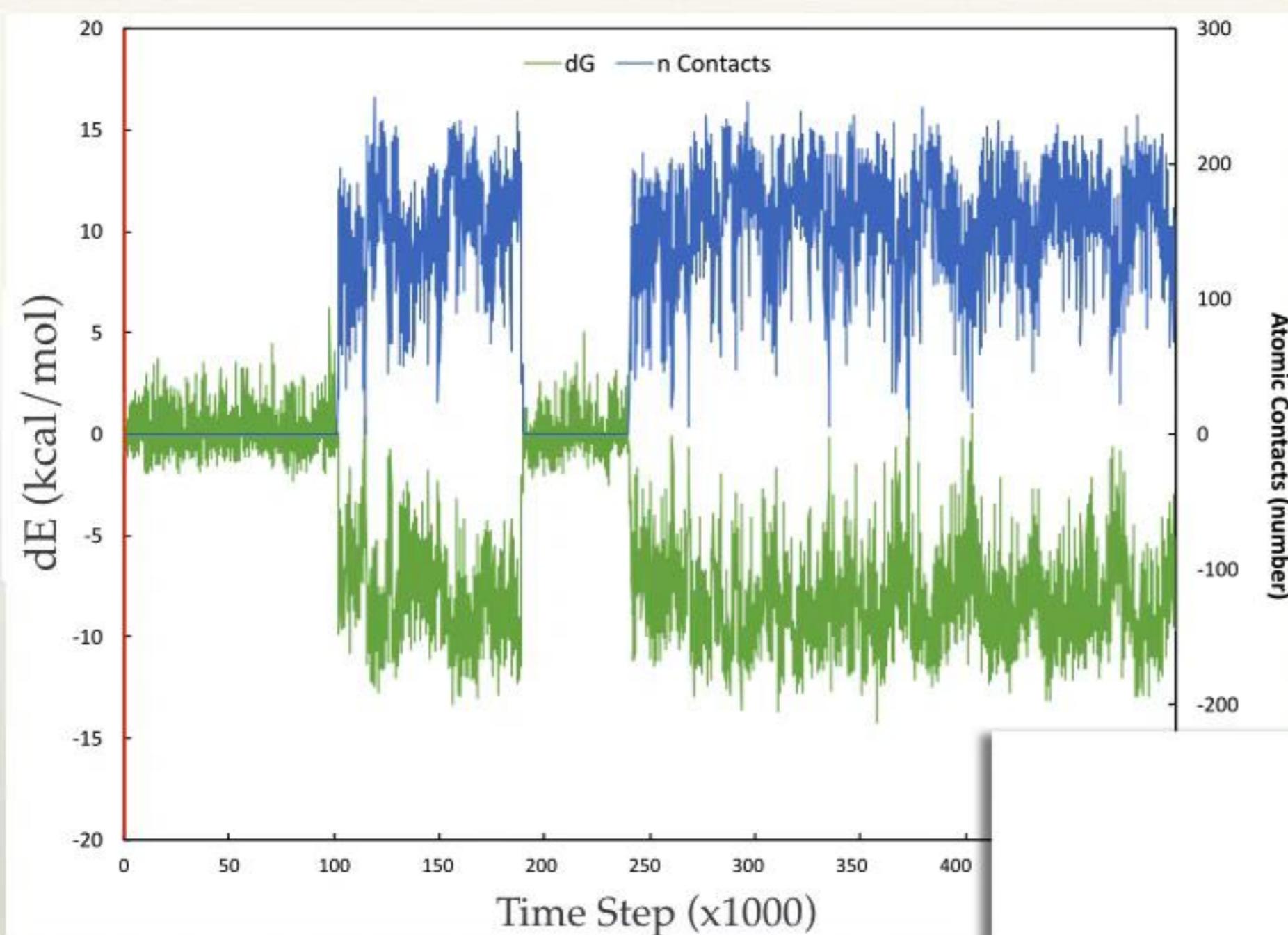
Wastewater

**A****B****C****D**

Name	MW (g/mol)	log Kow
Aldicarb	190.26	1.13
Atrazine	215.69	2.61
Bifenthrin	422.87	6.00
Carbofuran	221.26	2.32
Chlordane	409.76	6.16
Chlorpyrifos	350.59	4.96
DDE	318.02	6.51
Dicamba	221.03	2.21
Glyphosate	169.07	-3.40
Imidacloprid	255.66	0.57
Methyldithiocarbamate	107.19	1.07
Metolachlor	283.80	3.13
Permethrin	391.29	6.50
Tefluthrin	418.74	6.40
Terbufos	288.42	4.48

# Discrete Molecular Dynamics

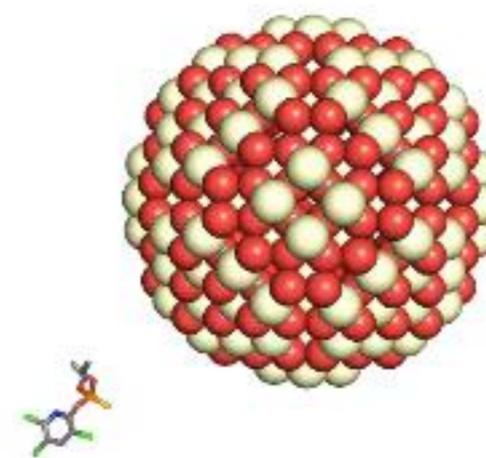




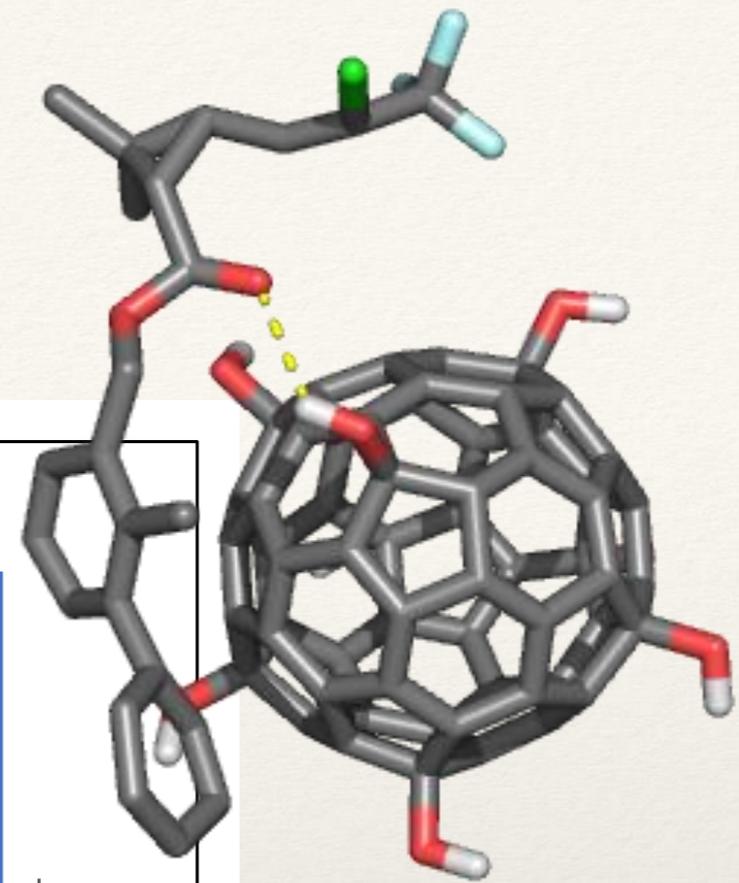
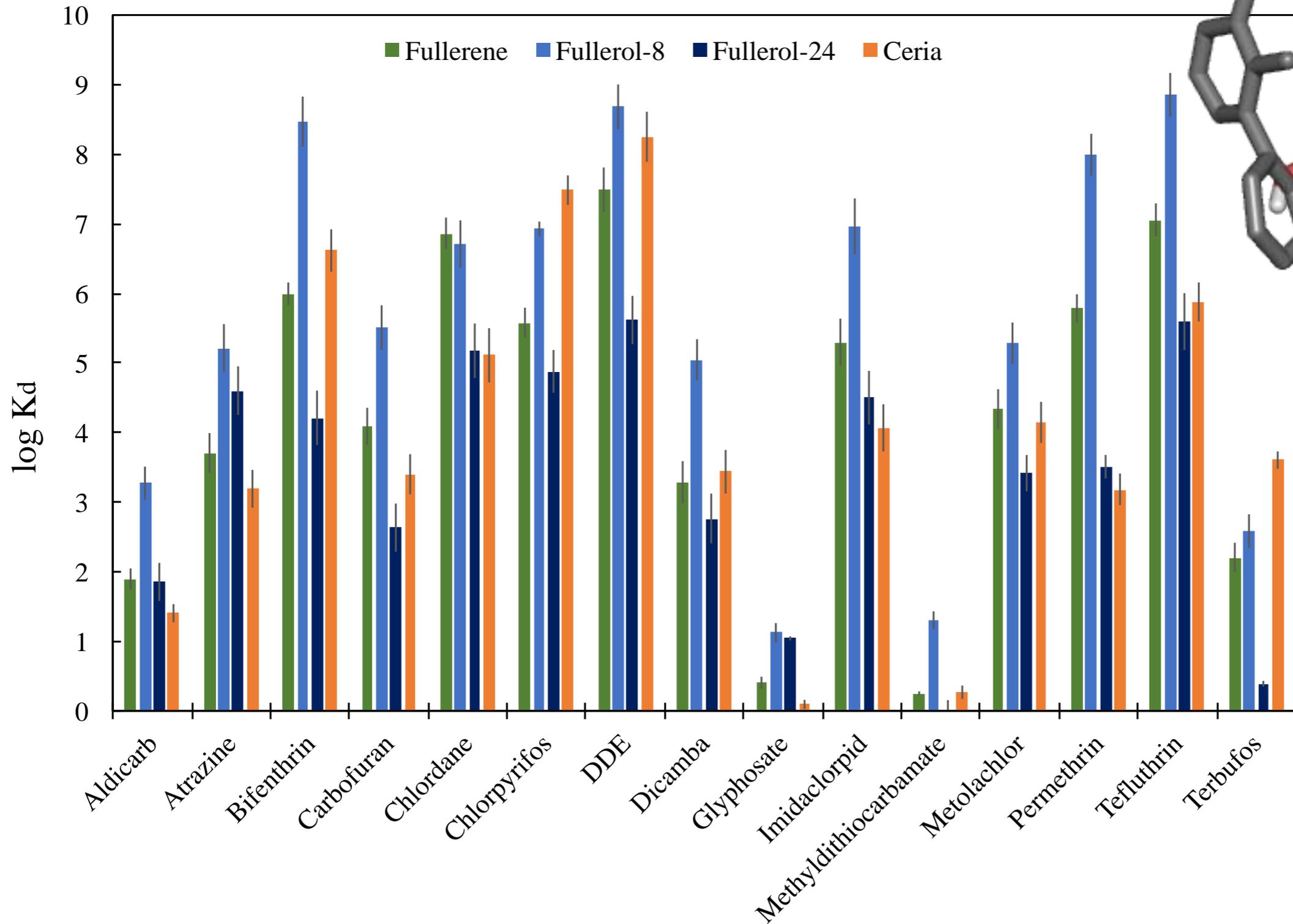
$$\Delta G = \Delta E - T \Delta S$$

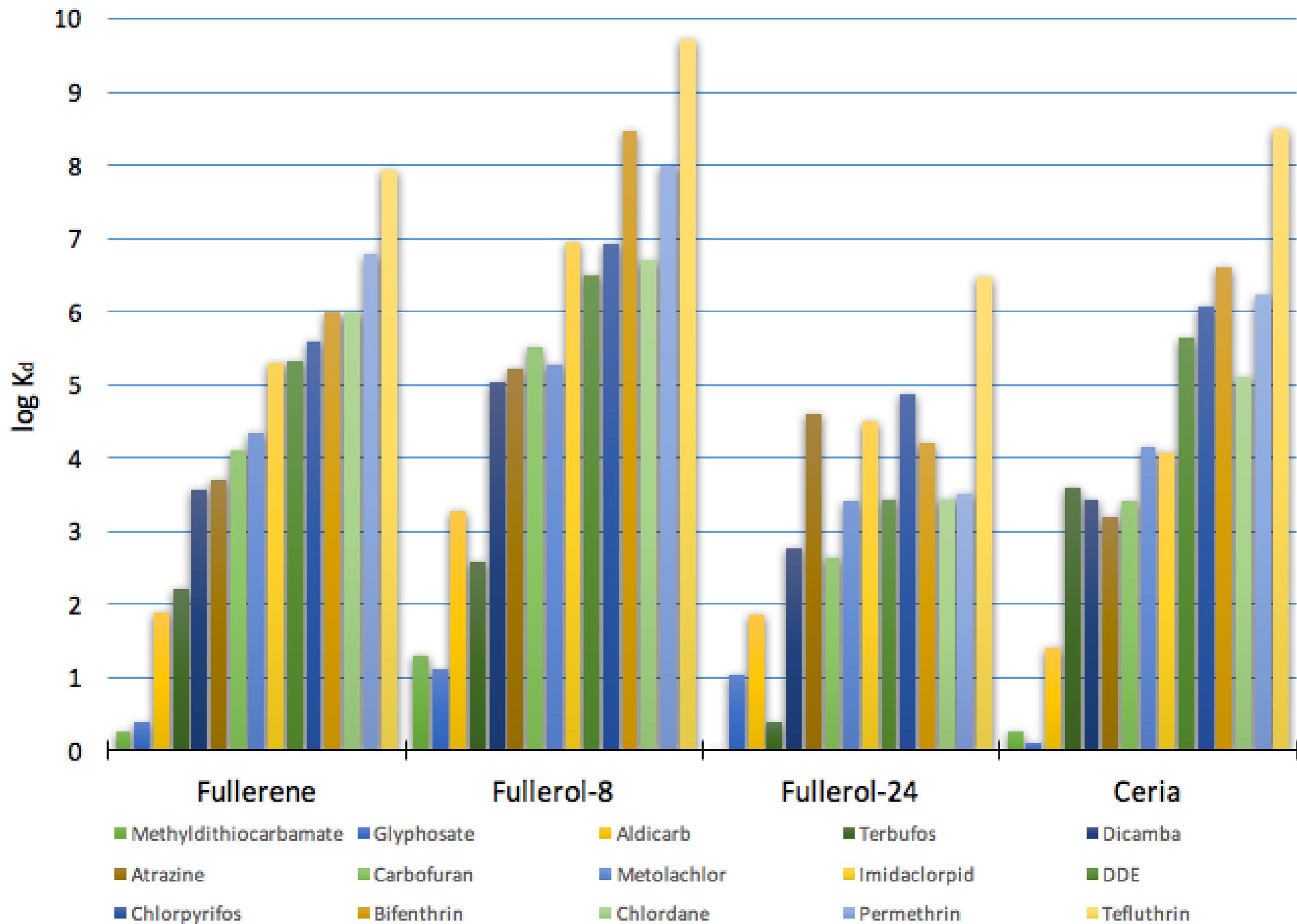
$$K_d = e^{\frac{-\Delta G}{k_B T}}$$

- Includes:**
- Implicit Solvent
  - Adjustable temperature
  - Adjustable ionic strength
  - Solvation energy
  - van der Waals
  - Electrostatics
  - Hydrogen binding



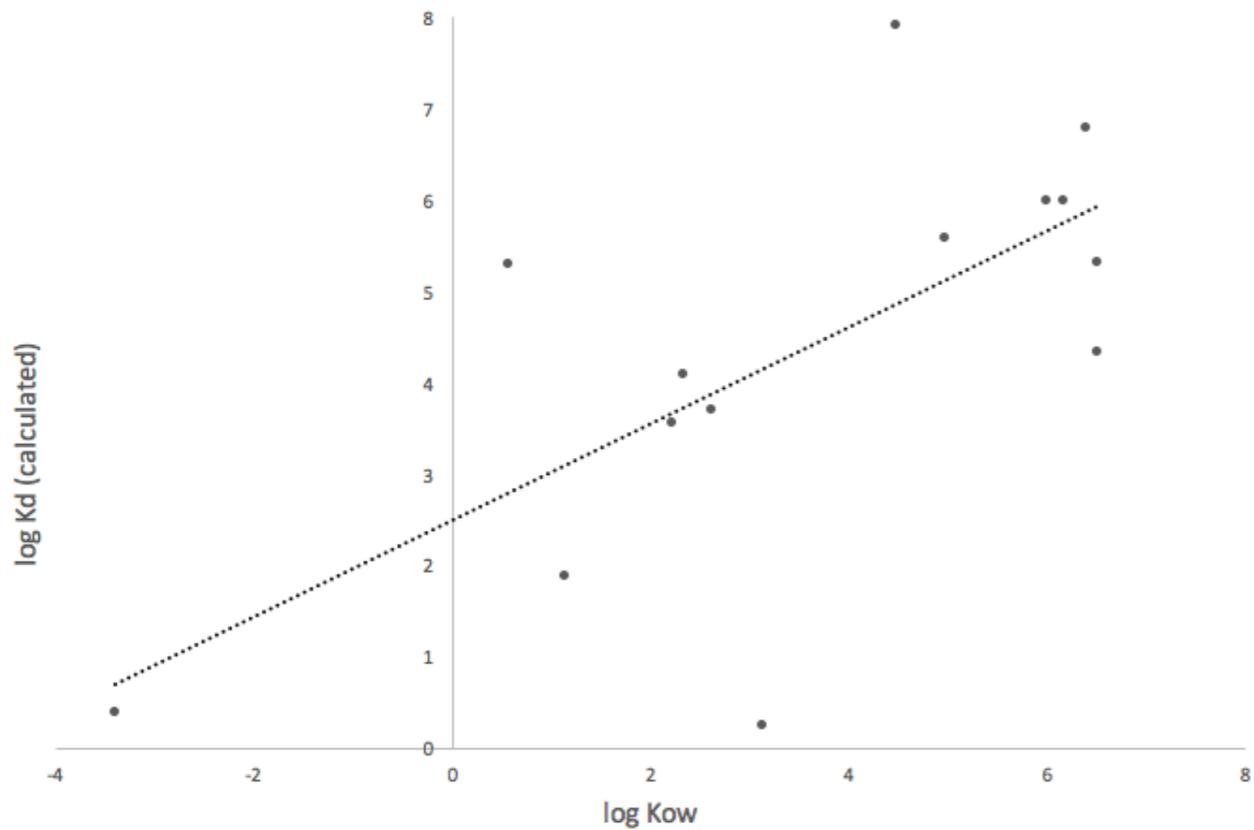
- Wide range of adsorption affinities
- In general, strongest to Fullerol-8





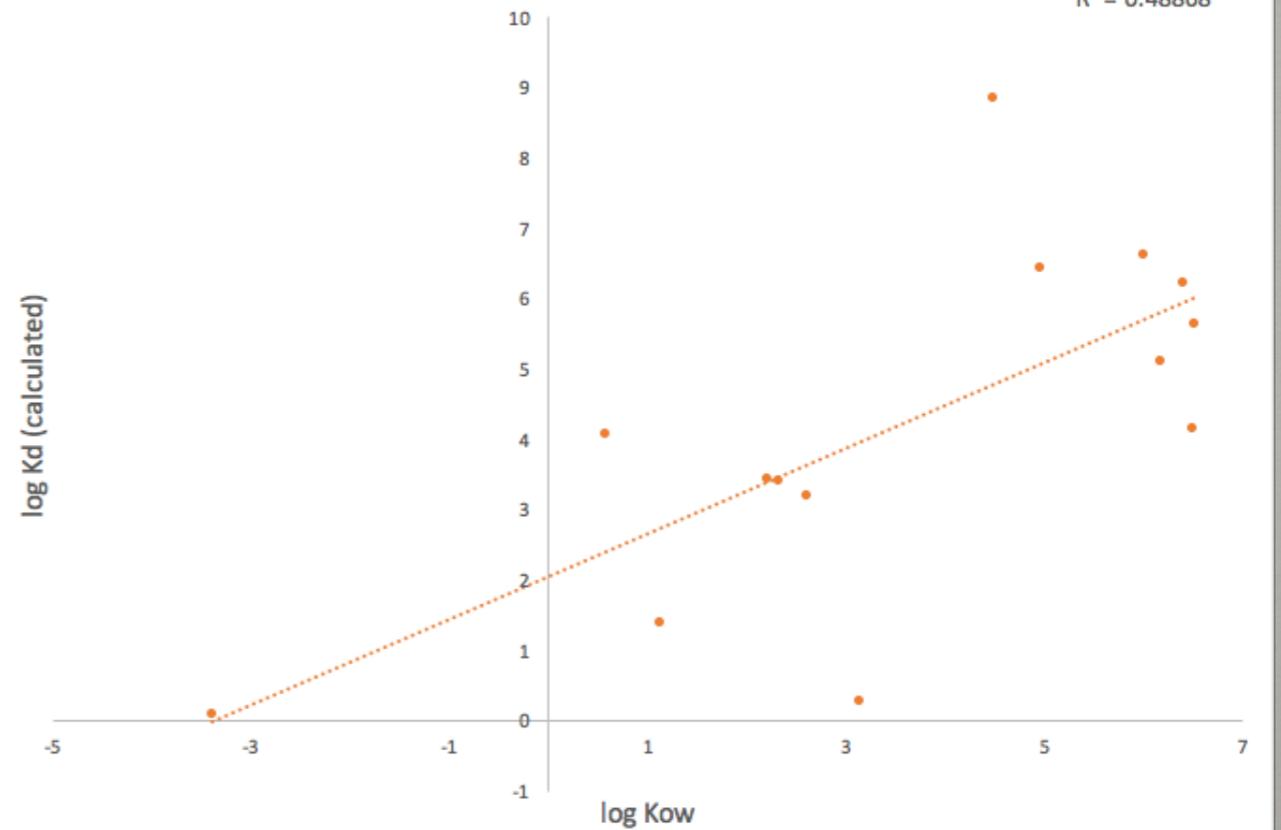
C60 Fullerene - Hydrophobicity Correlation Plot

$y = 0.5282x + 2.4989$   
 $R^2 = 0.45262$



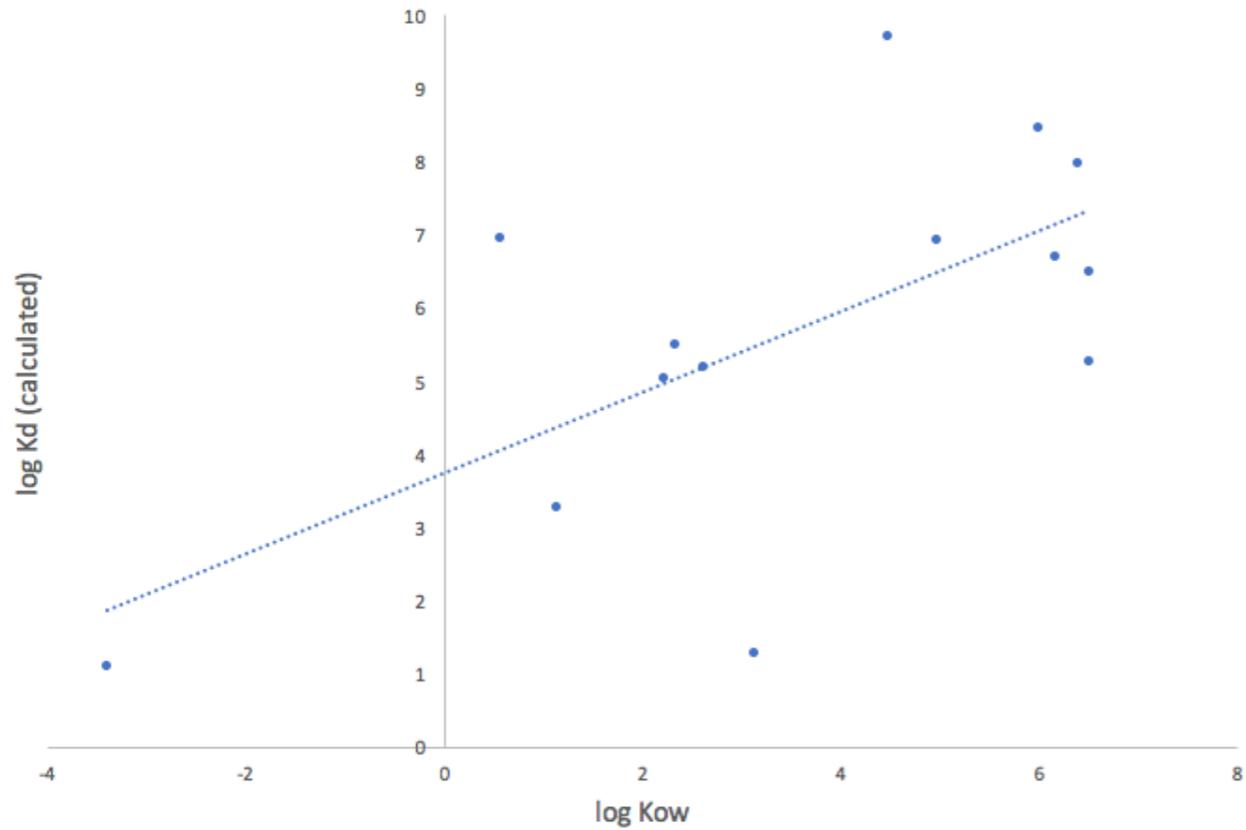
Ceria - Hydrophobicity Correlation Plot

$y = 0.6073x + 2.0577$   
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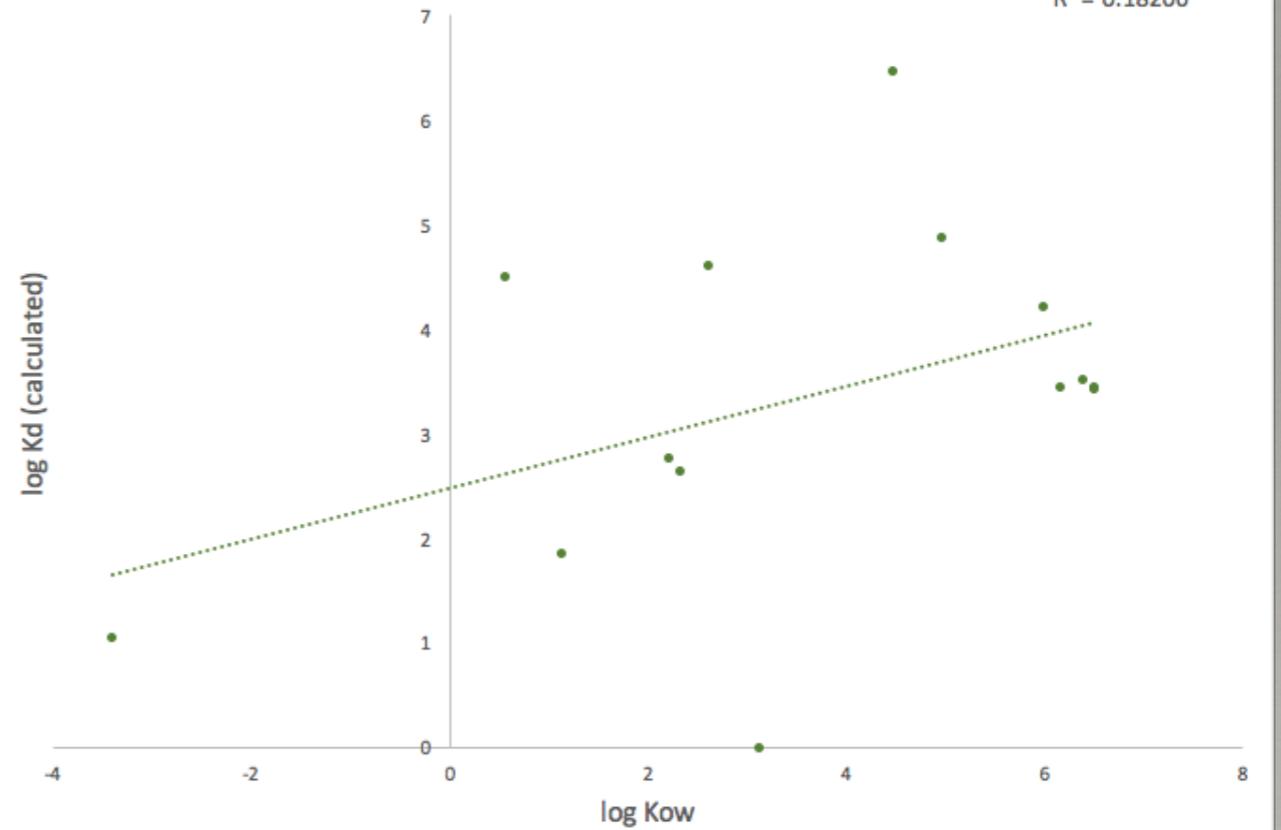
Fullerol (8) - Hydrophobicity Correlation Plot

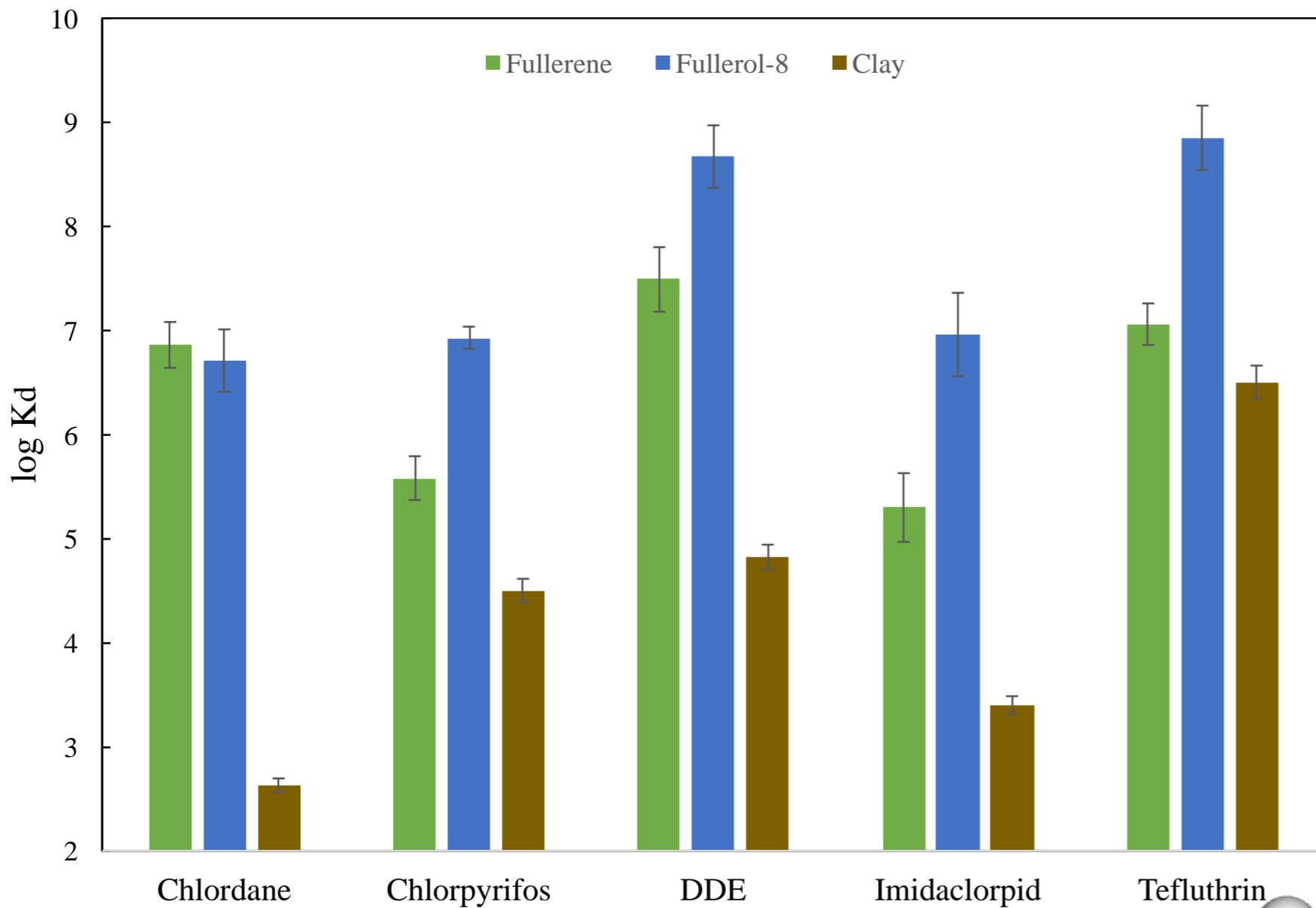
$y = 0.5515x + 3.7634$   
 $R^2 = 0.40849$



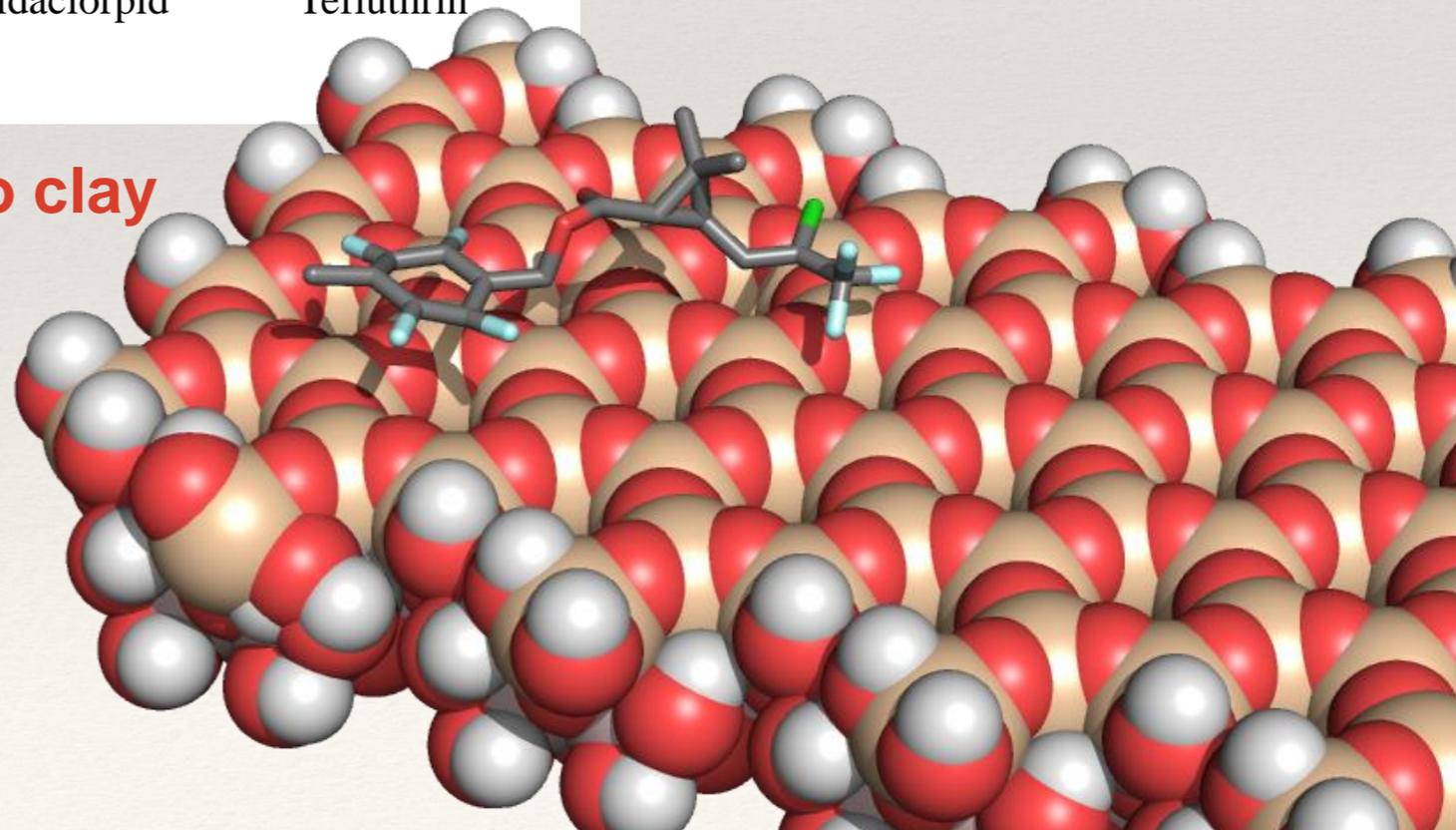
Fullerol(24) - Hydrophobicity Correlation Plot

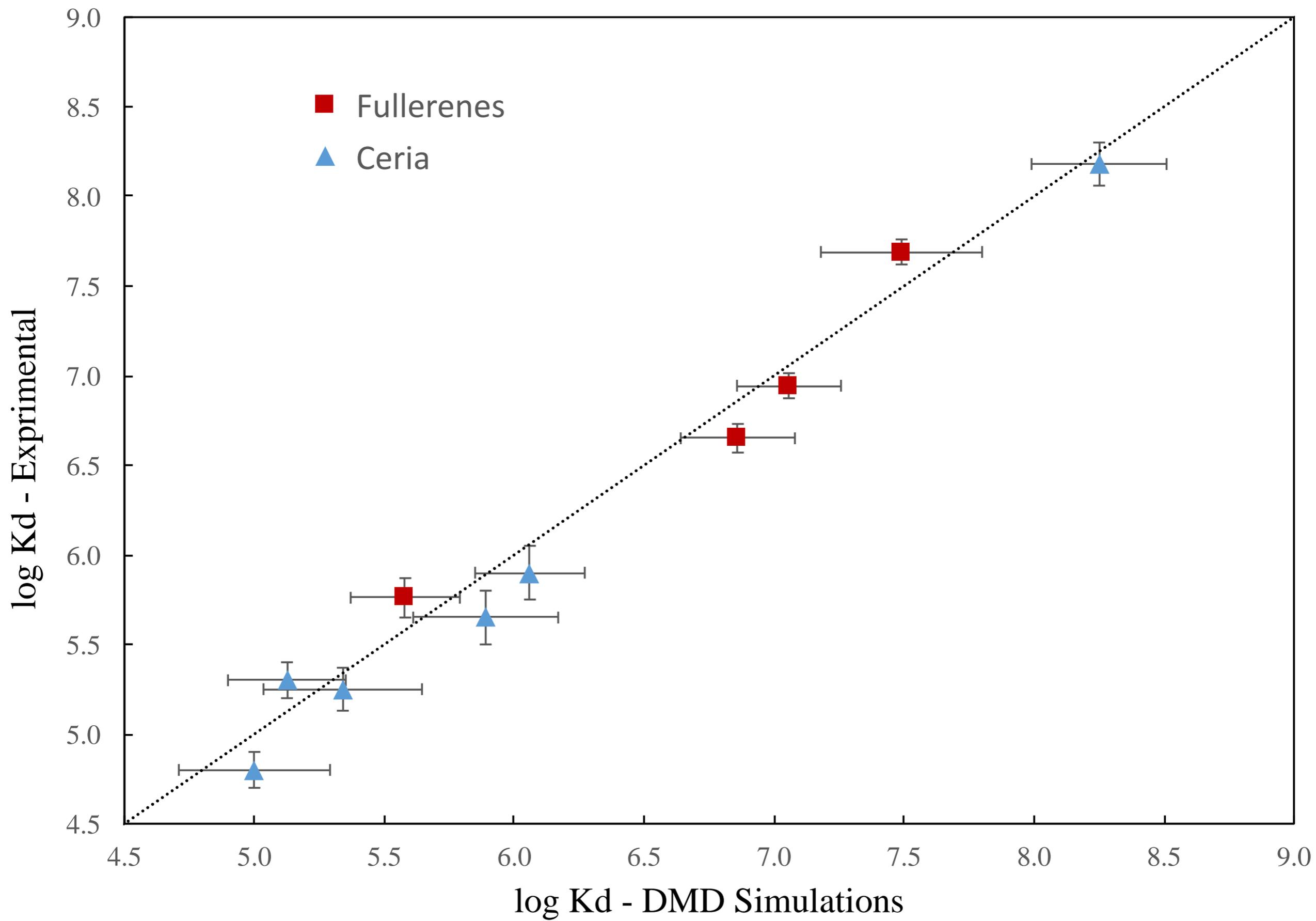
$y = 0.2434x + 2.4784$   
 $R^2 = 0.18206$





Orders of magnitude weaker adsorption to clay





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# Conclusions

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- ❖ DMD produces rapid, accurate predictions of adsorption coefficients
  - ❖ Prediction stronger than  $K_{ow}$ , etc alone, with mechanistic insight
- ❖ Adsorption strongest to lightly hydroxylated carbon particles
- ❖ Many adsorb more strongly to particles than to clays

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# Future Directions

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- ❖ Additional nanomaterial classes
- ❖ Shift from heuristic to situational understanding:
- ❖ Incorporation of multiple nanoparticles, competitive binding, and environmental biomolecules

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