

## Supporting Information

### Examination of the Hydrogen-Bonding Networks in Small Water Clusters (n=2-5,13,17) using Absolutely Localized Molecular Orbital Energy Decomposition Analysis

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**Figure S2:** Additional rings (not covered in Fig. S1) within the 13-mer, and their associated ALMO-EDA terms. See Figure 2b for relative location. a) Type A Tetramer: 7, 8, 10, 12; b) Type C Tetramer: 1, 2, 7, 12; c) Type A Tetramer: 1, 3, 5, 7; d) Type A Tetramer: 1, 2, 6, 11; e) Type B Pentamer: 1, 5, 6, 9, 13; f) Type C Tetramer: 6, 8, 10, 11; g) Type A Pentamer: 4, 6, 8, 9, 13; h) Type A Tetramer: 2, 10, 11, 12; i) Type A Tetramer: 1, 6, 7, 8.

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**Table S3:** Comparison of ALMO-EDA calculations using the B3LYP and  $\omega$ B97X-D density functionals for the water 13-mer, organized by the 2- and 3-body interactions of each water (energies in kcal/mol; details as for Table S1).

**Table S4:** Cartesian coordinates for the optimized water dimer-pentamer (MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ), 13-mer (B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p), and 17-mer (MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ) structures used throughout this work.

**Table S1: Extended Version of Table 3.** Comparison of ALMO-EDA calculations using the B3LYP and  $\omega$ B97X-D density functionals for the water tetramer shown in Fig. 1 The aug-cc-pVQZ basis is used;  $\Delta E$  = total interaction energy; “FRZ” =  $\Delta E_{\text{FRZ}}$  = frozen density interaction energy; “POL” =  $\Delta E_{\text{POL}}$  = polarization energy; “CT” =  $\Delta E_{\text{CT}}$  = intermolecular charge transfer energy. Energies are in kcal/mol.

| Tetramer: B3LYP |               |               |                 |                   |                                        |      |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|------|
|                 | Two-Body      |               |                 |                   |                                        |      |
|                 | 1,2           | 1,3           | 1,4             | 2,3               | 2,4                                    | 3,4  |
| DE              | -4.0          | -4.0          | -1.3            | -1.3              | -4.0                                   | -4.0 |
| FRZ             | 1.6           | 1.6           | -1.2            | -1.2              | 1.6                                    | 1.6  |
| POL             | -2.8          | -2.8          | -0.1            | -0.1              | -2.8                                   | -2.8 |
| CT              | -2.8          | -2.8          | 0.0             | 0.0               | -2.8                                   | -2.8 |
|                 | Three-Body    |               |                 |                   |                                        |      |
|                 | 1,2,3         | 1,2,4         | 1,3,4           | 2,3,4             |                                        |      |
| DE              | -1.7          | -1.7          | -1.7            | -1.7              |                                        |      |
| FRZ             | -0.1          | -0.1          | -0.1            | -0.1              |                                        |      |
| POL             | -1.2          | -1.2          | -1.2            | -1.2              |                                        |      |
| CT              | -0.4          | -0.4          | -0.4            | -0.4              |                                        |      |
|                 | Sum<br>2-body | Sum<br>3-body | Sum<br>2/3-body | Tetramer<br>Total | % Total Recovered<br>by 2/3-body terms |      |
| DE              | -18.7         | -6.8          | -25.5           | -26.1             | 97.8                                   |      |
| FRZ             | 3.9           | -0.4          | 3.5             | 3.6               | 98.0                                   |      |
| POL             | -11.2         | -4.8          | -16.0           | -16.4             | 97.7                                   |      |
| CT              | -11.4         | -1.6          | -13.0           | -13.3             | 98.2                                   |      |

| Tetramer: $\omega$ B97X-D |               |               |                 |                   |                                        |      |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|------|
|                           | Two-Body      |               |                 |                   |                                        |      |
|                           | 1,2           | 1,3           | 1,4             | 2,3               | 2,4                                    | 3,4  |
| DE                        | -4.2          | -4.2          | -1.6            | -1.6              | -4.2                                   | -4.2 |
| FRZ                       | 0.9           | 0.9           | -1.5            | -1.5              | 0.9                                    | 0.9  |
| POL                       | -2.8          | -2.8          | -0.1            | -0.1              | -2.8                                   | -2.8 |
| CT                        | -2.3          | -2.3          | 0.0             | 0.0               | -2.3                                   | -2.3 |
|                           | Three-Body    |               |                 |                   |                                        |      |
|                           | 1,2,3         | 1,2,4         | 1,3,4           | 2,3,4             |                                        |      |
| DE                        | -1.7          | -1.6          | -1.6            | -1.6              |                                        |      |
| FRZ                       | -0.1          | -0.1          | -0.1            | -0.1              |                                        |      |
| POL                       | -1.2          | -1.2          | -1.2            | -1.2              |                                        |      |
| CT                        | -0.3          | -0.3          | -0.3            | -0.3              |                                        |      |
|                           | Sum<br>2-body | Sum<br>3-body | Sum<br>2/3-body | Tetramer<br>Total | % Total Recovered<br>by 2/3-body terms |      |
| DE                        | -20.2         | -6.6          | -26.8           | -27.3             | 98.1                                   |      |
| FRZ                       | 0.7           | -0.4          | 0.2             | 0.3               | 82.9                                   |      |
| POL                       | -11.4         | -4.9          | -16.3           | -16.6             | 97.9                                   |      |
| CT                        | -9.4          | -1.3          | -10.7           | -10.9             | 98.2                                   |      |

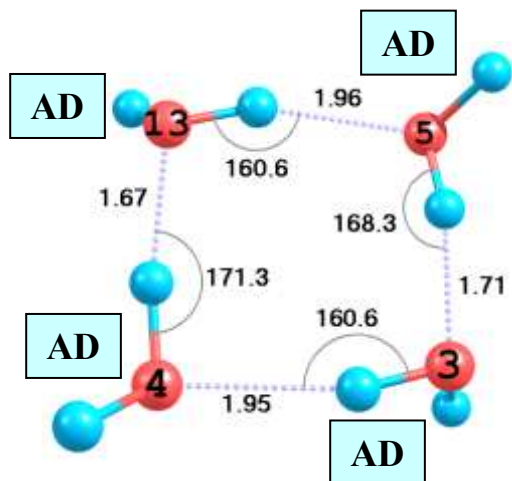
**Table S2: Extended Version of Table 4.** Comparison of ALMO-EDA calculations using the B3LYP and  $\omega$ B97X-D density functionals for the water pentamer shown in Fig. 1 (energies in kcal/mol; details as for Table S1).

| Pentamer: B3LYP |            |            |              |                |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                 | Two-Body   |            |              |                |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |
|                 | 1,2        | 1,3        | 1,4          | 1,5            | 2,3                                 | 2,4   | 2,5   | 3,4   | 3,5   | 4,5   |
| DE              | -3.9       | -0.9       | -1.0         | -3.4           | -3.8                                | -0.9  | -0.9  | -3.9  | -0.8  | -3.9  |
| FRZ             | 2.3        | -0.8       | -0.9         | 2.3            | 2.3                                 | -0.8  | -0.9  | 2.3   | -0.8  | 2.3   |
| POL             | -3.1       | 0.0        | 0.0          | -2.9           | -3.1                                | 0.0   | 0.0   | -3.1  | 0.0   | -3.1  |
| CT              | -3.1       | 0.0        | 0.0          | -2.8           | -3.0                                | 0.0   | 0.0   | -3.1  | 0.0   | -3.1  |
|                 | Three-Body |            |              |                |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |
|                 | 1,2,3      | 1,2,4      | 1,2,5        | 1,3,4          | 1,3,5                               | 1,4,5 | 2,3,4 | 2,3,5 | 2,4,5 | 3,4,5 |
| DE              | -1.7       | -0.4       | -1.6         | -0.4           | -0.4                                | -1.6  | -1.7  | -0.4  | -0.4  | -1.6  |
| FRZ             | -0.1       | 0.0        | -0.1         | 0.0            | 0.0                                 | -0.1  | -0.1  | 0.0   | 0.0   | -0.1  |
| POL             | -1.2       | -0.3       | -1.1         | -0.3           | -0.3                                | -1.1  | -1.1  | -0.3  | -0.3  | -1.1  |
| CT              | -0.4       | -0.1       | -0.4         | -0.1           | -0.1                                | -0.4  | -0.4  | -0.1  | -0.1  | -0.4  |
|                 | Sum 2-body | Sum 3-body | Sum 2/3-body | Pentamer Total | % Total Recovered by 2/3-body terms |       |       |       |       |       |
| $\Delta E$      | -23.3      | -10.1      | -33.4        | -34.7          | 96.2                                |       |       |       |       |       |
| FRZ             | 7.2        | -0.8       | 6.4          | 6.5            | 98.7                                |       |       |       |       |       |
| POL             | -15.4      | -7.1       | -22.4        | -23.3          | 96.3                                |       |       |       |       |       |
| CT              | -15.1      | -2.2       | -17.4        | -17.9          | 97.0                                |       |       |       |       |       |

| Pentamer: $\omega$ B97X-D |            |            |              |                |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                           | Two-Body   |            |              |                |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |
|                           | 1,2        | 1,3        | 1,4          | 1,5            | 2,3                                 | 2,4   | 2,5   | 3,4   | 3,5   | 4,5   |
| DE                        | -4.1       | -1.1       | -1.1         | -3.6           | -4.0                                | -1.1  | -1.1  | -4.1  | -1.0  | -4.1  |
| FRZ                       | 1.6        | -1.0       | -1.1         | 1.7            | 1.6                                 | -1.0  | -1.1  | 1.6   | -1.0  | 1.6   |
| POL                       | -3.1       | 0.0        | 0.0          | -2.9           | -3.1                                | 0.0   | 0.0   | -3.1  | 0.0   | -3.1  |
| CT                        | -2.5       | 0.0        | 0.0          | -2.3           | -2.5                                | 0.0   | 0.0   | -2.6  | 0.0   | -2.5  |
|                           | Three-Body |            |              |                |                                     |       |       |       |       |       |
|                           | 1,2,3      | 1,2,4      | 1,2,5        | 1,3,4          | 1,3,5                               | 1,4,5 | 2,3,4 | 2,3,5 | 2,4,5 | 3,4,5 |
| DE                        | -1.6       | -0.4       | -1.5         | -0.4           | -0.4                                | -1.4  | -1.5  | -0.3  | -0.4  | -1.5  |
| FRZ                       | -0.1       | 0.0        | -0.1         | 0.0            | 0.0                                 | -0.1  | -0.1  | 0.0   | 0.0   | -0.1  |
| POL                       | -1.2       | -0.3       | -1.1         | -0.3           | -0.3                                | -1.1  | -1.2  | -0.3  | -0.3  | -1.1  |
| CT                        | -0.3       | 0.0        | -0.3         | 0.0            | 0.0                                 | -0.3  | -0.3  | 0.0   | 0.0   | -0.3  |
|                           | Sum 2-body | Sum 3-body | Sum 2/3-body | Pentamer Total | % Total Recovered by 2/3-body terms |       |       |       |       |       |
| DE                        | -25.2      | -9.4       | -34.6        | -35.8          | 96.6                                |       |       |       |       |       |
| FRZ                       | 2.9        | -0.4       | 2.4          | 2.5            | 98.9                                |       |       |       |       |       |
| POL                       | -15.6      | -7.1       | -22.7        | -23.5          | 96.5                                |       |       |       |       |       |
| CT                        | -12.5      | -1.8       | -14.3        | -14.8          | 97.1                                |       |       |       |       |       |

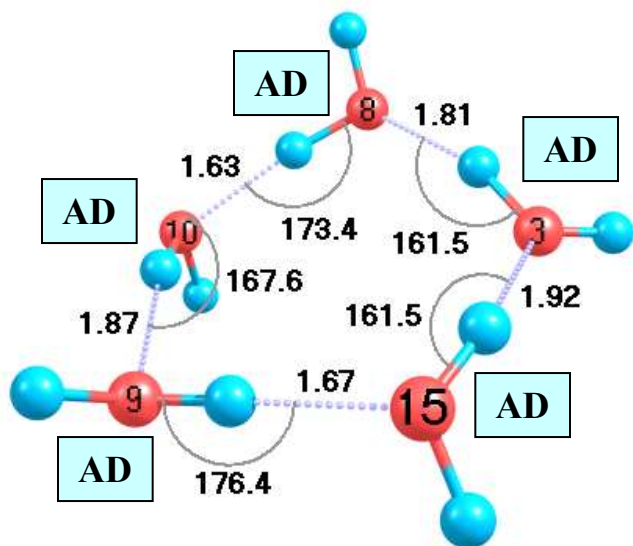
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**a) Type A Tetramer**



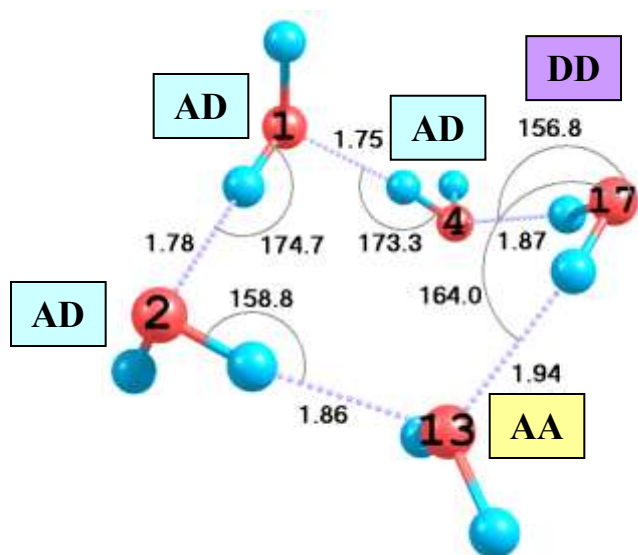
| Type A Tetramer (3, 4, 5, 13) within the 13-Mer Water Cluster |            |        |        |        |      |      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|
|                                                               | Two-Body   |        |        |        |      |      |
|                                                               | 3,4        | 3,5    | 3,13   | 4,5    | 4,13 | 5,13 |
| DE                                                            | -4.5       | -4.1   | -1.6   | -1.3   | -3.8 | -4.6 |
| FRZ                                                           | -1.5       | 2.3    | -1.5   | -1.3   | 3.4  | -1.7 |
| POL                                                           | -1.6       | -3.5   | -0.1   | 0.0    | -4.0 | -1.6 |
| CT                                                            | -1.3       | -3.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    | -3.2 | -1.3 |
|                                                               | Three-Body |        |        |        |      |      |
|                                                               | 3,4,5      | 3,4,13 | 3,5,13 | 4,5,13 |      |      |
| DE                                                            | -1.3       | -1.6   | -1.4   | -1.4   |      |      |
| FRZ                                                           | 0.0        | -0.1   | -0.1   | 0.0    |      |      |
| POL                                                           | -1.0       | -1.1   | -1.0   | -1.1   |      |      |
| CT                                                            | -0.3       | -0.3   | -0.3   | -0.3   |      |      |

**b) Type A Pentamer**



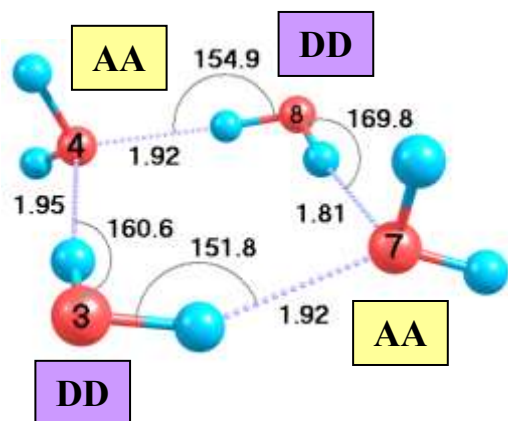
| Type A Pentamer (3, 8, 9, 10, 15)<br>within the 17-mer Water Cluster |                                              |        |        |        |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
|                                                                      | Two-Body                                     |        |        |        |         |
|                                                                      | 3,8                                          | 3,9    | 3,10   | 3,15   | 8,9     |
| DE                                                                   | -4.0                                         | -1.0   | -1.3   | -3.7   | -0.9    |
| FRZ                                                                  | 0.3                                          | -1.0   | -1.2   | -0.9   | -0.9    |
| POL                                                                  | -2.4                                         | 0.0    | 0.0    | -1.7   | 0.0     |
| CT                                                                   | -1.9                                         | 0.0    | 0.0    | -1.1   | 0.0     |
|                                                                      | Two-Body, Continued                          |        |        |        |         |
|                                                                      | 8,10                                         | 8,15   | 9,10   | 9,15   | 10,15   |
| DE                                                                   | -3.1                                         | -0.8   | -4.4   | -3.6   | -0.9    |
| FRZ                                                                  | 5.3                                          | -0.8   | -0.7   | 3.6    | -0.9    |
| POL                                                                  | -4.6                                         | 0.0    | -2.0   | -3.9   | 0.0     |
| CT                                                                   | -3.7                                         | 0.0    | -1.6   | -3.3   | 0.0     |
|                                                                      | Three-Body (three-adjacent-water terms only) |        |        |        |         |
|                                                                      | 3,8,10                                       | 3,8,15 | 3,9,15 | 8,9,10 | 9,10,15 |
| DE                                                                   | -1.8                                         | -1.1   | -1.3   | -1.5   | -1.4    |
| FRZ                                                                  | -0.1                                         | -0.1   | -0.1   | 0.0    | 0.0     |
| POL                                                                  | -1.3                                         | -0.9   | -1.0   | -1.1   | -1.0    |

### c) Type B Pentamer



| Type B Pentamer (1, 2, 4, 13, 17)<br>within the 17-Mer Water Cluster |                                              |        |        |         |         |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--|
|                                                                      | Two-Body                                     |        |        |         |         |  |
|                                                                      | 1,2                                          | 1,4    | 1,13   | 1,17    | 2,4     |  |
| DE                                                                   | -3.7                                         | -3.9   | -0.9   | -0.8    | -1.0    |  |
| FRZ                                                                  | 1.5                                          | 1.4    | -0.8   | -0.7    | -1.0    |  |
| POL                                                                  | -2.7                                         | -2.9   | -0.1   | -0.1    | 0.0     |  |
| CT                                                                   | -2.5                                         | -2.4   | 0.0    | 0.0     | 0.0     |  |
|                                                                      | Two-Body, Continued                          |        |        |         |         |  |
|                                                                      | 2,13                                         | 2,17   | 4,13   | 4,17    | 13,17   |  |
| DE                                                                   | -2.8                                         | 0.7    | -0.9   | -3.5    | -3.4    |  |
| FRZ                                                                  | 1.1                                          | 0.7    | -0.9   | 0.2     | -0.3    |  |
| POL                                                                  | -2.1                                         | 0.0    | -0.1   | -2.1    | -1.7    |  |
| CT                                                                   | -1.7                                         | 0.0    | 0.0    | -1.7    | -1.4    |  |
|                                                                      | Three-Body (three-adjacent-water terms only) |        |        |         |         |  |
|                                                                      | 1,2,4                                        | 1,2,13 | 1,4,17 | 2,13,17 | 4,13,17 |  |
| DE                                                                   | -1.4                                         | -0.9   | -1.3   | 0.8     | 0.7     |  |
| FRZ                                                                  | 0.0                                          | -0.1   | -0.2   | -0.1    | 0.1     |  |
| POL                                                                  | -1.1                                         | -0.7   | -0.9   | 0.8     | 0.5     |  |

### d) Type C Tetramer

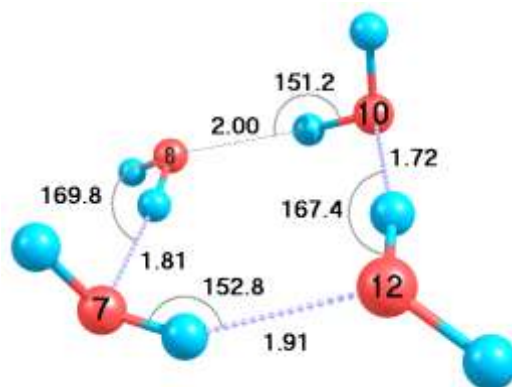


| Type C Tetramer (3, 4, 7, 8) within the 13-Mer Water Cluster |            |       |       |       |      |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
|                                                              | Two-Body   |       |       |       |      |      |
|                                                              | 3,4        | 3,7   | 3,8   | 4,7   | 4,8  | 7,8  |
| DE                                                           | -4.5       | -4.0  | 1.2   | 1.1   | -4.1 | -4.3 |
| FRZ                                                          | -1.5       | -1.1  | 1.4   | 1.1   | -1.0 | 0.4  |
| POL                                                          | -1.6       | -1.7  | -0.1  | 0.0   | -1.8 | -2.5 |
| CT                                                           | -1.3       | -1.2  | -0.1  | 0.0   | -1.3 | -2.2 |
|                                                              | Three-Body |       |       |       |      |      |
|                                                              | 3,4,7      | 3,7,8 | 3,4,8 | 4,7,8 |      |      |
| DE                                                           | 0.4        | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.6   |      |      |
| FRZ                                                          | 0.0        | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.1   |      |      |
| POL                                                          | 0.3        | 0.3   | 0.3   | 0.4   |      |      |
| CT                                                           | 0.1        | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.1   |      |      |

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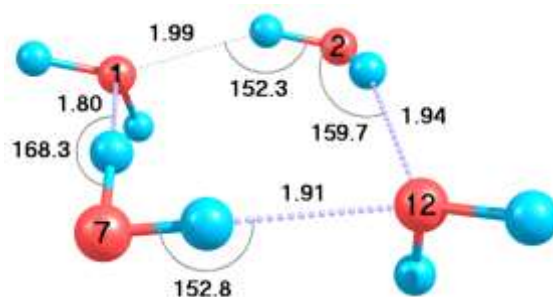
**a) Type A Tetramer: 7, 8, 10, 12**

| Type A Tetramer: 7,8,10,12 |            |        |         |         |       |       |
|----------------------------|------------|--------|---------|---------|-------|-------|
|                            | Two-Body   |        |         |         |       |       |
|                            | 7,8        | 7,10   | 7,12    | 8,10    | 8,12  | 10,12 |
| $\Delta E$                 | -4.33      | -1.21  | -4.06   | -3.90   | -1.33 | -4.19 |
| FRZ                        | 0.42       | -1.13  | -0.92   | -1.71   | -1.28 | 2.00  |
| POL                        | -2.50      | -0.06  | -1.77   | -1.31   | -0.04 | -3.33 |
| CT                         | -2.25      | -0.02  | -1.37   | -0.88   | -0.01 | -2.86 |
|                            | Three-Body |        |         |         |       |       |
|                            | 7,8,10     | 7,8,12 | 7,10,12 | 8,10,12 |       |       |
| $\Delta E$                 | -1.13      | -1.18  | -1.43   | -1.17   |       |       |
| FRZ                        | -0.16      | 0.02   | -0.16   | 0.02    |       |       |
| POL                        | -0.80      | -0.95  | -1.01   | -0.97   |       |       |
| CT                         | -0.17      | -0.24  | -0.26   | -0.22   |       |       |



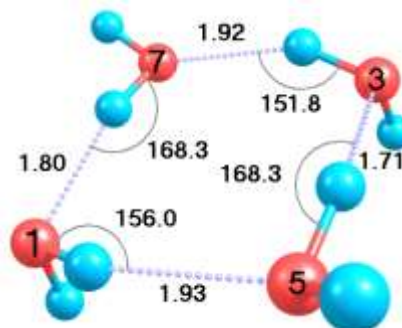
**b) Type C Tetramer: 1, 2, 7, 12**

| Type C Tetramer: 1,2,7,12 |            |        |        |        |       |       |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
|                           | Two-Body   |        |        |        |       |       |
|                           | 1,2        | 1,7    | 1,12   | 2,7    | 2,12  | 7,12  |
| $\Delta E$                | -3.93      | -4.36  | 0.94   | 1.34   | -4.54 | -4.06 |
| FRZ                       | -1.71      | 0.43   | 0.97   | 1.59   | -1.62 | -0.92 |
| POL                       | -1.34      | -2.52  | -0.03  | -0.17  | -1.64 | -1.77 |
| CT                        | -0.88      | -2.27  | 0.00   | -0.08  | -1.27 | -1.37 |
|                           | Three-Body |        |        |        |       |       |
|                           | 1,2,7      | 1,2,12 | 1,7,12 | 2,7,12 |       |       |
| $\Delta E$                | 0.28       | 0.45   | 0.64   | 0.29   |       |       |
| FRZ                       | -0.02      | 0.04   | 0.09   | -0.02  |       |       |
| POL                       | 0.20       | 0.35   | 0.42   | 0.23   |       |       |
| CT                        | 0.10       | 0.07   | 0.13   | 0.08   |       |       |



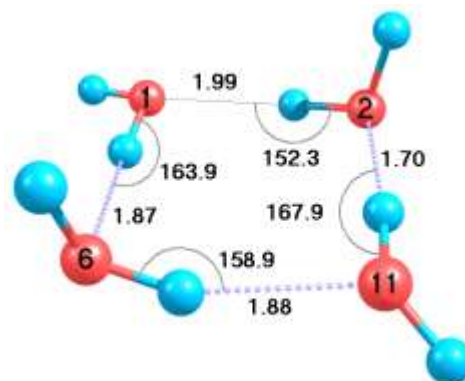
**c) Type A Tetramer: 1, 3, 5, 7**

| Type A Tetramer: 1,3,5,7 |            |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                          | Two-Body   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | 1,3        | 1,5   | 1,7   | 3,5   | 3,7   | 5,7   |
| $\Delta E$               | -1.18      | -4.33 | -4.36 | -4.11 | -3.96 | -1.61 |
| FRZ                      | -1.12      | -1.24 | 0.43  | 2.34  | -1.12 | -1.53 |
| POL                      | -0.05      | -1.73 | -2.52 | -3.45 | -1.68 | -0.06 |
| CT                       | -0.02      | -1.35 | -2.27 | -2.99 | -1.16 | -0.02 |
|                          | Three-Body |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | 1,3,5      | 1,3,7 | 1,5,7 | 3,5,7 |       |       |
| $\Delta E$               | -1.43      | -1.24 | -1.23 | -1.41 |       |       |
| FRZ                      | -0.13      | -0.13 | -0.02 | -0.03 |       |       |
| POL                      | -1.03      | -0.91 | -0.96 | -1.11 |       |       |
| CT                       | -0.27      | -0.21 | -0.25 | -0.27 |       |       |



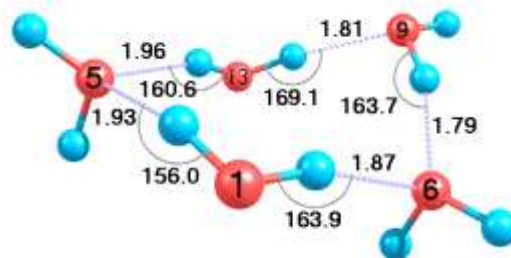
d) Type A Tetramer: 1, 2, 6, 11

| Type A Tetramer: 1,2,6,11 |            |        |        |        |       |       |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
|                           | Two-Body   |        |        |        |       |       |
|                           | 1,2        | 1,6    | 1,11   | 2,6    | 2,11  | 6,11  |
| $\Delta E$                | -3.93      | -4.49  | -1.38  | -1.23  | -4.06 | -4.21 |
| FRZ                       | -1.71      | -0.53  | -1.32  | -1.15  | 2.53  | -0.63 |
| POL                       | -1.34      | -2.07  | -0.04  | -0.06  | -3.55 | -2.00 |
| CT                        | -0.88      | -1.88  | -0.01  | -0.02  | -3.04 | -1.58 |
|                           | Three-Body |        |        |        |       |       |
|                           | 1,2,6      | 1,2,11 | 1,6,11 | 2,6,11 |       |       |
| $\Delta E$                | -1.04      | -1.23  | -1.16  | -1.49  |       |       |
| FRZ                       | -0.12      | 0.00   | 0.00   | -0.14  |       |       |
| POL                       | -0.76      | -1.00  | -0.92  | -1.06  |       |       |
| CT                        | -0.16      | -0.23  | -0.24  | -0.29  |       |       |



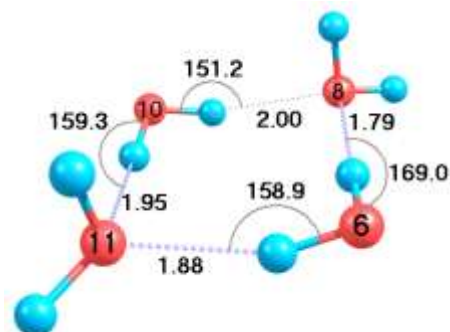
e) Type B Pentamer: 1, 5, 6, 9, 13

| Type B Pentamer: 1,5,6,9,13 |            |        |       |        |        |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
|                             | Two-Body   |        |       |        |        |
|                             | 1,5        | 1,6    | 1,9   | 1,13   | 5,6    |
| $\Delta E$                  | -4.33      | -4.49  | 0.26  | 0.73   | 0.75   |
| FRZ                         | -1.24      | -0.53  | 0.31  | 0.79   | 0.77   |
| POL                         | -1.73      | -2.07  | -0.05 | -0.05  | -0.02  |
| CT                          | -1.35      | -1.88  | -0.01 | -0.02  | 0.00   |
|                             | Two-Body   |        |       |        |        |
|                             | 5,9        | 5,13   | 6,9   | 6,13   | 9,13   |
| $\Delta E$                  | 0.44       | -4.56  | -3.77 | -1.43  | -4.04  |
| FRZ                         | 0.46       | -1.68  | 0.73  | -1.38  | 0.35   |
| POL                         | -0.02      | -1.58  | -2.53 | -0.05  | -2.45  |
| CT                          | 0.00       | -1.30  | -1.97 | -0.01  | -1.94  |
|                             | Three-Body |        |       |        |        |
|                             | 1,5,6      | 1,5,13 | 1,6,9 | 5,9,13 | 6,9,13 |
| $\Delta E$                  | 0.62       | 0.45   | 0.67  | 0.67   | -1.11  |
| FRZ                         | 0.11       | 0.00   | -0.05 | 0.11   | -0.10  |
| POL                         | 0.39       | 0.37   | 0.57  | 0.43   | -0.80  |
| CT                          | 0.12       | 0.08   | 0.15  | 0.12   | -0.22  |



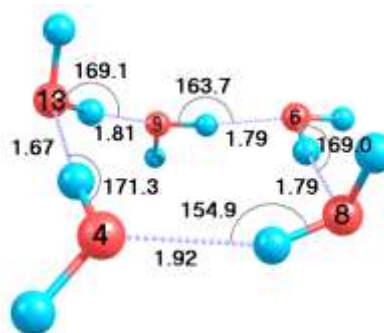
f) Type C Tetramer: 6, 8, 10, 11

| Type C Tetramer: 6,8,10,11 |            |        |         |         |       |       |
|----------------------------|------------|--------|---------|---------|-------|-------|
|                            | Two-Body   |        |         |         |       |       |
|                            | 6,8        | 6,10   | 6,11    | 8,10    | 8,11  | 10,11 |
| $\Delta E$                 | -4.22      | 1.28   | -4.21   | -3.90   | 0.98  | -4.53 |
| FRZ                        | 0.67       | 1.49   | -0.63   | -1.71   | 1.01  | -1.62 |
| POL                        | -2.60      | -0.15  | -2.00   | -1.31   | -0.03 | -1.64 |
| CT                         | -2.29      | -0.06  | -1.58   | -0.88   | 0.00  | -1.27 |
|                            | Three-Body |        |         |         |       |       |
|                            | 6,8,10     | 6,8,11 | 6,10,11 | 8,10,11 |       |       |
| $\Delta E$                 | 0.30       | 0.74   | 0.33    | 0.41    |       |       |
| FRZ                        | -0.01      | 0.11   | -0.01   | 0.03    |       |       |
| POL                        | 0.22       | 0.49   | 0.25    | 0.32    |       |       |
| CT                         | 0.09       | 0.15   | 0.08    | 0.06    |       |       |



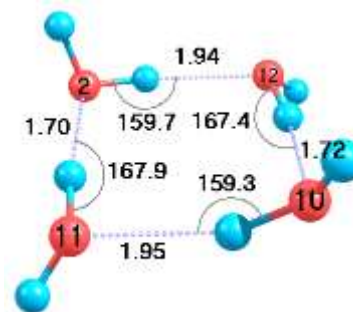
**g) Type A Pentamer: 4, 6, 8, 9, 13**

| Type A Pentamer: 4,6,8,9,13 |            |        |        |       |        |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
|                             | Two-Body   |        |        |       |        |
|                             | 4,6        | 4,8    | 4,9    | 4,13  | 6,8    |
| $\Delta E$                  | -1.12      | -4.09  | -0.99  | -3.76 | -4.22  |
| FRZ                         | -1.09      | -0.97  | -0.96  | 3.45  | 0.67   |
| POL                         | -0.03      | -1.77  | -0.03  | -3.97 | -2.60  |
| CT                          | -0.01      | -1.34  | -0.01  | -3.24 | -2.29  |
|                             | Two-Body   |        |        |       |        |
|                             | 6,9        | 6,13   | 8,9    | 8,13  | 9,13   |
| $\Delta E$                  | -3.77      | -1.43  | -0.89  | -0.89 | -4.04  |
| FRZ                         | 0.73       | -1.38  | -0.87  | -0.85 | 0.35   |
| POL                         | -2.53      | -0.05  | -0.02  | -0.03 | -2.45  |
| CT                          | -1.97      | -0.01  | 0.00   | -0.01 | -1.94  |
|                             | Three-Body |        |        |       |        |
|                             | 4,6,8      | 4,8,13 | 4,9,13 | 6,8,9 | 6,9,13 |
| $\Delta E$                  | -1.15      | -1.41  | -1.40  | -1.19 | -1.11  |
| FRZ                         | 0.00       | -0.10  | -0.01  | -0.07 | -0.10  |
| POL                         | -0.92      | -1.04  | -1.09  | -0.87 | -0.80  |
| CT                          | -0.23      | -0.27  | -0.31  | -0.25 | -0.22  |



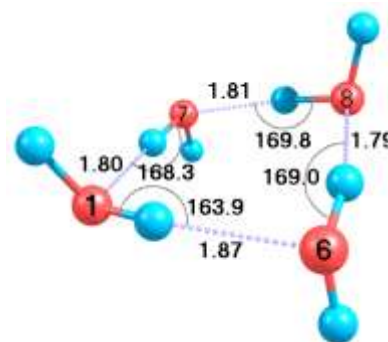
**h) Type A Tetramer: 2, 10, 11, 12**

| Type A Tetramer: 2,10,11,12 |            |         |         |          |       |       |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------|---------|----------|-------|-------|
|                             | Two-Body   |         |         |          |       |       |
|                             | 2,10       | 2,11    | 2,12    | 10,11    | 10,12 | 11,12 |
| $\Delta E$                  | -1.38      | -4.06   | -4.54   | -4.53    | -4.19 | -1.52 |
| FRZ                         | -1.30      | 2.53    | -1.62   | -1.62    | 2.00  | -1.45 |
| POL                         | -0.06      | -3.55   | -1.64   | -1.64    | -3.33 | -0.05 |
| CT                          | -0.02      | -3.04   | -1.27   | -1.27    | -2.86 | -0.02 |
|                             | Three-Body |         |         |          |       |       |
|                             | 2,10,11    | 2,10,12 | 2,11,12 | 10,11,12 |       |       |
| $\Delta E$                  | -1.46      | -1.42   | -1.38   | -1.36    |       |       |
| FRZ                         | -0.13      | -0.12   | -0.05   | -0.05    |       |       |
| POL                         | -1.05      | -1.03   | -1.06   | -1.04    |       |       |
| CT                          | -0.28      | -0.27   | -0.28   | -0.27    |       |       |



**i) Type A Tetramer: 1, 6, 7, 8**

| Type A Tetramer: 1,6,7,8 |            |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                          | Two-Body   |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | 1,6        | 1,7   | 1,8   | 6,7   | 6,8   | 7,8   |
| $\Delta E$               | -4.49      | -4.36 | -1.45 | -1.22 | -4.22 | -4.33 |
| FRZ                      | -0.53      | 0.43  | -1.34 | -1.15 | 0.67  | 0.42  |
| POL                      | -2.07      | -2.52 | -0.07 | -0.05 | -2.60 | -2.50 |
| CT                       | -1.88      | -2.27 | -0.03 | -0.02 | -2.29 | -2.25 |
|                          | Three-Body |       |       |       |       |       |
|                          | 1,6,7      | 1,6,8 | 1,7,8 | 6,7,8 |       |       |
| $\Delta E$               | -1.24      | -1.38 | -1.44 | -1.41 |       |       |
| FRZ                      | -0.02      | -0.09 | -0.10 | -0.05 |       |       |
| POL                      | -0.94      | -0.99 | -1.03 | -1.05 |       |       |
| CT                       | -0.28      | -0.29 | -0.31 | -0.31 |       |       |

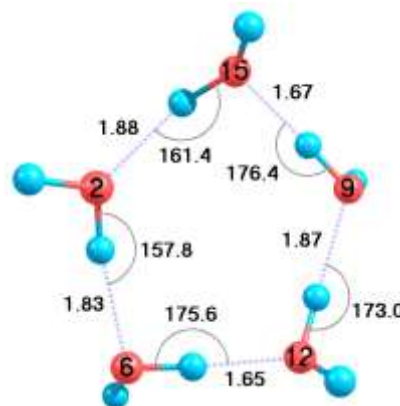




**Figure S3:** Additional rings (not covered in Fig. S1) within the 17-mer, and their associated ALMO-EDA terms (kcal/mol,  $\omega$ B97X-D/aug-cc-pVQZ). See Figure 2d for relative location. a) Type A Pentamer: 2, 6, 9, 12, 15; b) Type C Tetramer: 3, 7, 8, 11; c) Type A Pentamer: 4, 7, 11, 14, 17; d) Type C Tetramer: 1, 2, 3, 15; e) Type B Hexamer: 1, 3, 5, 9, 12, 15; f) Type C Tetramer: 1, 4, 5, 14; g) Type B Tetramer: 4, 13, 16, 17; h) Type B Hexamer: 4, 5, 6, 12, 14, 16; i) Type B Hexamer: 2, 3, 7, 13, 15, 17; j) Type B Tetramer: 2, 6, 13, 16; k) Type A Pentamer: 5, 8, 10, 11, 14.

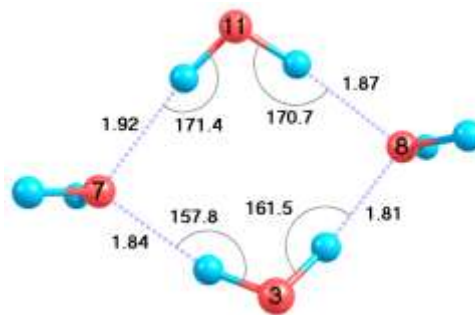
**a) Type A Pentamer: 2, 6, 9, 12, 15**

| Type A Pentamer: 2,6,9,12,15 |            |        |        |        |         |
|------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
|                              | Two-Body   |        |        |        |         |
|                              | 2,6        | 2,9    | 2,12   | 2,15   | 6,9     |
| $\Delta E$                   | -3.87      | -1.09  | -1.27  | -3.62  | -0.91   |
| FRZ                          | 0.14       | -1.05  | -1.22  | -0.45  | -0.88   |
| POL                          | -2.23      | -0.04  | -0.04  | -1.87  | -0.03   |
| CT                           | -1.78      | -0.01  | -0.01  | -1.30  | 0.00    |
|                              | Two-Body   |        |        |        |         |
|                              | 6,12       | 6,15   | 9,12   | 9,15   | 12,15   |
| $\Delta E$                   | -3.39      | -0.77  | -4.54  | -3.60  | -0.86   |
| FRZ                          | 4.23       | -0.75  | -0.93  | 3.60   | -0.83   |
| POL                          | -4.21      | -0.01  | -2.01  | -3.90  | -0.03   |
| CT                           | -3.41      | 0.00   | -1.60  | -3.30  | -0.01   |
|                              | Three-Body |        |        |        |         |
|                              | 2,6,12     | 2,6,15 | 2,9,15 | 6,9,12 | 9,12,15 |
| $\Delta E$                   | -1.69      | -1.14  | -1.31  | -1.43  | -1.38   |
| FRZ                          | -0.14      | -0.05  | -0.11  | -0.04  | -0.03   |
| POL                          | -1.22      | -0.91  | -0.95  | -1.10  | -1.05   |
| CT                           | -0.33      | -0.19  | -0.25  | -0.30  | -0.30   |



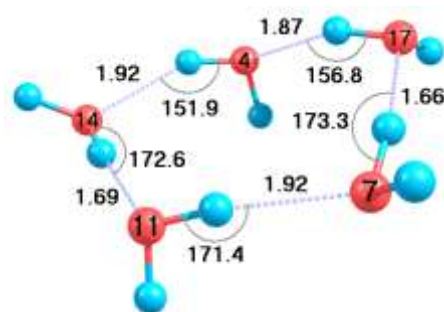
**b) Type C Tetramer: 3, 7, 8, 11**

| Type C Tetramer: 3,7,8,11 |            |        |        |        |       |       |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
|                           | Two-Body   |        |        |        |       |       |
|                           | 3,7        | 3,8    | 3,11   | 7,8    | 7,11  | 8,11  |
| $\Delta E$                | -3.75      | -3.96  | 1.55   | 1.08   | -4.55 | -4.50 |
| FRZ                       | 0.10       | 0.35   | 1.89   | 1.11   | -1.33 | -0.88 |
| POL                       | -2.16      | -2.40  | -0.23  | -0.04  | -1.79 | -2.02 |
| CT                        | -1.69      | -1.91  | -0.11  | 0.00   | -1.43 | -1.59 |
|                           | Three-Body |        |        |        |       |       |
|                           | 3,7,8      | 3,7,11 | 3,8,11 | 7,8,11 |       |       |
| $\Delta E$                | 0.74       | 0.42   | 0.48   | 0.62   |       |       |
| FRZ                       | 0.09       | -0.08  | -0.06  | 0.05   |       |       |
| POL                       | 0.51       | 0.36   | 0.40   | 0.46   |       |       |
| CT                        | 0.13       | 0.13   | 0.14   | 0.11   |       |       |



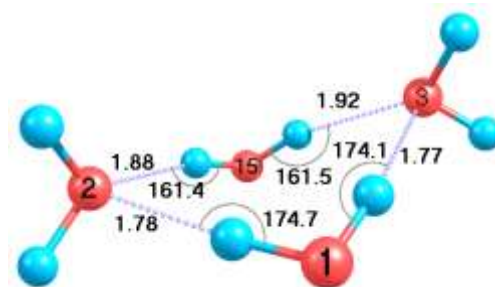
c) Type A Pentamer: 4, 7, 11, 14, 17

| Type A Pentamer: 4,7,11,14,17 |            |         |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                               | Two-Body   |         |         |         |         |
|                               | 4,7        | 4,11    | 4,14    | 4,17    | 7,11    |
| $\Delta E$                    | -1.23      | -1.30   | -3.14   | -3.52   | -4.55   |
| FRZ                           | -1.17      | -1.19   | -0.10   | 0.20    | -1.33   |
| POL                           | -0.04      | -0.08   | -1.72   | -2.07   | -1.79   |
| CT                            | -0.02      | -0.03   | -1.32   | -1.65   | -1.43   |
|                               | Two-Body   |         |         |         |         |
|                               | 7,14       | 7,17    | 11,14   | 11,17   | 14,17   |
| $\Delta E$                    | -0.71      | -3.33   | -3.70   | -1.03   | -0.71   |
| FRZ                           | -0.69      | 4.08    | 2.70    | -1.00   | -0.70   |
| POL                           | -0.02      | -4.10   | -3.60   | -0.03   | -0.01   |
| CT                            | 0.00       | -3.32   | -2.80   | -0.01   | 0.00    |
|                               | Three-Body |         |         |         |         |
|                               | 4,7,17     | 4,11,14 | 4,14,17 | 7,11,14 | 7,11,17 |
| $\Delta E$                    | -1.45      | -1.14   | -0.95   | -1.27   | -1.40   |
| FRZ                           | -0.07      | -0.12   | 0.00    | -0.03   | -0.03   |
| POL                           | -1.11      | -0.81   | -0.78   | -0.99   | -1.07   |
| CT                            | -0.27      | -0.20   | -0.17   | -0.25   | -0.29   |



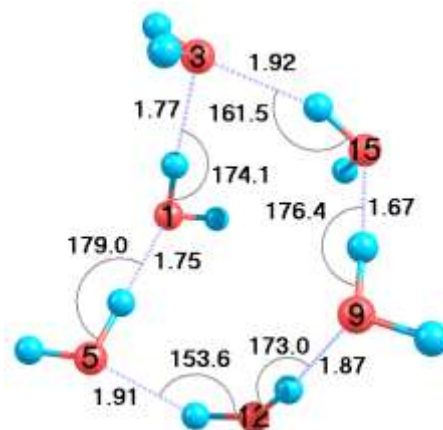
d) Type C Tetramer: 1, 2, 3, 15

| Type C Tetramer: 1,2,3,15 |            |        |        |        |       |       |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
|                           | Two-Body   |        |        |        |       |       |
|                           | 1,2        | 1,3    | 1,15   | 2,3    | 2,15  | 3,15  |
| $\Delta E$                | -3.69      | -3.51  | 2.07   | 1.04   | -3.62 | -3.73 |
| FRZ                       | 1.46       | 1.89   | 2.58   | 1.08   | -0.45 | -0.89 |
| POL                       | -2.68      | -2.82  | -0.35  | -0.04  | -1.87 | -1.70 |
| CT                        | -2.47      | -2.58  | -0.16  | 0.00   | -1.30 | -1.15 |
|                           | Three-Body |        |        |        |       |       |
|                           | 1,2,3      | 1,2,15 | 1,3,15 | 2,3,15 |       |       |
| $\Delta E$                | 0.63       | 0.48   | 0.46   | 0.72   |       |       |
| FRZ                       | 0.08       | -0.11  | -0.12  | 0.06   |       |       |
| POL                       | 0.38       | 0.39   | 0.40   | 0.57   |       |       |
| CT                        | 0.17       | 0.19   | 0.18   | 0.10   |       |       |



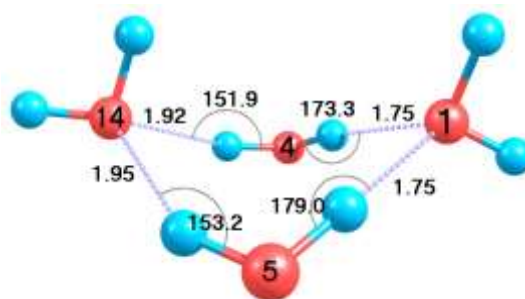
e) Type B Hexamer: 1, 3, 5, 9, 12, 15

| Type B Hexamer: 1,3,5,9,12,15 |            |        |        |        |        |
|-------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                               | Two-Body   |        |        |        |        |
|                               | 1,3        | 1,5    | 1,9    | 1,12   | 1,15   |
| $\Delta E$                    | -3.51      | -3.95  | 0.95   | -1.16  | 2.07   |
| FRZ                           | 1.89       | 1.29   | 1.03   | -1.04  | 2.58   |
| POL                           | -2.82      | -2.94  | -0.06  | -0.09  | -0.35  |
| CT                            | -2.58      | -2.30  | -0.02  | -0.03  | -0.16  |
|                               | Two-Body   |        |        |        |        |
|                               | 3,5        | 3,9    | 3,12   | 3,15   | 5,9    |
| $\Delta E$                    | -0.60      | -1.01  | -0.12  | -3.73  | 0.75   |
| FRZ                           | -0.57      | -0.97  | -0.11  | -0.89  | 0.79   |
| POL                           | -0.02      | -0.04  | -0.01  | -1.70  | -0.04  |
| CT                            | -0.01      | 0.00   | 0.00   | -1.15  | 0.00   |
|                               | Two-Body   |        |        |        |        |
|                               | 5,12       | 5,15   | 9,12   | 9,15   | 12,15  |
| $\Delta E$                    | -3.17      | 0.33   | -4.54  | -3.60  | -0.86  |
| FRZ                           | -0.12      | 0.33   | -0.93  | 3.60   | -0.83  |
| POL                           | -1.78      | -0.01  | -2.01  | -3.90  | -0.03  |
| CT                            | -1.27      | 0.00   | -1.60  | -3.30  | -0.01  |
|                               | Three-Body |        |        |        |        |
|                               | 1,3,5      | 1,3,15 | 1,5,12 | 3,9,15 | 5,9,12 |
| $\Delta E$                    | -1.28      | 0.46   | -1.15  | -1.27  | 0.65   |
| FRZ                           | -0.04      | -0.12  | -0.25  | -0.07  | 0.08   |
| POL                           | -0.96      | 0.40   | -0.75  | -0.96  | 0.48   |
| CT                            | -0.28      | 0.18   | -0.16  | -0.24  | 0.09   |
|                               | 9,12,15    |        |        |        |        |
| $\Delta E$                    | -1.38      |        |        |        |        |
| FRZ                           | -0.03      |        |        |        |        |
| POL                           | -1.05      |        |        |        |        |
| CT                            | -0.30      |        |        |        |        |



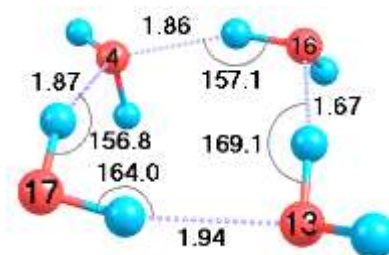
f) Type C Tetramer: 1, 4, 5, 14

| Type C Tetramer: 1,4,5,14 |            |        |        |        |       |       |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
|                           | Two-Body   |        |        |        |       |       |
|                           | 1,4        | 1,5    | 1,14   | 4,5    | 4,14  | 5,14  |
| $\Delta E$                | -3.90      | -3.95  | 0.84   | 1.77   | -3.14 | -3.46 |
| FRZ                       | 1.38       | 1.29   | 0.90   | 2.15   | -0.10 | -0.64 |
| POL                       | -2.93      | -2.94  | -0.05  | -0.26  | -1.72 | -1.61 |
| CT                        | -2.35      | -2.30  | 0.00   | -0.11  | -1.32 | -1.21 |
|                           | Three-Body |        |        |        |       |       |
|                           | 1,4,5      | 1,4,14 | 1,5,14 | 4,5,14 |       |       |
| $\Delta E$                | 0.62       | 0.83   | 0.85   | 0.26   |       |       |
| FRZ                       | 0.03       | 0.10   | 0.10   | -0.02  |       |       |
| POL                       | 0.42       | 0.59   | 0.61   | 0.20   |       |       |
| CT                        | 0.17       | 0.14   | 0.14   | 0.09   |       |       |



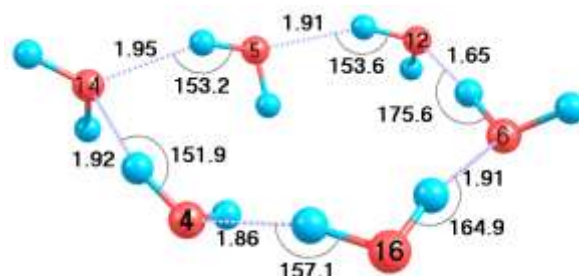
g) Type B Tetramer: 4, 13, 16, 17

| Type B Tetramer: 4,13,16,17 |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | Two-Body     |              |              |              |              |              |
|                             | 4,13         | 4,16         | 4,17         | 13,16        | 13,17        | 16,17        |
| $\Delta E$                  | <b>-0.92</b> | <b>-3.02</b> | <b>-3.52</b> | <b>-3.62</b> | <b>-3.38</b> | <b>-0.25</b> |
| FRZ                         | -0.86        | 0.64         | 0.20         | 3.67         | -0.33        | -0.14        |
| POL                         | -0.05        | -2.03        | -2.07        | -3.96        | -1.68        | -0.08        |
| CT                          | -0.01        | -1.63        | -1.65        | -3.34        | -1.38        | -0.03        |
|                             | Three-Body   |              |              |              |              |              |
|                             | 4,13,16      | 4,13,17      | 4,16,17      | 13,16,17     |              |              |
| $\Delta E$                  | <b>-1.14</b> | <b>0.75</b>  | <b>0.64</b>  | <b>-1.02</b> |              |              |
| FRZ                         | -0.10        | 0.12         | -0.05        | -0.01        |              |              |
| POL                         | -0.81        | 0.50         | 0.58         | -0.78        |              |              |
| CT                          | -0.24        | 0.13         | 0.11         | -0.24        |              |              |



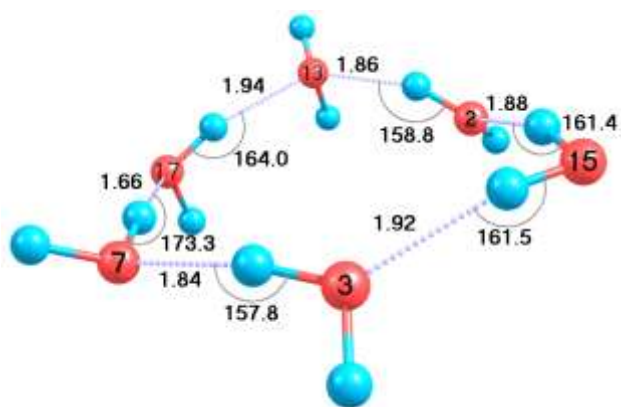
h) Type B Hexamer: 4, 5, 6, 12, 14, 16

| Type B Hexamer: 4,5,6,12,14,16 |              |              |              |              |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                | Two-Body     |              |              |              |              |
|                                | 4,5          | 4,6          | 4,14         | 4,16         | 5,6          |
| $\Delta E$                     | <b>1.77</b>  | <b>0.33</b>  | <b>-3.14</b> | <b>-3.02</b> | <b>-0.92</b> |
| FRZ                            | 2.15         | 0.34         | -0.10        | 0.64         | -0.89        |
| POL                            | -0.26        | -0.02        | -1.72        | -2.03        | -0.03        |
| CT                             | -0.11        | 0.00         | -1.32        | -1.63        | -0.01        |
|                                | Two-Body     |              |              |              |              |
|                                | 5,12         | 5,14         | 6,12         | 6,14         | 6,16         |
| $\Delta E$                     | <b>-3.17</b> | <b>-3.46</b> | <b>-3.39</b> | <b>0.04</b>  | <b>-3.73</b> |
| FRZ                            | -0.12        | -0.64        | 4.23         | 0.04         | -0.60        |
| POL                            | -1.78        | -1.61        | -4.21        | 0.00         | -1.75        |
| CT                             | -1.27        | -1.21        | -3.41        | 0.00         | -1.38        |
|                                | Two-Body     |              |              |              |              |
|                                | 12,14        | 12,16        | 14,16        |              |              |
| $\Delta E$                     | <b>-0.35</b> | <b>-0.57</b> | <b>-0.70</b> |              |              |
| FRZ                            | -0.34        | -0.54        | -0.68        |              |              |
| POL                            | -0.01        | -0.03        | -0.01        |              |              |
| CT                             | 0.00         | 0.00         | 0.00         |              |              |
|                                | Three-Body   |              |              |              |              |
|                                | 4,5,14       | 4,6,16       | 4,14,16      | 5,6,12       | 5,12,14      |
| $\Delta E$                     | <b>0.26</b>  | <b>1.01</b>  | <b>-0.63</b> | <b>-1.17</b> | <b>-0.79</b> |
| FRZ                            | -0.02        | 0.21         | -0.03        | -0.01        | -0.05        |
| POL                            | 0.20         | 0.66         | -0.46        | -0.94        | -0.61        |
| CT                             | 0.09         | 0.14         | -0.14        | -0.22        | -0.13        |
|                                | 6,12,16      |              |              |              |              |
| $\Delta E$                     | <b>-1.08</b> |              |              |              |              |
| FRZ                            | 0.02         |              |              |              |              |
| POL                            | -0.84        |              |              |              |              |
| CT                             | -0.26        |              |              |              |              |



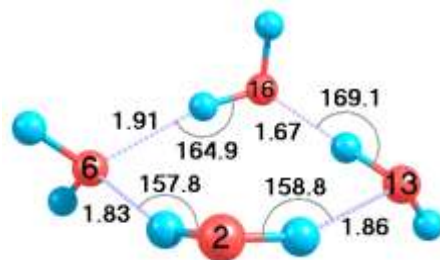
i) Type B Hexamer: 2, 3, 7, 13, 15, 17

| Type B Hexamer: 2,3,7,13,15,17 |            |         |         |        |  |  |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|--------|--|--|
|                                | Two-Body   |         |         |        |  |  |
|                                | 2,3        | 2,13    | 2,15    | 2,17   |  |  |
| $\Delta E$                     | 1.04       | -2.76   | -3.62   | 0.66   |  |  |
| FRZ                            | 1.08       | 1.08    | -0.45   | 0.70   |  |  |
| POL                            | -0.04      | -2.10   | -1.87   | -0.03  |  |  |
| CT                             | 0.00       | -1.74   | -1.30   | -0.01  |  |  |
|                                | Two-Body   |         |         |        |  |  |
|                                | 3,7        | 3,15    | 3,17    | 7,13   |  |  |
| $\Delta E$                     | -3.75      | -3.73   | -0.92   | -0.50  |  |  |
| FRZ                            | 0.10       | -0.89   | -0.88   | -0.48  |  |  |
| POL                            | -2.16      | -1.70   | -0.02   | -0.02  |  |  |
| CT                             | -1.69      | -1.15   | -0.01   | 0.00   |  |  |
|                                | Two-Body   |         |         |        |  |  |
|                                | 7,15       | 7,17    | 13,15   | 13,17  |  |  |
| $\Delta E$                     | -0.45      | -3.33   | -0.72   | -3.38  |  |  |
| FRZ                            | -0.44      | 4.08    | -0.70   | -0.33  |  |  |
| POL                            | -0.01      | -4.10   | -0.02   | -1.68  |  |  |
| CT                             | 0.00       | -3.32   | 0.00    | -1.38  |  |  |
|                                | Three-Body |         |         |        |  |  |
|                                | 2,3,15     | 2,13,15 | 2,13,17 | 3,7,15 |  |  |
| $\Delta E$                     | 0.72       | -0.62   | 0.80    | -0.95  |  |  |
| FRZ                            | 0.06       | -0.07   | -0.08   | -0.02  |  |  |
| POL                            | 0.57       | -0.41   | 0.75    | -0.77  |  |  |
| CT                             | 0.10       | -0.14   | 0.13    | -0.17  |  |  |
|                                | 3,7,17     | 7,13,17 |         |        |  |  |
|                                | $\Delta E$ | -1.54   | -0.95   |        |  |  |
| FRZ                            | -0.10      | -0.08   |         |        |  |  |
| POL                            | -1.13      | -0.66   |         |        |  |  |
| CT                             | -0.31      | -0.21   |         |        |  |  |



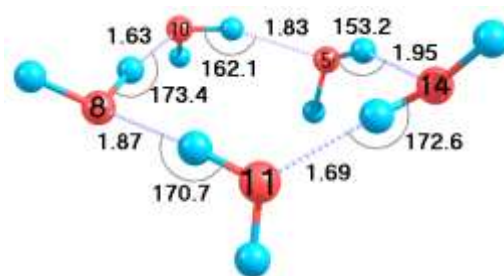
j) Type B Tetramer: 2, 6, 13, 16

| Type B Tetramer: 2,6,13,16 |            |        |         |         |       |       |
|----------------------------|------------|--------|---------|---------|-------|-------|
|                            | Two-Body   |        |         |         |       |       |
|                            | 2,6        | 2,13   | 2,16    | 6,13    | 6,16  | 13,16 |
| $\Delta E$                 | -3.87      | -2.76  | -0.53   | -0.48   | -3.73 | -3.62 |
| FRZ                        | 0.14       | 1.08   | -0.30   | -0.43   | -0.60 | 3.67  |
| POL                        | -2.23      | -2.10  | -0.17   | -0.04   | -1.75 | -3.96 |
| CT                         | -1.78      | -1.74  | -0.07   | 0.00    | -1.38 | -3.34 |
|                            | Three-Body |        |         |         |       |       |
|                            | 2,6,13     | 2,6,16 | 2,13,16 | 6,13,16 |       |       |
| $\Delta E$                 | 0.94       | 0.61   | -1.41   | -1.04   |       |       |
| FRZ                        | 0.17       | -0.12  | -0.18   | -0.12   |       |       |
| POL                        | 0.62       | 0.56   | -0.97   | -0.71   |       |       |
| CT                         | 0.15       | 0.17   | -0.27   | -0.21   |       |       |



k) Type A Pentamer: 5, 8, 10, 11, 14

| Type A Pentamer: 5,8,10,11,14 |            |         |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                               | Two-Body   |         |         |         |         |
|                               | 5,8        | 5,10    | 5,11    | 5,14    | 8,10    |
| $\Delta E$                    | -1.27      | -3.46   | -1.20   | -3.46   | -3.10   |
| FRZ                           | -1.22      | 0.76    | -1.12   | -0.64   | 5.26    |
| POL                           | -0.04      | -2.29   | -0.06   | -1.61   | -4.61   |
| CT                            | -0.01      | -1.94   | -0.02   | -1.21   | -3.75   |
|                               | Two-Body   |         |         |         |         |
|                               | 8,11       | 8,14    | 10,11   | 10,14   | 11,14   |
| $\Delta E$                    | -4.50      | -0.83   | -1.06   | -0.84   | -3.70   |
| FRZ                           | -0.88      | -0.80   | -1.02   | -0.82   | 2.70    |
| POL                           | -2.02      | -0.02   | -0.03   | -0.02   | -3.60   |
| CT                            | -1.59      | 0.00    | -0.01   | 0.00    | -2.80   |
|                               | Three-Body |         |         |         |         |
|                               | 5,8,10     | 5,10,14 | 5,11,14 | 8,10,11 | 8,11,14 |
| $\Delta E$                    | -1.57      | -1.00   | -1.13   | -1.53   | -1.32   |
| FRZ                           | -0.06      | 0.01    | -0.10   | -0.06   | -0.03   |
| POL                           | -1.17      | -0.82   | -0.82   | -1.14   | -1.03   |
| CT                            | -0.34      | -0.19   | -0.21   | -0.33   | -0.26   |



**Table S3:** Comparison of ALMO-EDA calculations using the B3LYP and  $\omega$ B97X-D density functionals for the water 13-mer, organized by the two- and three-body interactions of each water (energies in kcal/mol; details as for Table S1); four-coordinate waters are listed first, followed by three- and two-coordinate waters, respectively.

Four-coordinate waters:

| Water #1: B3LYP, Correct Parameters |       |       |       |            |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Two-Body                            | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,2                                 | -1.35 | -1.21 | -1.11 | -3.68      |
| 1,5                                 | -0.71 | -1.64 | -1.68 | -4.03      |
| 1,6                                 | 0.15  | -2.00 | -2.32 | -4.17      |
| 1,7                                 | 1.15  | -2.47 | -2.77 | -4.08      |
| Three-Body                          | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,2,5                               | -0.03 | -0.59 | -0.14 | -0.76      |
| 1,2,6                               | -0.10 | -0.74 | -0.21 | -1.05      |
| 1,2,7                               | 0.09  | 0.20  | 0.13  | 0.42       |
| 1,5,6                               | 0.08  | 0.40  | 0.16  | 0.64       |
| 1,5,7                               | -0.03 | -0.95 | -0.31 | -1.29      |
| 1,6,7                               | -0.02 | -0.94 | -0.35 | -1.31      |

| Water #1: $\omega$ B97X-d, Correct Parameters |       |       |       |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Two-Body                                      | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,2                                           | -1.71 | -1.34 | -0.88 | -3.93      |
| 1,5                                           | -1.24 | -1.73 | -1.35 | -4.33      |
| 1,6                                           | -0.53 | -2.07 | -1.88 | -4.49      |
| 1,7                                           | 0.43  | -2.52 | -2.27 | -4.36      |
| Three-Body                                    | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,2,5                                         | -0.02 | -0.59 | -0.13 | -0.74      |
| 1,2,6                                         | -0.12 | -0.76 | -0.16 | -1.04      |
| 1,2,7                                         | -0.02 | 0.20  | 0.10  | 0.28       |
| 1,5,6                                         | 0.11  | 0.39  | 0.12  | 0.62       |
| 1,5,7                                         | -0.02 | -0.96 | -0.25 | -1.23      |
| 1,6,7                                         | -0.02 | -0.94 | -0.28 | -1.24      |

| Water #6: B3LYP, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                            | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,6                                 | 0.15  | -2.00 | -2.32      | -4.17      |
| 6,8                                 | 1.41  | -2.55 | -2.79      | -3.93      |
| 6,9                                 | 1.22  | -2.45 | -2.38      | -3.60      |
| 6,11                                | -0.04 | -1.91 | -1.94      | -3.90      |
| Three-Body                          |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                 | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 1,6,8                               | -0.06 | -0.98 | -0.37      | -1.41      |
| 1,6,9                               | -0.08 | 0.54  | 0.19       | 0.65       |
| 1,6,11                              | -0.04 | -0.92 | -0.30      | -1.25      |
| 6,8,9                               | -0.12 | -0.86 | -0.31      | -1.29      |
| 6,8,11                              | 0.08  | 0.49  | 0.18       | 0.75       |
| 6,9,11                              | -0.05 | -0.70 | -0.23      | -0.99      |

| Water #6: $\omega$ B97X-d, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                                      | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,6                                           | -0.53 | -2.07 | -1.88      | -4.49      |
| 6,8                                           | 0.67  | -2.60 | -2.29      | -4.22      |
| 6,9                                           | 0.73  | -2.53 | -1.97      | -3.77      |
| 6,11                                          | -0.63 | -2.00 | -1.58      | -4.21      |
| Three-Body                                    |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                           | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 1,6,8                                         | -0.09 | -0.99 | -0.29      | -1.38      |
| 1,6,9                                         | -0.05 | 0.57  | 0.15       | 0.67       |
| 1,6,11                                        | 0.00  | -0.92 | -0.24      | -1.16      |
| 6,8,9                                         | -0.07 | -0.87 | -0.25      | -1.19      |
| 6,8,11                                        | 0.11  | 0.49  | 0.15       | 0.74       |
| 6,9,11                                        | -0.03 | -0.71 | -0.19      | -0.93      |

| Water #7: B3LYP, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                            | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,7                                 | 1.15  | -2.47 | -2.77      | -4.08      |
| 3,7                                 | -0.67 | -1.56 | -1.45      | -3.68      |
| 7,8                                 | 1.16  | -2.44 | -2.75      | -4.03      |
| 7,12                                | -0.35 | -1.68 | -1.70      | -3.73      |
| Three-Body                          |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                 | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 1,3,7                               | -0.13 | -0.89 | -0.26      | -1.28      |
| 1,7,8                               | -0.06 | -1.03 | -0.39      | -1.48      |
| 1,7,12                              | 0.05  | 0.42  | 0.17       | 0.64       |
| 3,7,8                               | 0.07  | 0.28  | 0.14       | 0.49       |
| 3,7,12                              | -0.03 | -0.63 | -0.16      | -0.82      |
| 7,8,12                              | -0.02 | -0.94 | -0.30      | -1.26      |

| Water #7: $\omega$ B97X-d, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                                      | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,7                                           | 0.43  | -2.52 | -2.27      | -4.36      |
| 3,7                                           | -1.12 | -1.68 | -1.16      | -3.96      |
| 7,8                                           | 0.42  | -2.50 | -2.25      | -4.33      |
| 7,12                                          | -0.92 | -1.77 | -1.37      | -4.06      |
| Three-Body                                    |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                           | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 1,3,7                                         | -0.13 | -0.91 | -0.21      | -1.24      |
| 1,7,8                                         | -0.10 | -1.03 | -0.31      | -1.44      |
| 1,7,12                                        | 0.09  | 0.42  | 0.13       | 0.64       |
| 3,7,8                                         | 0.00  | 0.29  | 0.10       | 0.39       |
| 3,7,12                                        | -0.02 | -0.63 | -0.14      | -0.79      |
| 7,8,12                                        | 0.02  | -0.95 | -0.24      | -1.18      |

| Water #8: B3LYP, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                            | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 4,8                                 | -0.43 | -1.67 | -1.67      | -3.77      |
| 6,8                                 | 1.41  | -2.55 | -2.79      | -3.93      |
| 7,8                                 | 1.16  | -2.44 | -2.75      | -4.03      |
| 8,10                                | -1.33 | -1.18 | -1.11      | -3.62      |
| Three-Body                          |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                 | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 4,6,8                               | -0.05 | -0.92 | -0.29      | -1.25      |
| 4,7,8                               | 0.02  | 0.43  | 0.17       | 0.62       |
| 4,8,10                              | -0.05 | -0.62 | -0.14      | -0.81      |
| 6,7,8                               | -0.04 | -1.04 | -0.39      | -1.48      |
| 6,8,10                              | 0.07  | 0.22  | 0.12       | 0.41       |
| 7,8,10                              | -0.13 | -0.78 | -0.22      | -1.14      |

| Water #8: $\omega$ B97X-d, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                                      | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 4,8                                           | -0.97 | -1.77 | -1.34      | -4.09      |
| 6,8                                           | 0.67  | -2.60 | -2.29      | -4.22      |
| 7,8                                           | 0.42  | -2.50 | -2.25      | -4.33      |
| 8,10                                          | -1.71 | -1.31 | -0.88      | -3.90      |
| Three-Body                                    |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                           | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 4,6,8                                         | 0.00  | -0.92 | -0.23      | -1.15      |
| 4,7,8                                         | 0.06  | 0.43  | 0.13       | 0.62       |
| 4,8,10                                        | -0.04 | -0.63 | -0.13      | -0.79      |
| 6,7,8                                         | -0.05 | -1.05 | -0.31      | -1.41      |
| 6,8,10                                        | -0.01 | 0.22  | 0.09       | 0.30       |
| 7,8,10                                        | -0.16 | -0.80 | -0.17      | -1.13      |

### Three-coordinate waters:

| Water #2: B3LYP, Correct Parameters |       |       |       |            |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Two-Body                            | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,2                                 | -1.35 | -1.21 | -1.11 | -3.68      |
| 2,11                                | 3.33  | -3.54 | -3.66 | -3.87      |
| 2,12                                | -1.14 | -1.54 | -1.58 | -4.27      |
|                                     |       |       |       |            |
| Three-Body                          | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,2,11                              | -0.04 | -1.00 | -0.29 | -1.32      |
| 1,2,12                              | 0.01  | 0.35  | 0.08  | 0.43       |
| 2,11,12                             | -0.06 | -1.06 | -0.34 | -1.46      |

| Water #2: $\omega$ B97X-d, Correct Parameters |       |       |       |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Two-Body                                      | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,2                                           | -1.71 | -1.34 | -0.88 | -3.93      |
| 2,11                                          | 2.53  | -3.55 | -3.04 | -4.06      |
| 2,12                                          | -1.62 | -1.64 | -1.27 | -4.54      |
|                                               |       |       |       |            |
| Three-Body                                    | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,2,11                                        | 0.00  | -1.00 | -0.23 | -1.23      |
| 1,2,12                                        | 0.04  | 0.35  | 0.07  | 0.45       |
| 2,11,12                                       | -0.05 | -1.06 | -0.28 | -1.38      |

| Water #3: B3LYP, Correct Parameters |       |       |       |            |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Two-Body                            | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 3,4                                 | -1.00 | -1.54 | -1.66 | -4.20      |
| 3,5                                 | 3.14  | -3.44 | -3.61 | -3.91      |
| 3,7                                 | -0.67 | -1.56 | -1.45 | -3.68      |
|                                     |       |       |       |            |
| Three-Body                          | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 3,4,5                               | -0.05 | -1.03 | -0.35 | -1.43      |
| 3,4,7                               | -0.01 | 0.34  | 0.10  | 0.43       |
| 3,5,7                               | -0.04 | -1.10 | -0.33 | -1.48      |

| Water #3: $\omega$ B97X-d, Correct Parameters |       |       |       |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Two-Body                                      | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 3,4                                           | -1.54 | -1.64 | -1.33 | -4.51      |
| 3,5                                           | 2.34  | -3.45 | -2.99 | -4.11      |
| 3,7                                           | -1.12 | -1.68 | -1.16 | -3.96      |
|                                               |       |       |       |            |
| Three-Body                                    | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 3,4,5                                         | -0.02 | -1.03 | -0.28 | -1.33      |
| 3,4,7                                         | 0.02  | 0.34  | 0.08  | 0.44       |
| 3,5,7                                         | -0.03 | -1.11 | -0.27 | -1.41      |

| Water #4: B3LYP, Correct Parameters |       |       |       |            |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Two-Body                            | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 3,4                                 | -1.00 | -1.54 | -1.66 | -4.20      |
| 4,8                                 | -0.43 | -1.67 | -1.67 | -3.77      |
| 4,13                                | 4.26  | -3.98 | -3.88 | -3.60      |
|                                     |       |       |       |            |
| Three-Body                          | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 3,4,8                               | 0.04  | 0.32  | 0.11  | 0.47       |
| 3,4,13                              | -0.12 | -1.09 | -0.37 | -1.59      |
| 4,8,13                              | -0.13 | -1.02 | -0.33 | -1.49      |

| Water #4: $\omega$ B97X-d, Correct Parameters |       |       |       |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Two-Body                                      | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 3,4                                           | -1.54 | -1.64 | -1.33 | -4.51      |
| 4,8                                           | -0.97 | -1.77 | -1.34 | -4.09      |
| 4,13                                          | 3.45  | -3.97 | -3.24 | -3.76      |
|                                               |       |       |       |            |
| Three-Body                                    | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 3,4,8                                         | -0.02 | 0.32  | 0.09  | 0.39       |
| 3,4,13                                        | -0.14 | -1.11 | -0.30 | -1.55      |
| 4,8,13                                        | -0.10 | -1.04 | -0.27 | -1.41      |

| Water #5: B3LYP, Correct Parameters |       |       |       |            |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Two-Body                            | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,5                                 | -0.71 | -1.64 | -1.68 | -4.03      |
| 3,5                                 | 3.14  | -3.44 | -3.61 | -3.91      |
| 5,13                                | -1.19 | -1.48 | -1.61 | -4.29      |
|                                     |       |       |       |            |
| Three-Body                          | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,3,5                               | -0.12 | -1.02 | -0.34 | -1.49      |
| 1,5,13                              | -0.02 | 0.37  | 0.10  | 0.45       |
| 3,5,13                              | -0.11 | -1.01 | -0.36 | -1.47      |

| Water #5: $\omega$ B97X-d, Correct Parameters |       |       |       |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| Two-Body                                      | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,5                                           | -1.24 | -1.73 | -1.35 | -4.33      |
| 3,5                                           | 2.34  | -3.45 | -2.99 | -4.11      |
| 5,13                                          | -1.68 | -1.58 | -1.30 | -4.56      |
|                                               |       |       |       |            |
| Three-Body                                    | FRZ   | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |
| 1,3,5                                         | -0.13 | -1.03 | -0.27 | -1.43      |
| 1,5,13                                        | 0.00  | 0.37  | 0.08  | 0.45       |
| 3,5,13                                        | -0.13 | -1.02 | -0.28 | -1.43      |



| Water #10: B3LYP, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                             | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 8,10                                 | -1.33 | -1.18 | -1.11      | -3.62      |
| 10,11                                | -1.14 | -1.54 | -1.57      | -4.25      |
| 10,12                                | 2.76  | -3.31 | -3.45      | -3.99      |
| Three-Body                           |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                  | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 8,10,11                              | 0.00  | 0.32  | 0.07       | 0.39       |
| 8,10,12                              | -0.02 | -0.96 | -0.27      | -1.25      |
| 10,11,12                             | -0.06 | -1.04 | -0.34      | -1.43      |

| Water #10: $\omega$ B97X-d, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                                       | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 8,10                                           | -1.71 | -1.31 | -0.88      | -3.90      |
| 10,11                                          | -1.62 | -1.64 | -1.27      | -4.53      |
| 10,12                                          | 2.00  | -3.33 | -2.86      | -4.19      |
| Three-Body                                     |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                            | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 8,10,11                                        | 0.03  | 0.32  | 0.06       | 0.41       |
| 8,10,12                                        | 0.02  | -0.97 | -0.22      | -1.17      |
| 10,11,12                                       | -0.05 | -1.04 | -0.27      | -1.36      |

| Water #11: B3LYP, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                             | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 2,11                                 | 3.33  | -3.54 | -3.66      | -3.87      |
| 6,11                                 | -0.04 | -1.91 | -1.94      | -3.90      |
| 10,11                                | -1.14 | -1.54 | -1.57      | -4.25      |
| Three-Body                           |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                  | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 2,6,11                               | -0.12 | -1.04 | -0.36      | -1.52      |
| 2,10,11                              | -0.11 | -1.04 | -0.35      | -1.49      |
| 6,10,11                              | 0.07  | 0.25  | 0.11       | 0.44       |

| Water #11: $\omega$ B97X-d, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                                       | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 2,11                                           | 2.53  | -3.55 | -3.04      | -4.06      |
| 6,11                                           | -0.63 | -2.00 | -1.58      | -4.21      |
| 10,11                                          | -1.62 | -1.64 | -1.27      | -4.53      |
| Three-Body                                     |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                            | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 2,6,11                                         | -0.14 | -1.06 | -0.29      | -1.49      |
| 2,10,11                                        | -0.13 | -1.05 | -0.28      | -1.46      |
| 6,10,11                                        | -0.01 | 0.25  | 0.08       | 0.33       |

| Water #12: B3LYP, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                             | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 2,12                                 | -1.14 | -1.54 | -1.58      | -4.27      |
| 7,12                                 | -0.35 | -1.68 | -1.70      | -3.73      |
| 10,12                                | 2.76  | -3.31 | -3.45      | -3.99      |
| Three-Body                           |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                  | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 2,7,12                               | 0.07  | 0.23  | 0.10       | 0.40       |
| 2,10,12                              | -0.10 | -1.01 | -0.33      | -1.45      |
| 7,10,12                              | -0.13 | -1.00 | -0.32      | -1.45      |

| Water #12: $\omega$ B97X-d, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                                       | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 2,12                                           | -1.62 | -1.64 | -1.27      | -4.54      |
| 7,12                                           | -0.92 | -1.77 | -1.37      | -4.06      |
| 10,12                                          | 2.00  | -3.33 | -2.86      | -4.19      |
| Three-Body                                     |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                            | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 2,7,12                                         | -0.02 | 0.23  | 0.08       | 0.29       |
| 2,10,12                                        | -0.12 | -1.03 | -0.27      | -1.42      |
| 7,10,12                                        | -0.16 | -1.01 | -0.26      | -1.43      |

| Water #13: B3LYP, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                             | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 4,13                                 | 4.26  | -3.98 | -3.88      | -3.60      |
| 5,13                                 | -1.19 | -1.48 | -1.61      | -4.29      |
| 9,13                                 | 0.97  | -2.38 | -2.37      | -3.78      |
| Three-Body                           |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                  | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 4,5,13                               | -0.05 | -1.06 | -0.35      | -1.46      |
| 4,9,13                               | -0.06 | -1.08 | -0.37      | -1.51      |
| 5,9,13                               | 0.09  | 0.45  | 0.16       | 0.69       |

| Water #13: $\omega$ B97X-d, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                                       | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 4,13                                           | 3.45  | -3.97 | -3.24      | -3.76      |
| 5,13                                           | -1.68 | -1.58 | -1.30      | -4.56      |
| 9,13                                           | 0.35  | -2.45 | -1.94      | -4.04      |
| Three-Body                                     |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                            | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 4,5,13                                         | -0.02 | -1.06 | -0.28      | -1.36      |
| 4,9,13                                         | -0.01 | -1.09 | -0.31      | -1.40      |
| 5,9,13                                         | 0.11  | 0.43  | 0.12       | 0.67       |

Two-coordinate waters:

| Water #9: B3LYP, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                            | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 6,9                                 | 1.22  | -2.45 | -2.38      | -3.60      |
| 9,13                                | 0.97  | -2.38 | -2.37      | -3.78      |
| Three-Body                          |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                 | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 6,9,13                              | -0.11 | -0.79 | -0.27      | -1.17      |

| Water #9: $\omega$ B97X-d, Correct Parameters |       |       |            |            |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------|
| Two-Body                                      | FRZ   | POL   | CT         | $\Delta E$ |
| 6,9                                           | 0.73  | -2.53 | -1.97      | -3.77      |
| 9,13                                          | 0.35  | -2.45 | -1.94      | -4.04      |
| Three-Body                                    |       |       |            |            |
| FRZ                                           | POL   | CT    | $\Delta E$ |            |
| 6,9,13                                        | -0.10 | -0.80 | -0.22      | -1.11      |

**Table S4:** Cartesian coordinates for the optimized water dimer-pentamer (MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ), 13-mer<sup>i</sup> (B3LYP/6-311+G(d,p), and 17-mer<sup>ii</sup> (MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ) structures used throughout this work.

**Dimer:**

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| H | -1.941434 | -0.022736 | 0.737432  |
| H | -0.577666 | 0.003649  | 0.054296  |
| O | -1.528686 | -0.000341 | -0.129479 |
| H | 1.728828  | 0.769074  | -0.341876 |
| H | 1.707555  | -0.751721 | -0.397710 |
| O | 1.368710  | -0.003814 | 0.104189  |

**Trimer:**

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| O | 0.178452  | -1.587978 | 0.100697  |
| H | -0.625886 | -1.040418 | 0.042458  |
| H | 0.098269  | -2.231822 | -0.608269 |
| O | -1.478583 | 0.642263  | -0.087562 |
| H | -2.030834 | 1.068201  | 0.573258  |
| H | -0.612949 | 1.085095  | -0.028468 |
| O | 1.295138  | 0.958871  | -0.088399 |
| H | 1.953427  | 1.210575  | 0.564558  |
| H | 1.218720  | -0.010581 | -0.019327 |

**Tetramer:**

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| O | 1.903404  | -0.329047 | -0.012821 |
| H | 1.455011  | 0.544333  | 0.004897  |
| H | 2.503335  | -0.291520 | -0.762447 |
| H | 0.544669  | -1.455303 | -0.006491 |
| O | -0.328695 | -1.903617 | 0.012272  |
| H | -0.294846 | -2.493340 | 0.770157  |
| O | 0.329305  | 1.902945  | 0.012701  |
| H | 0.292014  | 2.498854  | 0.765550  |
| H | -0.544082 | 1.454724  | -0.006847 |
| O | -1.902527 | 0.328755  | -0.012943 |
| H | -2.510191 | 0.296574  | -0.756556 |
| H | -1.457802 | -0.546605 | -0.001937 |

**Pentamer:**

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| O | 2.093229  | 0.967267  | 0.059558  |
| O | -0.281993 | 2.284909  | 0.074803  |
| O | -2.260665 | 0.443954  | -0.173978 |
| O | -1.127259 | -1.999047 | 0.154680  |
| O | 1.564247  | -1.705081 | -0.054450 |
| H | 2.666339  | 1.445307  | -0.545158 |
| H | -0.503517 | 2.793252  | 0.859657  |
| H | -2.784561 | 0.397008  | -0.977935 |
| H | -1.281374 | -2.470856 | 0.977449  |
| H | 2.001932  | -2.086076 | -0.819984 |
| H | 1.251107  | 1.475636  | 0.071457  |
| H | -1.026293 | 1.651366  | -0.035650 |

|   |           |           |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| H | -1.891802 | -0.459839 | -0.052151 |
| H | -0.149216 | -1.929641 | 0.077939  |
| H | 1.821371  | -0.756700 | -0.051286 |

**13-mer:**

|   |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| O | -0.094000000 | -0.018000000 | -1.916000000 |
| H | -0.013000000 | 0.752000000  | -1.316000000 |
| H | 0.813000000  | -0.227000000 | -2.209000000 |
| O | -2.976000000 | 0.206000000  | -1.929000000 |
| H | -3.208000000 | -0.596000000 | -1.428000000 |
| H | -2.061000000 | 0.073000000  | -2.231000000 |
| O | 2.183000000  | -2.680000000 | -0.078000000 |
| H | 2.414000000  | -2.207000000 | 0.743000000  |
| H | 1.216000000  | -2.783000000 | -0.040000000 |
| O | 2.665000000  | -0.758000000 | 2.021000000  |
| H | 3.058000000  | -0.110000000 | 1.370000000  |
| H | 3.299000000  | -0.849000000 | 2.738000000  |
| O | 2.618000000  | -0.870000000 | -2.022000000 |
| H | 2.516000000  | -1.623000000 | -1.380000000 |
| H | 3.158000000  | -1.195000000 | -2.749000000 |
| O | -0.175000000 | 1.930000000  | 0.124000000  |
| H | -1.105000000 | 2.225000000  | 0.099000000  |
| H | -0.127000000 | 1.256000000  | 0.840000000  |
| O | -0.568000000 | -2.069000000 | -0.110000000 |
| H | -1.516000000 | -2.291000000 | -0.083000000 |
| H | -0.466000000 | -1.414000000 | -0.836000000 |
| O | -0.106000000 | -0.197000000 | 1.893000000  |
| H | -0.253000000 | -0.938000000 | 1.265000000  |
| H | 0.808000000  | -0.328000000 | 2.210000000  |
| O | 2.229000000  | 3.231000000  | -0.115000000 |
| H | 2.332000000  | 4.030000000  | 0.408000000  |
| H | 1.303000000  | 2.931000000  | -0.002000000 |
| O | -2.988000000 | 0.053000000  | 1.957000000  |
| H | -3.070000000 | 0.882000000  | 1.452000000  |
| H | -2.064000000 | 0.023000000  | 2.257000000  |
| O | -2.972000000 | 2.117000000  | -0.048000000 |
| H | -3.576000000 | 2.847000000  | -0.211000000 |
| H | -3.053000000 | 1.489000000  | -0.815000000 |
| O | -3.369000000 | -1.831000000 | 0.065000000  |
| H | -4.111000000 | -2.423000000 | 0.220000000  |
| H | -3.323000000 | -1.207000000 | 0.836000000  |
| O | 3.604000000  | 0.829000000  | 0.104000000  |
| H | 3.396000000  | 0.388000000  | -0.738000000 |
| H | 3.226000000  | 1.730000000  | 0.039000000  |

**17-mer:**

|   |              |              |             |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| O | -0.014931030 | -0.115973990 | 0.085047940 |
| H | -0.548308270 | -0.796720510 | 0.549240040 |
| H | 0.261422490  | 0.500394370  | 0.797999140 |
| O | -1.406000790 | -2.024866370 | 1.514491180 |

|   |              |              |              |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| H | -1.977442780 | -2.382359750 | 0.807837240  |
| H | -0.702707400 | -2.690312040 | 1.636192750  |
| O | 0.699955020  | 1.485235120  | 2.197780760  |
| H | 0.726680550  | 2.390898500  | 1.831965090  |
| H | 1.629723170  | 1.189832240  | 2.226976110  |
| O | 1.718826950  | -1.366747400 | -1.609382630 |
| H | 1.925597610  | -0.711000800 | -2.296990130 |
| H | 1.147421760  | -0.867782480 | -0.985747380 |
| O | -0.828921330 | 1.175976340  | -2.178154710 |
| H | -0.537541940 | 0.702306680  | -1.369633060 |
| H | -0.025868490 | 1.207906980  | -2.724990020 |
| O | -2.624919520 | -2.630280760 | -0.890405530 |
| H | -3.366596240 | -3.182884460 | -1.153686480 |
| H | -2.875520440 | -1.703116410 | -1.155895150 |
| O | 3.225684860  | 0.515808340  | 1.601846900  |
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